

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

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

5:30 Michael O'Hara  
7:30 Theodore Froomjian  
9:00 Marge Bruno  
10:30 James Lacey  
12:00 Jose Diaz

### Monday, April 25, 2016

7:00 People of Ascension Parish  
8:30 Marcial S. Quijano

### Tuesday, April 26, 2016

7:00 Ana Blanco  
8:30 Robert Barratt

### Wednesday, April 27, 2016

7:00 Lu Sulse Cendana  
8:30 Marge Bruno

### Thursday, April 28, 2016

7:00 Marge Bruno  
8:30 Jack Tenney

### Friday, April 29, 2016

7:00 Lu Sulse Cendana  
8:30 Marge Bruno

### Saturday, April 30, 2016

8:30 Justine Mattappillil, Birthday (L)  
5:30 John Carbone

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 1, 2016

7:30 Marge Bruno  
9:00 John Coringrato  
10:30 Ethel Holder  
12:00 People of Ascension Parish

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

April 26, 2015:	\$6,879.00
April 17, 2016:	\$6,340.00
Easter Parish Pay:	\$1,805.00
Food Pantry:	\$ 835.00

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

### Readings for Sunday, May 1, 2016

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



It is sometimes so hard to remember the important things in life. Our lives are often filled with so much activity, so many distractions and attractions, that we sometimes forget what it is all about.

Well, what is it all about? Are we just living from moment to moment, being pushed from one thing to another? Sometimes it's so sad when you hear people talk about their lives as nothing but a whole bunch of activities. There doesn't seem to be any real content in some people's lives. It's just one thing after another.

So what is it all about? It's all about love. Loving one another, as Jesus so simply told us once again today. "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

Our lives as women and men are incomprehensible and senseless if they are not lived in love, and from love. At times, so much of life is incomprehensible. Often we just don't understand the way things are. We don't understand why certain terrible things happen to people.

It's especially at times like those that we need to have the experience of love. When we are in the midst of loving and taking care of others, then life makes sense on a deeper level. We don't have any more understanding, but we become deeply engaged in life in a way that goes beyond words.

We need to be immensely grateful that the Lord saw fit to give us such a gift. When all of us take this gift and use it every day of our lives, we will then create the new heaven and the new earth because we will all be living in love.

✠ We offer our best wishes and prayers for the children in our parish family who are receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this 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. Special thanks to Theresa Carbone and Dena Sedlak and to the catechists who have shared their faith so joyously with these children.

✠ **May is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** Next Sunday at the 9am Mass we will celebrate our annual **Parish May Crowning**. Our First Communicants will help us to give special honor to our Blessed Mother. Also, please remember that we pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church.

✠ Remember, **Mother's Day** is May 8<sup>th</sup>. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers, living and deceased, for the month of May.

✠ My family and I offer our thanks to all for remembering my sister, Helen Greene, in your prayers during her prolonged illness. She passed peacefully to the Lord last Sunday. Her funeral will be later this week.

✠ We are well into the **We Are Living Stones** Archdiocesan Capital Campaign. I pray that every parish family will take Jesus' challenge to heart and participate, pray and work together. With God's help may we do our very best. Please, **give a little; give a lot; but please give something!**

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Transfiguration Academy News**

**Congratulations Drama Club!** The Drama Club's production of Mulan, Jr. was an overwhelming success. Thank you to Mrs. Bontia and all of the adults, alumni and students who contributed to this year's school play.

**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, Monday-Friday during school hours.

**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.**

**You're Invited** to join us on **Sunday, June 12, 2016** to celebrate the **retirement of Sr. Madeline Hanson.** The celebration will begin with Mass at 3:00 PM at St. John's followed by dinner in Conlon Hall. Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. More information will be coming soon.

**Registration is Ongoing:** Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. 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. May and early June are excellent times to take advantage of this. Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook to learn more about our academic, athletic and extracurricular offering. **For more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school, located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield, please email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or call the school office at 201-384-3627.**

**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.



**GRACE DRIVING SCHOOL**  
201-967-2922



**Calendar:**

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)  
 Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> ó 7<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> ó 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)  
 Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> ó 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> ó 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades meet at 7 pm in School and we will be going to Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in October, please look for the Children's Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Children's Liturgy of the Word, anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.



**May 1, 2016**, we will be Crowning Mary at the 9 am Mass. All Religious Education students and families are asked to please attend this Mass. Any First Communion candidate that wishes to participate and has not handed in a response form; please call the Religious Education office by Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, so Mrs. Carbone has a count of how many students will be participating.

**Confirmation Class of 2016:**

ALL OUTSTANDING PAPER WORK is due ASAP.

**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.

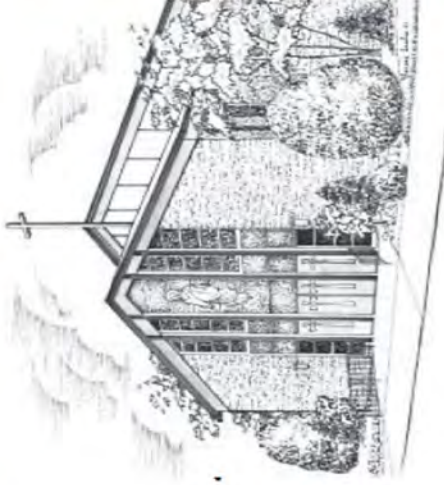
**Religious Education Office Hours:**

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

*Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford, New Jersey*

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



*Our Parish Feast Day*

*May 5, 2016*

*Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*

*...7:30pm Feast Day Solemn Eucharistic Liturgy*

*...8:30pm \*\*Make your own Ice Cream Sundae\*\*  
(Ascension Plaza)*

*Please...Come...Join Us !*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

*"a time to be born..."*  
Alejandro M. Alvarez-Argudo

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

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

Margaret Addon, Albert John Ramundo,  
Wanda Molé, Douglas R. Tercovich

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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

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

### Monday, April 25, 2016

Religious Education Grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

### Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm  
Ministry of Worship ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg. Rm.

### Wednesday, April 27, 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 Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

### Thursday, April 28, 2016

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

### Friday, April 29, 2016

No event

### Saturday, April 30, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church  
Childrenø Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 1, 2016

Maintenance & Repairs  
Crowning of Blessed Mother during 9:00 Mass  
Childrenø Liturgy of the Word  
Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School  
Baptism Preparation ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

## Ministries

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP  
TUESDAY, APRIL 26 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**



**MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER  
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016  
DURING THE 9:00AM MASS**

### **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)**

### **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**

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.



Dear Jesus,  
 Through bread and wine at the Last Supper, and by your holy word, you gave the Eucharist to your church. You transformed common food and drink into your Body and Blood, and offered us a share in your life in ways we still cannot fully understand. Grant now that these young people will always treasure the gift they have in you. Give them the grace to be faithful to you and to remain in communion with your church. As they receive their first Communion, the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, make them always aware of the hope they have for eternal life in you.  
 Amen.

**God's Blessings and Congratulations to our parish children as they receive their First Communion this weekend!**

**BUS TRIP – TO ATLANTIC CITY**  
 Saturday, May 14, 2016



Come Ride with Us To



The Filipino Community of Ascension Church is sponsoring a Fundraising trip, leaving Ascension parking lot at 8:15am. The cost of the trip is \$35.00/per person with casino voucher back of \$15.00. Make your check payable to: Church of the Ascension. For further information, please call Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817



**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy after Mass or in the rectory office.**

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.**

**MEMORIALS**

øTHANK YOUø 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Church of the Assumption in Emerson will Host a Joyful Gospel Concert  
 All are welcome to our next event, an unforgettable interactive Gospel Choir Concert on April 24th at 4pm.  
 A free will donation of any amount will be accepted at the door.

**Knights of Columbus**  
**2016 Scholarship Program**

St. Joseph Council No 3814 is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2016. Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell or Ascension Parish in New Milford. Selection will be based on criteria focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the Knights of Columbus principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and postmarked no later than Monday, May 9, 2016. Winners will be notified in June. Applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.kofcstjoseph.org](http://www.kofcstjoseph.org). For additional information contact Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174.