

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Holy Trinity Sunday, May 22, 2016

5:30 Joseph Grimaldi
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 Jack Wall
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Ellen Delaney

Monday, May 23, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Alexander & Jean Saldanha

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

7:00 Robert Aldridge
8:30 Rose Caruso

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

7:00 Patrocinio Quijano
8:30 Alta Milliken

Thursday, May 26, 2016

7:00 Helen Greene
8:30 Joel Mattappillil, Birthday (L)

Friday, May 27, 2016

7:00 Cindy Antonetti
8:30 Louis & Millie Døsa

Saturday, May 28, 2016

8:30 Marge Bruno
5:30 O'Hara & McCaffrey Families

Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Simplicio Lazaro
10:30 Ethel Holder
12:00 Bell-Verrett Families

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

May 24, 2015:	\$6,627.00
May 15, 2016:	\$6,123.00
Communicating God's Word:	\$1,501.00

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 29, 2016

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1
Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17



Is there anyone reading this who has a good explanation for how the Holy Trinity works? If so, step up, you can make history! Not even St. Augustine could explain it. But then, we also can't explain the deepest feelings we have about the person we love, the amazing concert we went to, or the fantastic artwork we saw at the Museum. Why do words fail us?

Because the dynamic interactions within the Trinity *are* the core of every experience of beauty, wonder, grandeur, and amazement that we can possibly have. So, now, turn off your thinking brain, and go way outside the box on this: The Trinity is not a thing, and the Trinity is not a special kind of person that results when you put three ingredients together.

The Trinity is a description of the energy and movement of the most intimate relationship far beyond the depth of love and interaction that you share with the love of your life. Your bond is only a shadow of the explosive, utterly beatific dance of love that fuses, seals, and completes the members of the Trinity.

But the amazing feelings we have in life are supposed to move us to a greater sense of compassion, forgiveness, and gratitude. So let us live as the Trinity does, in a dance of beauty and power which constantly spins out love and concern for everything in our path. Let us forgive ourselves, and anyone else we have injured; and let us be passionate in our thanks, for everything we experience, in every way that we can. The Trinity invites us to join the dance!

✠ Just a reminder! Next Sunday, May 29th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked all of us to make the celebration of Corpus Christi, especially in this 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, plan to join us!

✠ Please note: **Our Summer Mass Schedule will begin on the weekend of June 26th: Saturday evening at 5:30pm; Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Mass Monday through Friday at 8am; Saturday at 8:30am.**

✠ **Summer is almost here. A thought concerning Summer attire in church:**

Adore the Lord in holy attire (Psalm 96:9; Ps 29:2)

Clothes say something about what we think, what we value. They also influence how we behave and feel. That our culture has become so casual about everything says something about us. I cannot exactly articulate it but it seems to say, "nothing is really all that important." But that is not true. Going to God's house IS important. Being ministered to by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is astounding. Casual attire in these circumstances is simply inappropriate if we really think about what we are doing, where we are going and who it is we will meet. It does not necessarily follow that we must wear tuxedos and formal gowns. **But decent, better than everyday work or play attire, our Sunday best, seems wholly appropriate. Sunday is special, God's House is special. Some things really ARE important and our clothing and demeanor ought to reflect this truth.**

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

Congratulations to our H.S. scholars!

The following alumni have been recognized in the 3rd quarter for their academic achievement at Paramus Catholic:

President's List:

Antoinette Nabukenya, Alexios Rossmann, C. Xavier Rossmann

First Honors:

Angelo Cadiante, Lucia Castaneda, Catherine Gallagher, Elena Nattes, Julianne Robert, Kelsey Sanders

Second Honors:

Justine Abriam, Sarah Garcia, Raymond Meagher

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 must be purchased in advance at the school office: \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Thursday, May 26 is the last chance to purchase tickets.

Holiday closure: Transfiguration Academy will be closed Friday, May 27 and Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day weekend.



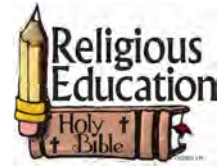
Registration is Ongoing: Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. Find out about our **Tiger for a Day program** let your child spend a day with us and experience 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



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:

- 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

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

MAY 22, 2016



Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

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

Corpus Christi

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus

May 29, 2016

12 Noon Mass

Procession

Benediction

Come, Join Us!!



TRINITY 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, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abburzzesi, 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



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.



The Most Holy Trinity Sunday, May 22, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday

9:00 Mass with Fire Department

Monday, May 23, 2016

CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Harrison House

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 26, 2016

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, May 27, 2016

No Events

Saturday, May 28, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am - Church

Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus, May 29, 2016

12 Noon Mass with Corpus Christi Procession



Memorial Day Monday, May 30, 2016

Holiday, One Mass at 8:30am

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

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.



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.

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: 148
Our Pledges to date: \$265, 512.00
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.



Because of your generosity a donation of \$1,501.00 will be forwarded to help towards Communicating God's Word.

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.



TODAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY
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

MEMORIAL FUND

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