

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016

5:30 Judy Pieklo

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:00 Rose Caruso

10:30 Kyle Viduya, Thanksgiving (living)

12:00 Francisco Verrett

### Monday, January 18, 2016

7:00 Judith & Ester Nional Birthday

8:30 Balagot & Viduya Families

### Tuesday, January 19, 2016

7:00 Chacko Joseph

8:30 Pat, Karen & Connor (living)

### Wednesday, January 20, 2016

7:00 Leonardo Parungao

8:30 Mary & Enrique Wedding Anniversary

### Thursday, January 21, 2016

7:00 Rev. John P. McGovern, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

8:30 Jose Ty

### Friday, January 22, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 Paul & Pauline Figalora

### Saturday, January 23, 2016

8:30 Theresa Guido

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:00 Timothy Cronin

10:30 Rev. John P. McGovern

12:00 Christina & Francisco Tababan

## 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	\$ 229.00
Sunday, January 11, 2015:	\$7,067.00
Sunday, January 10, 2016:	\$6,188.00

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 24, 2016

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10,  
15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4;  
4:14-21



When Jesus turned water into wine, it was a bold and amazing sign of a sign of abundance and fullness. In other words, what life is supposed to be like when we live fully in the will of God, or what we sometimes call the kingdom of God. Living fully in the will or the kingdom of God is like joining ourselves to the full vision God has had for us and our universe since the beginning.

Actually, every activity of daily living—buttoning a shirt, licking an ice cream cone, putting our key in the ignition, loading the dishwasher, even cleaning the cat box—every effort we put out has its grace and meaning. Each small action is giving shape to the bigger abundance in life that God intends for us, just as Jesus did one small action to create abundance at the wedding feast.

It is all about living an abundant life! We just have to picture the intentions of God, and trust in the total tapestry God is weaving, while we are doing each of those actions. See every one of your daily actions as moments of grace—even illness and suffering.

One of the beauties that comes out of illness is the stories people tell of caring for their loved ones with cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's or congestive heart failure. They write about the sacred times they experience at those bedsides—feeding the person one teaspoon at a time, sitting quietly, holding their hands or putting cold cloths on their forehead. These are truly, without a doubt, the moments of grace that are examples of the careful attention to God's presence that Mary had at the marriage feast in Cana.

✠ Thank you so much to our parishioners who helped to take down the Christmas decorations in and around the church in record time. Your help is always much appreciated.

✠ I am sure most of you know from parishioners of surrounding parishes that the archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a Capital Campaign, "We Are Living Stones." This weekend is the "kick-off" weekend for our parish and I will introduce the Campaign after the homily at each Mass. Next weekend I will be asking members of our parish to volunteer for the various tasks which have to be done to assure a great effort is made for the Capital Campaign. We need people to make phone calls, help with receptions, hospitality, and bulletin and mail stuffing. Please, be the good stewards you always are and pray for God's guidance in offering your time and efforts to the Campaign.

✠ On Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, **Roe vs. Wade** (1973) we will celebrate a day of **penance** for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of **prayer** for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life (USCCB, 2000).

After the 8:30am Mass we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and share in a Holy Hour which will conclude with Benediction at 10am. Please come and join us.

✠ Next weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. Snow storms and icy events of the last two winters have devastated our parish budget. We don't know how many storms we will have this winter, but I ask that each parishioner family be as generous as your means allow.

✠ With the flu season upon us, we ask that you be mindful and considerate of others. I offer these suggestions. If you are sick, please remain at home. At the Sign of Peace, feel free to offer each other a kindly smile and a nod instead of making physical contact. Receiving the Precious Blood is an option available to you; however, I am told that there is enough alcohol content in the Precious Blood to kill germs. Please, use your good judgment.

Thank you.

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

*Fr. David*



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

Transfiguration Academy News

**Catholic Schools Week: January 31 – March 6**

This year's theme is

“Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith,  
Knowledge and Service”

Sunday, January 31: 9:00 ó 1:00

Open House, Expo & Pancake Breakfast, Conlon Hall

Monday, February 1: 1:00

Senior Prom

Tuesday, February 2: 7:00 PM

Deanery 3 “Catholic Challenge”, Conlon Hall

Thursday, February 4: 7:00 PM

Family Fun Night, Conlon Hall

Saturday, February 6: 9:00 ó 12:00

Pre-K/K Showcase, Conlon Hall

The school and school office will be closed this Monday, January 18 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org). Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook.

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**THIS 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!



Calendar:

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

Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> -- No Religious Education

Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> ó K thru 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



**Important Information:**

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:**

- We are in need of Catechists for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade program. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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
- 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

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

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment



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LIVING  
STONES

Church of the  
Ascension

January  
16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

### Campaign Kick-off!

In order to meet current and future identified needs **Church of the Ascension**, along with all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ across Northern New Jersey, has embarked on the ***We are Living Stones*** Capital Campaign.

There is so much information about this undertaking, and it is important that *everyone* is well informed. Over the next couple of months, we will be hosting a series of informative receptions here at **Church of the Ascension**. As the campaign progresses, all registered households will receive an invitation. These receptions will be an opportunity for fellowship with each other and to ask any questions you might have.

For now, you can help us most by praying daily for the success of this endeavor as well as volunteering your much needed time and talents. In the upcoming weeks, more information will be shared from the pulpit, through the mail as well as in the bulletin.

Thank you for your prayer and support.

### Campaign Prayer

*Lord, we thank you for the many blessings that You have given to our Archdiocese, among them faithful stewards and co-workers, both spiritually and materially, as we all try our best each day to fulfill your mission here on Earth*

*We ask YOUR blessing upon the work in which we are all engaged toward the success of the We Are Living Stones Campaign.*

*In very practical ways, it will allow us to fulfill our roles and Christian responsibilities as YOUR disciples in caring for others while we also nourish the human, spiritual, and physical gifts, which support all that we strive to do.*

*May we be those 'living stones' that we are called to be, always building upon the very foundation of our Faith, JESUS CHRIST, our cornerstones, as we strive to continue programs and support to the poor, to families, to those seeking to come to know YOUR more deeply, as well as ensure that our Faith continues to be faithfully passed on to new generations of your People.*

*May we always be ONE BODY in communion with Christ, as we continue to build up YOUR KINGDOM.*

*We ask through Jesus Christ, OUR LORD.*

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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

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

**Eleanor Flores-Zopf, Marco Pernice,  
Lowan Toriano, Hyacinth Genelsa, Luca Micallef**

*"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, Catherine  
Butler  
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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
burns this week in loving memory of  
**Gerard Patrick Lee**



**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

**Monday, January 18, 2016\* Martin Luther Jr. Day**

NO Religious Education  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service ó 2:30pm  
Parish Events ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

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

**Thursday, January 21, 2016**

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

**Friday, January 22, 2016**

No events

**Saturday, January 23, 2016**

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

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 24, 2016**

Snow Removal Collection  
Sign-up for Open Our Hearts  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
9:00am ó Church/Gathering Room  
Religious Ed. ó 10:15am ó School

*Ministries*

**PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH AT 7:30PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**



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**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.**

*Happy Anniversary* **SAVE THE DATE** 

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2016**  
**12 NOON MASS**  
**Reception Follows in the Fr. Benedict Center**



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR  
 SNOW REMOVAL – JANUARY 23 & 24**

Next Weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. So we ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **Thank you!**

**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 (per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

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**MEMORIAL FUND**

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

**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](http://kofc3814.org)

**The Archdiocese Has Long Recognized the Pain of Child Sexual Abuse**

Since his arrival in 2001 and his participation in the drafting of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Archbishop Myers has on many occasions either individually or with bishops in the United States, with the Holy Father, and with clergy throughout the world in acknowledging publicly the pain that sexual offenders inside the Church have inflicted on the innocent. At Chrism Masses before the entire presbyterate and parish representatives of the Archdiocese, in media interviews, in statements issued by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, and in essays and columns, Archbishop Myers has stated that “a Church which spends the largest portion of its resources and the largest portion of its personnel in serving children, can never, and will never, condone anything which harms those children. We also extend our apology and our assurance of support and help to those who have been harmed and who are seeking healing and support.”

Beyond words, however, are actions. Assistance to victims, training and background checks of staff and volunteers, reporting accusations to civil authorities, removing clergy with substantiated accusations – these are clear indications that the Archbishop and Archdiocese do not condone child abuse.

What’s more, 20 years ago the Archdiocese was one of the first dioceses in the country to establish a formal Review Board of experts with legal, law enforcement, clinical and investigative background to examine allegations of abuse and recommend to the Archbishop action under Church law.



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 Monday, January 18th