

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 17, 2016

5:30 Theodore Fronjian  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:00 John F. Coringrato  
10:30 Michael Hickey  
12:00 Elizabeth Schell

### Monday, April 18, 2016

7:00 John McKeon  
8:30 For the protection of the unborn

### Tuesday, April 19, 2016

7:00 Joy Berson  
8:30 John Tenney

### Wednesday, April 20, 2016

7:00 Roslyn Nesselson  
8:30 John McKeon

### Thursday, April 21, 2016

7:00 Marge Bruno  
8:30 Rita Hirschak

### Friday, April 22, 2016

7:00 Rita Hirschak  
8:30 Marge Bruno

### Saturday, April 23, 2016

8:30 Joseph Coughan  
5:30 Michael O'Hara

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2016

7:30 Theodore Fronjian  
9:00 Marge Bruno  
10:30 James Lacey  
12:00 Jose Diaz

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

April, 19, 2015:	\$5,294.00
April 10, 2016:	\$5,560.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$1,381.00

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

### Readings for Sunday, April 24, 2016

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/  
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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 'unclean' and not allowed to attend the services.

So we have the supreme paradox of Jesus actually calling himself a 'good' shepherd. It would have been as shocking then as calling him 'the good drug-dealer' or 'the good slumlord.'

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 standing there, untouched, tidy, in a blinding white robe with a few peaceful sheep at his feet.

Jesus is the 'Good Shepherd' 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.' He's not some untouched icon; he is right in there, fighting for us and with us in the griciest and toughest moments of our lives.

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

✠ Please remember in your prayers the children in our parish family who will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time next 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.

✠ We are invited to participate in a Farewell Mass for Archbishop Bernard Hebda to be celebrated on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Mass will be followed by light refreshments. Any parishioners who are interested in attending, please see Fr. David.

✠ Because so many parishioners have commented positively about the Five Minutes with the Word Lenten booklets, **Five Minutes with the Word for Easter** are available for you in the book rack in the back of the church. Please take one for yourself and feel free to take a couple to share with your friends. They'll appreciate the thought!

✠ Any Ascension liturgical minister (Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister) who has a family member receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time and/or the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to serve in the liturgy, please call Fr. David at the Rectory as soon as possible.

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Transfiguration Academy News**

**Congratulations Scholars!** The following students have achieved an A+ in every subject for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester:

Bianca Abantao	Grade 8
Chacko Jacob	Grade 8
Leanne Cuasay	Grade 6
Alleena Kuriakose	Grade 5

**Clothing Drive:** The Home School Association is sponsoring a clothing drive. Donations of clothing, shoes, and coats can be dropped off at the school office or Conlon Hall.

**Poetry Night:** Join us for an evening of original and published poetry read by our students this Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 PM in Conlon Hall.

**Save the Date:** The annual HSA Tricky Tray/Pasta Dinner will be held on Friday, May 13 in Conlon Hall. Tickets are \$18 before May 6<sup>th</sup>, \$20 after May 6<sup>th</sup> and at the door, and \$10 for children (dinner only) if purchased before May 6<sup>th</sup>, \$12 after May 6<sup>th</sup> or at the door. Please come out for a night of great prizes and delicious food to support our school. For more information, please contact Ann Gangi at 201-349-3870.

**Registration is Ongoing:** Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. For more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school please call the school office at 201-384-3627 or email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org). Find out about our Tiger for a Day program! let your child spend a day with us and experience all that we have to offer. Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook.

**Transfiguration Academy School and School Office** will be closed on Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 24.

**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.



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**Calendar:**

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)  
 Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> ó 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> ó 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>. Remember this is a great way for families to celebrate Mass together. This will be the last one until October, please look for the Children's Bulletins in the back of the church.



**Important Information:**

**Confirmation Class of 2015-** ALL OUTSTANDING PAPER WORK is due ASAP.

**First Eucharist:** There will be a MANDATORY Rehearsal Tuesday April 19, 2016 in the Church at 7 pm. All First Eucharist candidates and one parent are to meet at 6:50 pm so we can start on time.

First Communion Mass will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and 12 Noon. All candidates are asked to meet 30 minutes before their scheduled Mass in the Monsignor Fox Gathering room.

**Registration for 2016-2017:**

Registration forms the 2016-2017 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.



- 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.
- 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

APRIL 17, 2016

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy...

*Church of the Ascension*

and

*Fr. David Milliken*

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

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

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Marcella Sweeney, Tom Crispino, 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..."*

Helen Mason

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE  
burns this week in loving memory of  
Angel & Maria Luisa Gutierrez-Cardona



BREAD and WINE this week  
are in loving memory of  
Manuel & Luisa Garcia

### IN MEMORY OF...

We have just purchased six new Communion Cups. If you would like to memorialize one in memory of a loved one please speak to Father David or contact the rectory office for more information.

### AVAILABILITY

SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



### Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 17, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday  
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am  
Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School  
Noon Mass with Anointing of the Sick  
Baptism ó 1:30pm

### Monday, April 18, 2016

Priest Deanery Meeting  
Religious Education Grade 8 ó 7:00pm - School  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

### Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service ó 2:30pm  
First Eucharist Rehearsal ó 7:00pm - Church

### Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Religious Education  
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church  
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center  
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

### Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ministry of Service ó 7:00pm ó Gathering Room  
Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

### Friday, April 22, 2016

Finance Council Meeting ó 7:30pm - Rectory

### Saturday, April 23, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church  
Children's Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church  
Mass First Eucharist ó 5:30pm

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2016

First Eucharist Mass 9:00 and 12 Noon  
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School

### Ministries

MINISTRY OF SERVICE MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 21 AT 7:00PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 22 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE RECTORY

### NIAGARA FALLS TRIP

Cancellation Insurance is available and is strongly recommended. Forms are available for pickup at the rectory or call Anna, 201-387-2632 or Josie 201-265-0485. Forms must be submitted ASAP for pre-existing conditions. Balance of payment due, May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in going on this trip and have not submitted a deposit, you may put your name on the waiting list by calling Josie or Anna.

**WE ARE LIVING STONES**

Happy Easter to All! Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.

**Our Parish Goal:** \$592,239.00  
**Number of Pledges to date:** 100+

Remember our plan is to use the We Are Living Stones proceeds to address the following needs for our parish.

- \*Entrance Vestibule Enlargement with ADA Restroom
- \*Main Chiller Compressor Replacement (Church)
- \*Five-Ton Air Handler in Church
- \*Replace windows in Rectory

Our goal is within reach! With each additional sacrifice, our goal becomes that much more attainable. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.



**TODAY IS SUNDAY**

Needs: Paper Products: Paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissues, napkins. Personal hygiene products: toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo. Thank you for your continued support.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy after Mass or in the rectory beginning Monday, April 18th.**

As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Motherø, living and deceased, of parishioners on Motherø 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.**

**Easter Joy**



The Easter season is upon us and the universal Church is rejoicing. 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, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) to the bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

**The Archdiocese Reports all Allegations of Abuse**

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse also to reach out to the Prosecutor.

Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

The phone number for the County Prosecutor in Bergen County is (201) 226-5689.