

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2015

5:30 Garcia-Fernandez Family  
 7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans  
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
 10:30 Arlene Aubert  
 12:00 Cathy Burke-Dooley

### Monday, April 27, 2015

7:00 Elizabeth Reyes-Lugtu  
 8:30 Frances Beaumont Mesiano

### Tuesday, April 28, 2015

7:00 Robert Lodati  
 8:30 Rita Indovino

### Wednesday, April 29, 2015

7:00 Rose Hanlon  
 8:30 Joe Hartney

### Thursday, April 30, 2015

7:00 Rogelio Kintanar  
 8:30 Virginia D. Ruiz (healing)

### Friday, May 1, 2015

7:00 Kathleen McGoldrick  
 8:30 Mae Quinn

### Saturday, May 2, 2015

#### Memorial Mass

8:30 Robert Elsworth  
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2015

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
 10:30 Joseph P. Delaney  
 12:00 Philomena Petrizzi

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

<b>Sunday, April 19, 2015:</b>	<b>\$5,294.00</b>
<b>Additional Easter:</b>	<b>\$ 161.00</b>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs:</b>	<b>\$3,325.00</b>

We thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

#### Readings for the Week of April 26, 2015

Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



This image of Jesus as a good shepherd doesn't seem to have the powerful meaning Jesus intended in the gospel today. Shepherds then had a terrible reputation as thieves and outlaws. They raised the animals used in the Jewish temple services, but because of their dirty profession, they were called *ōuncleanō* and not allowed to attend the services.

So we have the supreme paradox of Jesus actually calling himself a *ōgoodō* shepherd. It would have been as shocking then as calling him *ōthe good drug-dealerō* or *ōthe good slumlord.ō*

Real shepherds were tough loners, men who fought off wild animals, rescued trapped lambs, ate what they could kill, and slept in the open with their dogs. Contrast this with those pristine pictures we usually see of Jesus as the Good Shepherd *ō* standing there, untouched, tidy, in a blinding white robe with a few peaceful sheep at his feet.

Jesus is the *ōGood Shepherdō* because he is the **only shepherd who has lived our life and cares for us as for his own self.** "I lay down my life for the sheep. *ō* He's not some untouched icon; he is in there, fighting for us and with us in the grittiest and toughest moments of our lives.

Today on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we listen as Jesus proclaims our one and only vocation: *ōFollow me!ō* We are called to be lovers *ō* of God and God's children. We are called to use our unique combination of gifts in whatever lifestyle will best allow us to *ōFollow Himō*, be it single, married, priestly or religious life. Follow Jesus by listening well!

✠ We offer our best wishes and prayers for join in special prayer for the children in our parish family who are receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. They and their families have been preparing for this great event for some time now, learning what the Eucharist is all about and what it means to be part of the Eucharistic community. May our children and their families always be eager to receive Jesus at his Table of Life. Special thanks to Dena Sedlak and to the catechists who have shared their faith so joyously with these children.

✠ Next Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am, Bishop Dominic Marconi will confer the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of **Confirmation** upon our young men and women. We invite you to come and celebrate with them. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

✠ **May is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** Next Sunday at the 9am Mass we will celebrate our annual **Parish May Crowning.** Our First Communicants will help us to give special honor to our Blessed Mother. Also, please remember that we pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church.

✠ Remember, **Mother's Day** is May 10<sup>th</sup>. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers, living and deceased, for the month of May.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.  
 God Love You!



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Transfiguration's "Clean Sweep"**

The Bergenfield Environmental Committee awarded first, second, and third place to three of our students from 7th grade for their posters.

First Place	Gabriela Ramirez
Second Place	Joshua de Castro
Third Place	Nayelis Peguero

Transfiguration once again demonstrated its emphasis on the Arts, Sciences, and stewardship in developing well-rounded students, through well-balanced curriculum.

**ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR 2015/2016**

For more information, or to arrange a tour of the Academy or to register, please call us at: 201-384-3627 or visit us at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, NJ  
 oBegin the Transformationo

**TRICKY TRAY/PASTA DINNER**

Transfiguration Academy's H.S.A. is holding our 9th annual Tricky Tray with a Pasta Dinner on Friday, May 8, 2015 at St. John's Conlon Hall- 19 N. William Street Bergenfield, NJ. Doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:30, prizes pulled at 7:30. The tickets are \$18.00 per person if purchased by May 4, 2015 and \$20.00 if purchase after that date. Included in the ticket price is 1 sheet of Level One Prize Tickets, a Pasta Dinner, soda (during dinner only), salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Children's ticket to the dinner only will be \$10.00, \$12.00 if purchased after May 4th and will **not** include Prize Tickets. Discount ticket packages are also available, as well as individual tickets. For more information please contact Ann-201-349-3870 or RJ-201-637-5604. Table Reservations will only be accepted for 8 more people. Tickets will be available at the school office, Monday o Friday during school hours-201-384-3627.

**Did you know?**

**Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families**

As April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese of Newark wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (201) 407-3256.



*Alleluia, Alleluia He is Risen*

**Calendar:**

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> o Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)  
 Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> o 6<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> o Confirmation Rehearsal 7pm Church  
 Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> o 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> o Confirmation and Sponsor Rehearsal 7 pm Church  
 Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> o Confirmation Mass at 11 am in Church  
 Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> o 9 am Mass May Crowning  
 Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> o Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in October, please look for the Children's Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Children's Liturgy of the Word, anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**Confirmation:**

- o Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> o Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm in Church- Candidates Only - Mandatory
- o Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> o Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm in Church- Candidates and Sponsors oMandatory for BOTH
- o Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Confirmation Mass at 11 am- Candidates and Sponsors are to meet in the Fr. Benedict Center (gym) at 10:30 am SHARP

**Registration for 2015-2016:**

Registration forms the 2015-2016 School year will be distributed to all students today please look for them in your child's backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30<sup>th</sup>. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.



**Volunteers Needed:**

We are in need of **Catechists, Aides and Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2015 o 2016 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085 during office hours.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

**Religious Education Office Hours:**

Monday o Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm o in the Rectory  
 Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm o in the School  
 Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon o in the School  
 Closed: Thursday & Saturday  
 Other times by appointment

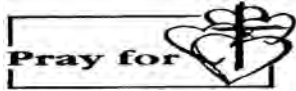
# Ascension Parish

*Offers our prayers and best wishes to*

*Our First Communicants 2015*

*Carol Alvarez  
Jinelle Andrea B. Bacani  
Ethaniel Bantug Carcio  
Justin Aaron B. Cepeda  
Jason Josh Galang  
Cedric Gui  
Sebastian Herrers  
Merinrose Vengassery Jojy  
Lyndon John Maclang  
Emma Leigh Marroquin  
Sommer Lynn Marroquin  
Ezabella Ompang  
James Reyes  
Kian Neil Talentina  
Jasmine Clarisse Torrente  
Asher Joseph Yiu  
Emilia Zelasco*

*May you always be eager to eat and drink at Jesus'  
Table of Life!  
May God Bless You Always!  
Congratulations!*



*"To everything there is a season..."*

*"a time to be born..."*

**Arianna Maxene Dy, Ryan David Marks,  
Cassidy I. Salaberrios**

*"a time to be healed..."*

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Ann & Jack Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Kay Harrington, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Jose Diaz, Justine White, and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

*"a time to serve..."*

Cpt. Jack Massingale, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan  
All Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

*"a time for peace..."*

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders  
and all World Leaders.

*"a time to die..."*

**Angelo D'Imperio**

*"...and a time for every purpose under heaven"*

Ecclesiastes 3:11



**The Sanctuary Candle**  
Burns this week for  
**Virginia D. Ruiz (healing)**



**Altar Flowers** for this week are  
In loving Memory of  
**Brigida Lagutan**



**Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2015**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

**First Eucharist 9:00am & 12 noon Masses**

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

Religious Education, Grades K-6 ó 10:15am- School

**Monday, April 27, 2015**

Religious Education Grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School

CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

**Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Confirmation Rehearsal ó 7:00pm - Church

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

Religious Education Grade 9 ó 7:00pm ó School

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center

BS Troop 291 Committee ó 7:30pm ó Multi-Purpose Rm

**Thursday, April 30, 2015**

Children's Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

**First Friday, May 1, 2015**

Communion Visits to the homebound

Confirmation Rehearsal ó 7:00pm - Church

**First Saturday, May 2, 2015**

Confirmation ó 11:00am ó Church

NO Confessions

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2015**

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

May Crowning at 9:00 Mass

Last Class for Religious Education

Grades K-6 ó 10:15am- School

Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the **226** parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at **\$41,900.50** pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

**This year our Parish Goal is \$53,403.00**

**AVAILABILITY**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week**, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check date availability.

**Altar Servers**

We are in need of several Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the Rectory (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.



**MEMORIALS**

THANK YOU to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Rectory (201)836-8961.

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>(per basket/per week)</b>	
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy after Mass in the rectory beginning Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.** As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Mothers, living and deceased, of parishioners on Mother's Day. If you would like a card for your mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who has been like a mother to you please pick one up at the rectory office during business hours (9am-4pm Monday-Friday). The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Offering for each card is \$10.00.**



**St. Joseph Council No 3814 is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2015.** Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell, NJ or Ascension Parish in New Milford, NJ. Selection will be based on criteria focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the Knights of Columbus principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.**

Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and postmarked no later than **Monday, May 4, 2015.** Winners will be notified in June. Applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.kofcstjoseph.org](http://www.kofcstjoseph.org). For additional information contact Jeff Walters at (201)925-7174.



**THE ITALIAN CONNECTION**  
 201-385-2226

**EASTER FLOWERS**

You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will be used to decorate our Church throughout the Easter Season. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or a special intention. **Each intention donation is \$10.00** please place form & donation in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" & drop off at the rectory.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY**

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Intention of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY**  
*Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:*

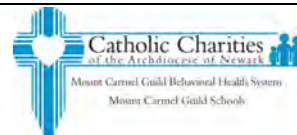


**TAJ MAHAL**  
**Monday, May 18, 2015**

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am. Tickets are available for \$27.00/per person (rebate of \$35.00). Make your checks payable to: Church of the Ascension, and drop off at the rectory in an envelope marked "Atlantic City Trip." Any questions, please call Marge at (201)265-5675.

**PILGRIMAGE THROUGH PORTUGAL & SPAIN**

Father Roy Regaspi with Regina Tours offering a 10 day pilgrimage celebrating 500 years of St. Teresa of Avila. October 12-21, 2015. Including Salamanca, Madrid and Lourdes. Please contact Asian Pacific at (201)501-8388 for complete information.



In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it are some of the lyrics to a very popular song which reflects the joys of the Easter season. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing to the bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.