

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mother's Day, May 8, 2016

5:30 All
7:30 Mother's
9:00 Living
10:30 and
12:00 Deceased

Monday, May 9, 2016

7:00 Rolando & Dona Viduya (L)
8:30 Dorothy & Margaret Tenney

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

7:00 Belen Salvador
8:30 Encarnacion Fineza

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

7:00 Richard Starks, Sr.
8:30 Sarah & Christopher McKenna

Thursday, May 12, 2016

7:00 Mass of Thanksgiving
8:30 John Thomas & Family (L)

Friday, May 13, 2016

7:00 Helen Greene
8:30 Barbara Suter, 10 year Anniversary

Saturday, May 14, 2016

8:30 Jack Wall
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016

7:30 Santiago Sunga
9:00 Vincent Gianfredi
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Barbara Suter, 10 year Anniversary

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

May 10, 2015:	\$7,381.00
May 1, 2016:	\$5,475.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$3,294.00

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 15, 2016

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

FROM THE PASTOR

If you re-read the Gospel you heard today, you might be tempted to say that Jesus repeats himself over and over again. He seems obsessed with the three letter word, ðoneö. Over and over he tells us that his deepest wish for us is that we become one, and that this is not only his wish, but the Father's wish also.

Our Loving God's deepest desire for us is to become one ó one with God, one with one another, one with nature, one with all that is. If we could only measure everything in our lives by this one foundational desire, then all would be well.

We have created and continue to create too many fractions in life. We divide, we separate, we make distinctions, we hate, we push away, we keep fracturing a whole life into many fragmented parts. Then we wonder why things are in such a mess; why the world is so broken; why people are so suspicious of none another; why we simply don't get along. God created the whole numbers; we created the fractions.

And so we hear Jesus praying: ðMay they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.ö God's dream for the world is that it be totally united in love. We also have to accept and embrace this vision, and make it our dream, so that we will give of ourselves, as best we can, to make it happen.

We have to nurture God's dream within our own hearts and minds. We have to open to see new possibilities. And then, at every opportunity we have to make those possibilities realities. Together, let's not lose any opportunity to help God's dream come true.

✠ Thank you to all who helped to celebrate our annual **Parish May Crowning** last Sunday. Special thanks to our First Communicants who participated and to our Coordinators. Thank you all so much for helping us to honor our Blessed Mother.

✠ **May is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** Please remember that we pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church.

✠ Next Saturday, May 14th at 11am, Bishop Dominic Marconi will confer the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of **Confirmation** upon our young men and women. We invite you to come and celebrate with them. Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

✠ Today is **Mother's Day**. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers, living and deceased, for the month of May.

✠ Ascension Ministers ô Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors ô please pick up your Summer Schedule Ministry Form in the sacristy after Mass.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

Congratulations Scholars!

The following alumni have been recognized in the 3rd quarter for their academic achievement at the Academy of the Holy Angels:

Shin Hyung Park	Honor Roll
Jasmine Uy	Honor Roll
Mary Haws	Principal's List

Clothing Drive: The Home School Association is sponsoring a clothing drive. Donations of clothing, shoes, coats, handbags, household items (sheets, blankets), hard and soft toys, and bicycles can be dropped off at Conlon Hall, **Monday-Friday during school hours or on Sunday, May 22 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.**

Tricky Tray: The annual HSA Tricky Tray/Pasta Dinner will be held this Friday, May 13 in Conlon Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner is served at 6:30 pm and prize tickets start being drawn at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children (dinner only) and are available at the school office this week or at the door. Adult admission includes a sheet of level 1 prize tickets. Please come out for a night of great food, fun and terrific prizes including two 5-day Disney World hopper passes, TV, bicycles, hotel stay, sports event tickets, amusement park passes and much, much more! Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us. 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 and are available at the school office. The last date to purchase tickets is Friday, May 20.

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 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 or call the school office at 201-384-3627.**



Happy Mother's to all Mothers and Grandmothers.

Important Information:

Confirmation Class of 2016:

- Ä Tuesday, May 10th ó Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm in Church- Candidates Only - Mandatory
- Ä Friday, May 13th ó Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm in Church- Candidates and Sponsors óMandatory for BOTH
- Ä Saturday, May 14th - Confirmation Mass at 11 am- Candidates and Sponsors are to meet in the Fr. Benedict Center (gym) at 10:30 am SHARP

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 30th. If you are in need of a registration form you can download one from the Parish website www.churchoftheascension.com. 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:

- Ä We are in need of Catechists for our 1st, 7th and 8th Grade program. Our 1st grade meets on Sunday Mornings and 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 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

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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MAY 8, 2016

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PENTECOST SUNDAY



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DøEufemia, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Anne & Edward Schrull



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



Happy
Mothers
Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 8, 2016

Blessing of Mother's at all Masses

Monday, May 9, 2016

Pastoral Staff Meeting ó 9:00am - Rectory
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm
Confirmation Rehearsal ó 7:00pm ó Church

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

NO Confirmation Class
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, May 12, 2016

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, May 13, 2016

Transfiguration Academy Pasta Dinner & Tricky Tray
Confirmation Rehearsal ó 7:00pm - Church

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Filipino Trip to Atlantic City
Confirmation ó 11:00am - Church
NO Confessions
Set up Fr. Benedict Ctr. for Santo Cruzen

Vigil of Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016

Communicating God's Word
Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church
Maharaja Santo Cruzen ó 4:00pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.



OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if for the intention of your loved one.

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.

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.

"Communication is really about realizing that we are all human beings, **children of God."**

-Pope Francis, Message for the 48th World Communications Day
Next week-end, May 14-15, we will take up a special collection for Communicating God's Word. This includes Communications, Evangelization, Catholic University and the Church in Latin America. Please be as generous as your means allow. For more information please visit the Catholic Communication Campaign website at www.USCCB.ORG/CCC.

Knights of Columbus

2016 Scholarship Program

St. Joseph Council No 3814 is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8th graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2016. 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.

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: 140+

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.

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

Mary, The Mother of Compassion

Mary has a special love and sensitivity for all God's children. This was manifested on many occasions but was most pronounced at the wedding feast of Cana in which she interceded for the bride and groom when the supply of wine was depleted at their celebration. We can imitate sensitivity to the needs of others by donating any unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) to Catholic Charities. The bin is located in the Church's vicinity. Thank you.

Giving back to your parents with a Charitable Gift Annuity

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your aging parents that would guarantee income for life? Consider opening up a charitable gift annuity with the Archdiocese of Newark. A charitable gift annuity can provide payments with direct deposit to your aging parents now and a gift to their parish later, all while providing you with both piece of mind and an income tax deduction. If you would like information on this unique gift, please contact Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.



Blessed be all mothers
 Who have come into our lives
 Whose kindness, care and loving
 Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us
 Made us strive in every way
 Especially to remember
 Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute
 Flows directly from my heart
 You are so loved and cherished
 Invaluable, one and all, you are.



FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

Needs: Canned pears and mandarin oranges, raisins, canned potatoes, instant oatmeal, crackers, cookies, salad dressing and canned meats. **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)

- 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: _____

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WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM