

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions } for the Week

The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 10, 2016

5:30 David Jenkins
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 John Coringrato
10:30 Phil & Julie Carbone
12:00 Lisa Poliseno

Monday, January 11, 2016

7:00 Ken Agnew
8:30 Grace Morris

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

7:00 Tina Boley
8:30 Hilda Tumandao

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

7:00 Dong T. Vo
8:30 Aurora Ficalora, 90th Birthday

Thursday, January 14, 2016

7:00 Fran Zmudzinski, Birthday
8:30 Renee Fiduccia & family (living)

Friday, January 15, 2016

7:00 Rev. David Milliken, Birthday
8:30 Robert Barratt

Saturday, January 16, 2016

8:30 Consuelo Mendoza
5:30 Judy Pieklo

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Rose Caruso
10:30 Kyle Viduya, Thanksgiving (living)
12:00 Francisco Verrett

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT *WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*

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

Additional Christmas 2015	\$12,447.00
Christmas ParishPay:	\$2,392.22
Solemnity of Mary:	\$2,834.00
ParishPay, December:	\$3,668.22
Sunday, January 4, 2015:	\$5,872.00
Sunday, January 3, 2016:	\$6,947.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$1,730.00

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

Readings for Next Sunday January 17, 2016

**Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1
Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11**



It is through our Baptism that we come to know who we are and who we are to become. Baptism is the Sacrament that actually defines who we are. Please remember this fact: we were not only baptized many years ago...we are baptized at this very moment. Baptism is about the present, not about the past. Baptism gives us our most basic identity.

Through Baptism we affirm that we are sons and daughters of a loving God and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. We also become a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. This is who we really are. Throughout the rest of our lives, we live in such a way that this basic identity becomes stronger and stronger. If we are faithful to our Baptism, then everything we do grows out of the fact that we are baptized people. Whatever our life's work is, it must be done within the framework of our Baptism. So our Baptism envelops our life in the world, and gives it shape and focus.

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us strongly that our own Baptism has called us to a life of holiness and stewardship in the church. Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus, we are all on mission to reveal the power of love through service.

I hope and pray that, even though the Christmas Season ends today, we may remain a constant and strong, warm and bright light for the world by the way we live our baptism every day of our lives. Let's remember our baptism each time we enter church and make the Sign of the Cross with Holy Water.

Lord, this incredible season comes to an end today but not the joy I have discovered in these weeks. I can sense it ô your summons in my life and the response I feel growing in my heart. I want to take up the mission you are calling me to and follow in your path of service.

Thank you for making me one of your children born in water and your Spirit. Help me to listen to your voice in my life and remember each day the happiness of sharing the bond of baptism with you.

With your help, I can stay faithful to your calling and celebrate my mission as your follower. Thank you for this great gift! May I be a light in the world for you.

✠ Our Christmas Collection to date amounts to \$30,748.00 (not including ParishPay). Thank you for your generous stewardship to God and to your parish.

✠ As our Christmas Season ends, our decorations come down. Thanks to all who donated toward our decorations and thanks to all who gave of their time to make our church look so beautiful once again.

We will take down our decorations on Monday, January 11th, after our 8:30am Mass. As always, our parishioners are welcome to come and lend a hand. Many hands make for less work for all.

Again, thank you to all who made our Advent/Christmas Season at Ascension so special!

Rememberí while we take down these special reminders of Christmas, may we keep the spirit of this beautiful season alive in our hearts and in our lives all year long!

✠ **Italian Treasures** await you! During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, our parish will travel from October 4 to 13, 2016 to the cities of Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome. What a wonderful time for our pilgrimage with opportunities to enter many Holy Doors of Mercy during our travels. Please see brochures at the doors of the church or stop by the rectory.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

The students, faculty and staff wish you all a happy, healthy and blessed New Year.

The next Home School Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM in Conlon Hall. Attendance is required.

Mark your calendars! Catholic School Schools week begins on Sunday, January 31 with a pancake breakfast and an expo by all of our classes to be held in Conlon Hall from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. Parishioners of all of our parishes are invited and encouraged to attend this event to see the outstanding work that is being done at Transfiguration. A full schedule of activities for the week will be available soon.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school please call (201)384-3627 or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook.



We sincerely thank **Michael Mittenzwei of Boulevard Funeral Home, New Milford** and **Claire Beaugard of Beaugard Funeral Home, River Edge** for the beautiful parish calendars that were recently distributed. We are very appreciative of their generosity to Ascension parish.



FATHER DAVID!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Calendar:

Sunday, January 10th -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, January 11th 6th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, January 13th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, January 17th 6-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9 am Mass. All children in K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



Important Information:

There will be a 1st Grade Parents Meeting today, Sunday, January 10th at 10:15 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room. **This is a Mandatory Meeting** and at least one parent must attend.

There is a **Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student** meeting on **January 25, 2016** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2017.**

Volunteers Needed:

- Ä We are in need of Catechists for our 7th and 8th Grade program. The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 8:45 pm, anyone interested is asked to call the Religious Education Office during the week.
- Ä We are in need of Class Parents for ALL GRADES in our Religious Education Program for the 2015-2016 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- Ä 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 to Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy...

Church of the Ascension

and

Fr. David Milliken

Come...Join us...

Invite your family
and friends

invite you to join us

during this Jubilee Year of Mercy for

Italian Treasures

10 Spiritually Uplifting, Fun-Filled Days
in Milan, Venice, Padua,
Florence, Assisi and Rome

Tuesday, October 4 -Thursday, October 13, 2016

Directed by NUOVO TOURS

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Great Price:
\$2765 per person/
double occupancy
\$400, deposit
due ASAP



Questions? More Info?
See Fr. David

Great Company..... Great Food..... Great Sights.....

Great Times Together..... Great Memories.....

Walk as a pilgrim through the Holy Year's Doors...

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



"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, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Anthony Triggiano, 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..."

Patricia Ann Egan

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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 availability.



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Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 10, 2016

Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00am ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Ed. ó 10:15am ó School
First Grade Parent Mtg. ó 10:15am
Sto. Nino 12 Noon Mass
Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church

Monday, January 11, 2016

Religious Education grade 7 ó School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm
Ministry of Worship/Liturgy ó 7:30pm ó Rectory

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Religious Education ó 7:00pm - School
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center
Contemporary Choir ó 8:00pm ó Church
Filipino Core Mtg. ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Traditional Choir ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, January 15, 2016

No events

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church
Children's Choir ó 4:00pm - Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 17, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday
Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00am ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Ed. ó 10:15am ó School

Ministries

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE RECTORY OFFICE



NEXT SUNDAY
JANUARY 16TH & 17TH

Needs: Paper Products: Paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissues, napkins. Personal hygiene products: toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo, canned vegetables/fruits and fruit juices Your continued support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated. May God Bless you!

Happy Anniversary



SAVE THE DATE

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

12 NOON MASS

Reception Follows in the Fr. Benedict Center

CAN YOU HELP?

We will take down our Christmas decorations on Monday, January 11th, after our 8:30am Mass. As always, our parishioners are welcome to come and lend a hand. Many hands make for less work for all.

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 New Year brings new opportunities for commitment



As the New Year begins, most people wonder what will unfold over the upcoming months. Through our uncertainty we are ask to trust in the Lord for his guidance and support. As we all trust in the Lord, Catholic Charities is also placing its trust in you kindness to support our mission. One way to do this is by cleaning out your closets and donating any unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books) to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on your Church grounds. May your continued generosity brighten every day of the New Year. Thank you.

BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY

Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:



TAJ MAHAL

Monday, February 8, 2016

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am. Tickets are available for \$30.00/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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St Joseph Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring its local Council Championship. All boys and girls age 9 to 14 are invited to participate. All participants will be recognized for their participation. The event will take place on Saturday January 23 at St. Joseph School Gym. Registration begins at 2:30PM Competition begins at 3:00PM. For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201 370 3404 or visit our website at kofc3814.org

The Archdiocese Addresses Victims' Concerns

The Archdiocese takes very seriously the needs of victims who approach the Church seeking healing from abuse. In addition to counseling and other support services, the Archdiocese has provided in appropriate cases reasonable compensation to those victims seeking financial settlement of claims of abuse, even after the statute of limitations has passed. The Archdiocese does not require or impose confidentiality agreements on any settlements, and often includes funding for psychological counseling. Money used to fund settlements from abuse cases is provided solely through the Archdiocese's general liability insurance coverage. Although the Archdiocese, parishes and schools pay premiums to purchase this insurance, no parish or school assets, Archdiocesan assets or Annual Appeal or other fundraising collections are used to pay claims from abuse cases.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Are you 65 years of age or older? A Charitable Gift Annuity may be right for you. It not only benefits you, it also benefits your loved ones and the Church. Find out today how to establish a gift annuity by contacting Theresa Lynch in the Planned Giving Department at (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.

Below are our current gift annuity rates:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
65	4.7%
70	5.1%
75	5.8%
80	6.8%
85	7.8%
90 + up	9.0%