

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 Santiago Sunga
9:00 Vincent Gianfredi
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Barbara Suter, 10 year Anniversary

Monday, May 16, 2016

7:00 Flora Maligaya
8:30 Leonardo & Gloria Diaz

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

7:00 Jose Garcia Munoz
8:30 Margaret Bitetti

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 John Tenney

Thursday, May 19, 2016

7:00 Elba Morales
8:30 Anna Palermo

Friday, May 20, 2016

7:00 John Foran
8:30 Marge Bruno

Saturday, May 21, 2016

8:30 Raymunda Catral
5:30 Joseph Grimaldi

Trinity Sunday, May 22, 2016

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 Jack Wall
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Ellen Delaney

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

May 17, 2015:	\$5,753.00
May 8, 2016:	\$7,167.00
Feast of the Ascension:	\$2,155.00

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 22, 2016

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/
Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15



An eighth grader who had recently received the sacrament of confirmation was concerned that she didn't feel any different after the liturgy than before. She had prepared diligently, flawlessly completed her service hours, really put herself into the confirmation retreat. She took everything quite seriously. But she didn't feel any different! Were all those months she so generously gave of herself a waste? Did she miss something? Was she unworthy?

Most of us didn't experience at our confirmation, our own personal Pentecost, those tremendously powerful events that the first disciples of Jesus experienced: noise like a strong driving wind, tongues of fire, speaking in different tongues. Did we miss something? Are we unworthy?

John's account of the first Pentecost is both telling and helpful. It is resurrection night. What a weekend! Thursday night the disciples had a wonderful meal with their Master and Teacher. He nourished them in a most exceptional way. Friday was another day! Suffering. Death. Hopes dashed. They locked themselves in the Upper Room. Then Jesus stood in their midst. In the context of fear and locked doors, Jesus wishes them peace not once, but twice. Jesus' peace unbinds them. The Holy Spirit empowers them. Jesus sends them to bring peace to forgive to be His Mercy.

Jesus didn't appear to disciples who understood, to disciples who felt different after this weekend of incredible salvation events. Their actions speak otherwise. He appeared to disciples like us. Resurrection, Pentecost, **Confirmation** don't necessarily make us feel different. **But they do make us different.** How do we know? Not from feeling different, but by the way we allow ourselves to be transformed and then by the way we live. Resurrection, Pentecost, **Confirmation** transform us to be witnesses of Jesus' peace and forgiveness. The effect is not measured by feeling, but by acting.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

✠ Congratulations to the young men and women of our parish who received the Holy Spirit this weekend in the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide us together as Jesus' disciples to do what Jesus did, being bearers of peace, love, and forgiveness. Please, continue to pray for these newly confirmed. Special thanks to Bishop Dominic Marconi who administered the sacrament of Confirmation.

✠ Today we extinguish this Paschal Candle. Remember, that the greatest gift you can ever give God is the gift of yourself. Be the light that God has created you to be so that others will be touched by the flame of the Spirit and will, in turn, go out and share it with others.

✠ Thank you to all who helped and participated in our celebrations of the Solemnity of the Ascension, our Parish Feast Day. Special thanks to all who helped to make our Solemn Evening Feast Day Mass and Reception such a joyous expression of our faith in the Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus. May God be praised!

✠ Just a reminder! On Sunday, June 5th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. Pope Francis has asked all of us to make the celebration of Corpus Christi, especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, truly special. We will celebrate 12:00 Noon Mass, after which we will expose the Blessed Sacrament and enter into procession around our church grounds. During the procession we will pause twice for Benediction and return to church for a third Benediction. What a day of Eucharistic Blessing for Ascension! Please, join us!

✠ We are in need of adults to help as servers for Funeral Masses. This Lazarus Ministry is so comforting to a bereaved family. Also we are in need of Lectors and Special Ministers of the Eucharist for our Sunday Masses. Jesus calls us to love one another through our gift of service. These are grace-filled opportunities for us to serve the Lord. Anyone who is interested, please contact Fr. David in the Rectory.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News



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.**

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. Tickets will not be sold at the door. 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.**

FOR SALE

Student Desks \$20.00 each
Stackable Chairs \$5.00 each
Delivery Available

Please contact the rectory office: 201-836-8961

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.



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.

First Communion Families may pick up the child's banner anytime during regular office hours.



Volunteers Needed:

- 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.
- 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
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

NIAGARA FALLS MEETING

A meeting will be held, regarding our Parish Trip to Niagara Falls, on Friday evening May 27th @ 7PM in the Gathering Room of the Church.

We will hand out your luggage tags, go over the itinerary and answer any questions you may have. Please bring your passport with you. Any questions, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

MAY 15, 2016

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy...

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and

Fr. David Milliken

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PENTECOST SUNDAY



"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, 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..."

Carmen Demarest

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns
this week in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris

BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris

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.



Sunday, May 15, 2016

Communicating God's Word

Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church

Maharaja Santo Cruzen ó 4:00pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr

Monday, May 16, 2016

Priest Deanery Meeting

CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service ó 2:30pm

Ministry of Worship ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg. Room

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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 19, 2016

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, May 20, 2016

Finance Council Meeting ó 7:30pm - Rectory



Saturday, May 21, 2016

Confessions

Trinity Sunday, May 22, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday

9:00 Mass with Fire Department



Ministries

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP
TUESDAY, MAY 17 AT 7:30PM
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 20 AT 7:30PM
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

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.

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: 145
Our Pledges to date: \$263,837.00
Amount received to date: \$44,991.24

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.

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

-Pope Francis, Message for the 48th World Communications Day
 This 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.

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.



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, MAY 22ND

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

AN EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED – BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!

Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 150 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2 pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods!)

Our next date is on Thursday, June 9th.

We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

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

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