

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015

5:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 7:30 Juan Redoblado  
 9:00 Nada Palumbo  
 10:30 Rose Caruso, First Anniversary  
 12:00 Christopher Franco

### Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2015

8:30 Men & Women of Our Armed Forces

### Tuesday, May 26, 2015

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
 8:30 Alta Milliken

### Wednesday, May 27, 2015

7:00 Tom Seifert, Birthday (living)  
 8:30 Valeriano Laya

### Thursday, May 28, 2015

7:00 Marie Pieslak  
 8:30 Lolita Yambao Laquindanum

### Friday, May 29, 2015

7:00 Stephen Rappo  
 8:30 Robert Lynch

### Saturday, May 30, 2015

8:30 Idadelle Kuhr  
 5:30 Mary Cucco

### Holy Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2015

7:30 Eve Baschker  
 9:00 Joseph Zmudniski  
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 12:00 Tia Brooks

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

**Sunday, May 17, 2015: \$5,753.00**  
**Food Pantry: \$1,028.00**

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 24, 2015

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
 Day: 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  
 Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27  
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31  
 Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45  
 Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52  
 Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26  
 Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33  
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



**PENTECOST** is one of the most powerful and incredible feasts of our Church, but most of us probably know little about it. **Pentecost** is called the birthday of the Church because before Pentecost, there really was no Church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptize people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit—the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into Church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was a change. There was courage, knowledge, direction, and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gave them the gifts they needed to go forth and be Church. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

The wind and fire of the Spirit were not to be shared only by the small band of Jesus's followers huddled in the Upper Room. Rather, these signs of the Spirit's power were unleashed for all disciples of Jesus for all time. The Spirit's power—wind and fire—is still all around us. Though sometimes the doors of our personal upper rooms are locked so tightly that we cannot notice it or will not acknowledge it, the Spirit breaks through and empowers us with incredible gifts and blessings.

Pentecost is about being sent out to bring the gospel everywhere we are. Young children and teens—this is where your energy and your creativity are really needed by the church today. We are all sent: first sent inward for prayer, and then outward to interact with God's creation, God's people, the earth and its residents. Pretty incredible challenge, isn't it? With the Spirit's guidance we are all equipped to take up this challenge!

✠ **Ascension Ministers**--Altar servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers--please get your summer availabilities forms with vacation dates to Fr. David for the summer schedule **TODAY**.

✠ This Monday our nation celebrates **Memorial Day**. It is a special day to remember all those who sacrificed their lives that we may live in freedom. To honor our fallen heroes, we will march in parades, we will display and wave our flags, we will observe moments of silence, we will gather with family and friends to enjoy barbeques with food and drink and fun being together. These are all part of our Memorial Day celebrations.

But our observance of Memorial Day must touch us more deeply. We remember, especially, our brothers and sisters who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and we continue to pray for the members of our Armed Forces around the globe who put their lives on the line for us. Above all, on this day may we gather together—united around the Lord's table—as the grateful community of Ascension to remember and give thanks for all who gave their lives for us and our American way of life. Please join us to celebrate Eucharist at 8:30am. Let us join together and **REMEMBER**.

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

How about a little humor?

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, which came in a little white box to use for his house. He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him. So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today?" We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?" But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about God?" This time, a little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on!"



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Mrs. Katie Crane Joins our Faculty**

We haven't even concluded the current school year, but are already preparing for our opening in September.

Mr. Carlo, our Principal designee, and I would like to announce the appointment of Mrs. Katie Crane as the new Middle School Math teacher, beginning in September. Mrs. Crane holds a Master's Degree in Mathematics and has taught Middle School Math and Algebra.

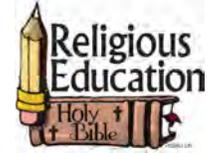
Please join Mr. Carlo and me in welcoming Mrs. Crane to the Academy.



**Memorial Day - Monday May 26th**

On this Memorial Day let us remember those who served this country, and gave their last measure of devotion. May we also keep in our prayers all those who served, and all who are now serving to protect the freedoms we so often take for granted.

Registration for 2015-2016  
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 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 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  
Closed: Thursday & Saturday  
Other times by appointment

*PENTECOST SUNDAY*



*Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford, New Jersey*

*Invites You to Gather Together  
and Celebrate...*

*Corpus Christi*

*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus*

*June 7, 2015*

*12 Noon Mass*

*Procession*

*Benediction*

*Light Refreshments  
on Ascension Plaza*





*"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, Theresa Ruocco, Jessie Brown, 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..."*

Adadelle Kuhr

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



**BREAD and WINE** this week  
are donated in  
**Thanksgiving to the Parish**



**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.



**Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015**

Special Collection for Nepal Earthquake Victims



**Memorial Day Monday, May 25, 2015**

Holiday one Mass celebrated at 8:30am  
Rectory & Religious Educations Offices Closed  
No CFM

**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service ó 2:30pm

**Wednesday, May 27, 2015**

Harrison House  
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church  
BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center  
Filipino Core Mtg. ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

**Thursday, May 28, 2015**

No event

**Friday, May 29, 2015**

No event

**Saturday, May 30, 2015**

Confession ó 11:00am- Church  
Mass and Procession Santa Cruzen 5:30pm  
Reception in Fr. Benedict Center

**Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2015**

No event



**"LEST WE FORGET"**

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the lives and service of our men and women in the Armed Forces. Strengthen them and give them guidance as they stand in harm's way to protect our nation and way of life. May they face each day of their service the same way Your Son Jesus did; with courage, dignity and faith. And if it be Your will, when their work is through, bring them safely home.

Lord, please also bless the families of our troops.

Reward them generously for their sacrifices which are known only to You.

May we never forget those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom and safety: those who have died in the service of our county.

May they rest in peace forever with You in Your kingdom.

Amen



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the **241** parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at **\$44,425.50** 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**

**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)

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Holiday Office Hours**

**MONDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES  
 WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE  
 OF MEMORIAL DAY  
 HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

**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. **This weekend, 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.



**Thank you for your continued support and  
 contributions to help those in need.  
 Your donations are very much appreciated.**



**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.



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