

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2015

5:30 Leonardo Diaz
 7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish
 10:30 Lourdes Cruz
 12:00 Margaret Betetti, First Anniversary

Monday, May 18, 2015

7:00 Mary Rose Mallon
 8:30 Elba Morales

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

7:00 Flordevida Ylarde Cajucom
 8:30 Madeline Ubriaco

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

7:00 Ellen M. Delaney
 8:30 Thomas Meyer

Thursday, May 21, 2015

7:00 Clemencia P. Cabacoy
 8:30 Yves Koumenam

Friday, May 22, 2015

7:00 John Foram
 8:30 Lilia Gomez

Saturday, May 23, 2015

8:30 Alberto & Loreto Sucero, Sr.
 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015

7:30 Juan Redoblado
 9:00 Nada Palumbo
 10:30 Rose Caruso, First Anniversary
 12:00 Christopher Franco

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Sunday, May 3, 2015:	\$6,299.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$3,360.00
Sunday, May 10, 2015:	\$7,381.00
Communicating God's Word:	\$1,221.00

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 May 17, 2015

Sunday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/Gal 5:16-25 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 or Jn 20:19-23



If you are a mother or father, can you go back to the moment that you first saw and touched one of your newborn children? Most mothers and fathers report that, in gazing at their baby, they felt the deepest love they had ever felt in their lives. Along with this was a fierce, all-consuming desire to care for and protect this small life that they never knew until that moment.

Hopefully, all of us, whether single or married, have at some time felt this deep, powerful desire to care for a tiny, defenseless creature that has been given to us to protect. The Scriptures we hear today proclaim that THIS is the passion and intensity of the love God has for us.

The entire life of the church community should radiate out from, and continually proclaim this passionate love. Instead, many of the very people Jesus came for unfortunately see the church as cold and controlled, pushing some kind of detached, intellectual òvirtue of love.ö If we as church loved as Jesus is begging and praying for todayö I don't think we'd ever have to worry about poor attendance in Catholic churches again!

How can we reach out to those who feel shut out or alienated by the church? Maybe it's offering the very compassion of Jesus, in the form of respect, friendship, patient listening. Intellectual discussions are not the best at showing the tender love of a mother or father to those who seek Jesus.

Jesus' prayer for oneness especially includes all those who will one day believe in him. I believe we Christians could take our mission statement from that prayer. If we are privileged to be Jesus' disciples, then we are equally privileged to bring not just intellectual discussions, but the compassion of true love to everyone who needs it.

✠ **Ascension Ministers**--Altar servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers--please get your vacation dates to Fr. David for the summer schedule as soon as possible.

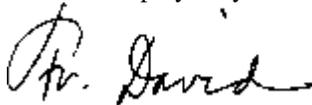
✠ On Friday, May 15th, we began our **Novena for Pentecost**ö nine days of prayer asking God to renew us, our parish, and our world with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will pray the Novena prayer, which is inserted in the back cover of our hymnals, at all daily and weekend Masses after the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions).

✠ May I ask that next Sunday, **Pentecost Sunday**, we all **wear something RED** to remind each other of the power of the Holy Spirit we all share.

✠ Just a reminder! On Sunday, June 7th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. We will celebrate 12:00 Noon Mass, after which we will expose the Blessed Sacrament and enter into a procession around our church grounds. During the procession we will pause twice for Benediction and return to church for a third Benediction. What a day of Eucharistic Blessing for Ascension! Please, plan to join us!

✠ We are in need of adults to help as servers for Funeral Masses. This Lazarus Ministry is so comforting to a bereaved family. Also we are in need of Lectors and Special Ministers of the Eucharist for our Sunday Masses. Jesus calls us to love one another through our gift of service. These are grace-filled opportunities for us to serve the Lord. Anyone who is interested, please contact Fr. David in the Rectory.

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





TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

**New Principal Named
Introducing James V. Carlo**

The Search Committee has recommended Mr. James V. Carlo as the new principal of Transfiguration Academy. Mr. Carlo has accepted the position and will begin on July 1st. I will be working with Jim to ensure a seamless transition.

Mr. Carlo has 10 years of experience as an elementary school teacher, and 17 years as a Vice Principal and Principal.

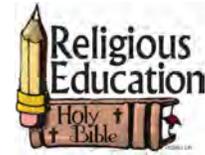
He holds a Master of Arts Degree from New Jersey City University, in Urban Education: Administration and Supervision, and is currently completing his second Master's Degree at Seton Hall University, in Systematic Theology.

Along with his outstanding academic credentials and experience, he also is an excellent musician. He is the Music Director at Annunciation Parish where he has served in that capacity for a number of years.

Please join in welcoming Mr. Carlo to Transfiguration Academy.

**ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR
2015/2016
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, MAY 17 FROM 9:00AM-1:00PM**

For more information
please call us at: 201-384-3627
or visit us at
10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield
"Begin the Transformation"



Registration for 2015-2016:

Registration forms for 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 30th. 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 ó 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:

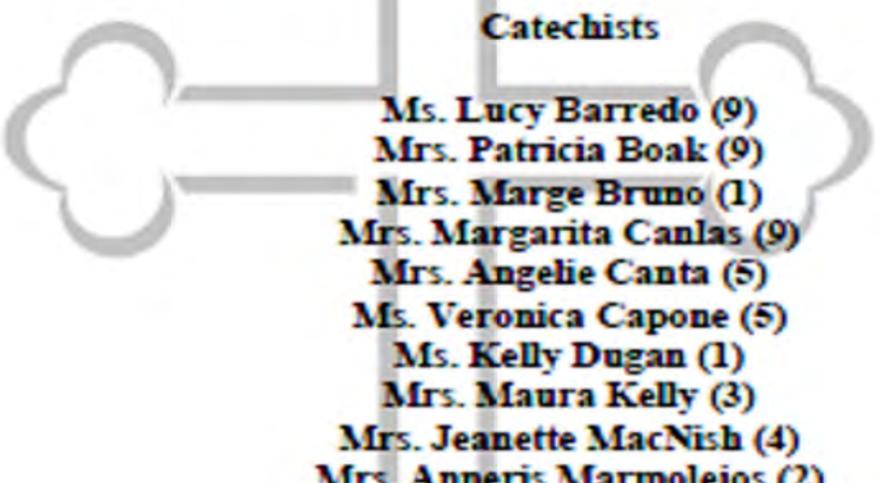
Monday ó Wednesday & Friday:
9 am to 4 pm ó in the Rectory
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Our Religious Education classes have ended for this year.
Let us acknowledge and thank our catechists for their ministry to
the children and youth of our parish.**

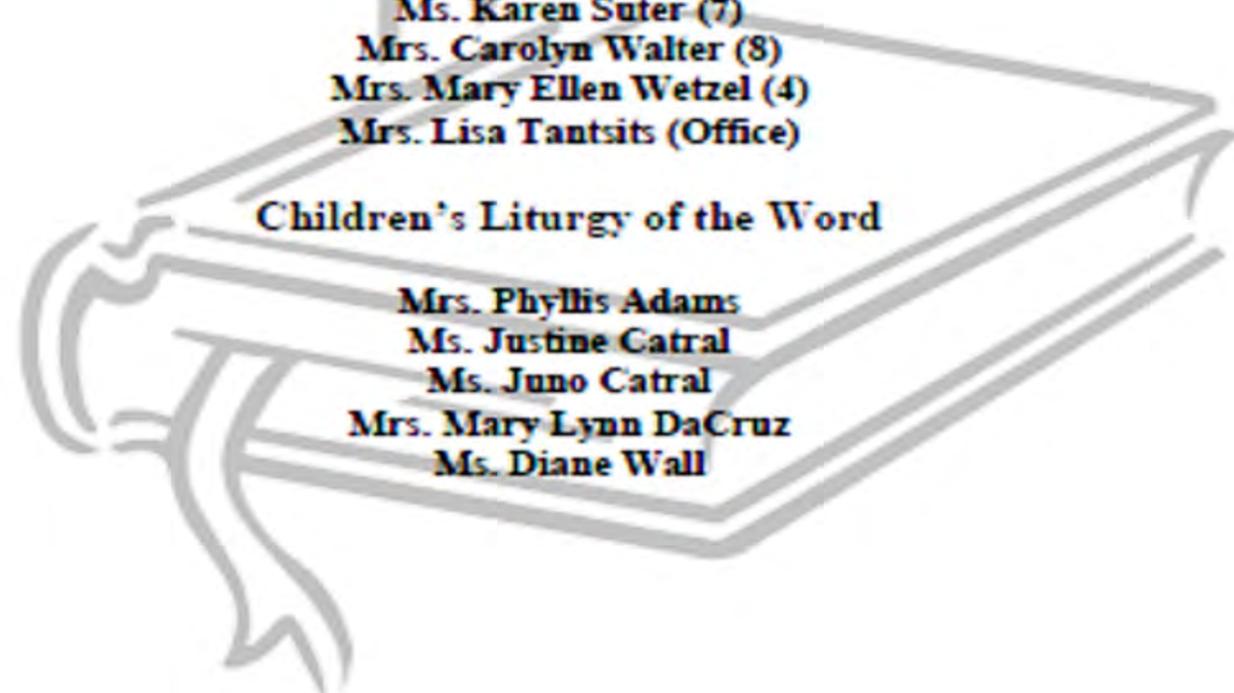
**Thank you for your dedication and faithful witness in
sharing your faith with those entrusted to your care.**

Catechists



**Ms. Lucy Barredo (9)
Mrs. Patricia Boak (9)
Mrs. Marge Bruno (1)
Mrs. Margarita Canlas (9)
Mrs. Angelie Canta (5)
Ms. Veronica Capone (5)
Ms. Kelly Dugan (1)
Mrs. Maura Kelly (3)
Mrs. Jeanette MacNish (4)
Mrs. Anneris Marmolejos (2)
Mrs. Lorraine Montecuello (7 & 8)
Mrs. Yvonne Payne (6)
Mrs. Laurencita Reyes (5)
Mrs. Dena Sedlak (2)
Ms. Kerry Shanahan (6)
Ms. Merin Stephen (K)
Mr. Brendan Suter (9)
Ms. Karen Suter (7)
Mrs. Carolyn Walter (8)
Mrs. Mary Ellen Wetzel (4)
Mrs. Lisa Tantsits (Office)**

Children's Liturgy of the Word



**Mrs. Phyllis Adams
Ms. Justine Catral
Ms. Juno Catral
Mrs. Mary Lynn DaCruz
Ms. Diane Wall**



"To everything there is a season..."

"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, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, 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 to die..."

**Matthew Ruh, Alice Gorman
Lolita Laquindanum**

"a time for peace..."

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

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of **Margaret Betetti, First Anniversary**



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.



Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2015

Food Pantry Sunday

Anointing of the Sick at 12 Noon Mass

Baptism ó 1:30pm - Church

Monday, May 18, 2015

9:30am Bus departs for Parish Trip to Atlantic City
NO CFM

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

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

Filipino Core Mtg. ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, May 22, 2015

No event

Saturday, May 23, 2015

Confession ó 11:00am- Church

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015

Special Collection for Nepal Earthquake Victims



Dear God,

those whom you called to do great things for you were often tested first.

You did so, not to frustrate them, but to bring out what you saw as the best in them.

Joseph was raised from slavery to royalty, and you gave him grace to forgive when he'd been wronged.

Solomon was raised from prince to king, and you granted him wisdom to govern his people.

Jeremiah was raised from youth to prophet, and you gave him courage to proclaim your truth.

Today begins a new chapter in the lives of these graduates.

Give them the wisdom to make wise decisions, just as you gave your servants guidance in ages past.

Amen.



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Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the **240** parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at **\$44,125.50** 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

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)

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

MEMORIAL FUND

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



"The very stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TO AID VICTIMS OF NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

In recent days we all have heard reports and seen images of the devastation following a powerful earthquake that struck Nepal and that continues to cause concern because of aftershocks and challenges to reach people and communities cut off from rescue. It is fortunate that both Catholic Relief Services and Caritas International have been in Nepal and northern India for many years and are already involved in the initial relief now underway. **Next week-end, May 23-24** our parish will have a special collection to help with the relief effort. We ask you to remember the victims of this disaster with your prayers and to please consider making a donation to this cause.



SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:
 Crackers (Saltines, Ritz etc.), cookies, raisins, canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail).
 Your donations are much appreciated.

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.



TO ALL WHO GAVE SO GENEROUSLY TO LAST WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN



PAINTERS NEEDED



We are looking for experienced painters to help with projects in and around the parish facilities. What a wonderful way to be a Steward to your parish. Please contact the rectory office or speak to Father David if you are willing to share your Time & Talent with your parish. Thank you.