

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29, 2016

5:30 O'Hara & McCaffrey Families
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Simplicio Lazaro
10:30 Ethel Holder
12:00 Bell-Verrett Families

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2016

8:30 Men & Women of our Armed Forces

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

7:00 Mary Rose Mallon
8:30 Eve Boschker

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 James & Annkate Cassidy

Thursday, June 2, 2016

7:00 Helen Greene
8:30 Sr. Jonas & family (L)

Friday, June 3, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Leslie Harris

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Memorial Mass

8:30 Joseph Kugler
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, June 5, 2016

7:30 Sophie Kerrigan
9:00 Katherine Harrington, 1st Anniversary
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Caroline Schmitt, 1st Anniversary

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

May 31, 2015:	\$6,699.00
May 22, 2016:	\$5,866.00
Food Pantry:	\$ 766.00

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

Readings for Sunday, June 5, 2016

1 Kgs 17:17-24/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/
Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17



Melchizedek is a priest and a king. His strange and mysterious arrival in the story of Abraham points to something truly profound about our encounter with Jesus Sunday by Sunday in the Eucharist. Here we encounter a sacrifice once offered, a gift once given that pours itself out in blessing across the ages, from generation to generation. Sunday by Sunday, we receive the blessing that is the living presence of Jesus Christ in the act of love on the cross in which he offers himself for us to the Father. This blessing of generous love and life, as with the loaves and fishes on the hillside of Galilee, is given to each of us to extend to all the people we encounter in the week ahead.

The priesthood we share through baptism, the priesthood of all believers, is the priesthood of Melchizedek. We encounter the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic Bread and Wine here at the Lord's Table, and with St. Paul we receive and extend to others the blessing of mercy, grace, and restored life.

Do we feel thankful and unified as we gather as a community of believers around the Lord's Table and as we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus each Sunday? Or do we feel pretty crabby about being there at all? As one man said, "I don't want to think any deeper; I just do the church thing and leave." So he slips in and out of church, avoids eye contact and gives the bare minimum of response and involvement at Mass.

May we, with St. Paul, acknowledge and joyfully hand on to others the goodness and blessing we encounter here in the Eucharist.

✠ This Monday, May 30th, our nation celebrates **Memorial Day**. It is a special day to remember all those who sacrificed their lives that we may live in freedom. To honor our fallen heroes, we will march in parades, we will display and wave our flags, we will observe moments of silence, we will gather with family and friends to enjoy barbeques with food and drink and fun being together. These are all part of our Memorial Day celebrations.

But our observance of Memorial Day must touch us more deeply. We remember, especially, our brothers and sisters who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and we continue to pray for the members of our Armed Forces home and around the globe who put their lives on the line for us.

Above all, on this day may we gather together united around the Lord's table as the grateful community of Ascension to remember and give thanks for all who gave their lives for us and our American way of life. Please join us to celebrate Eucharist at 8:30am. Let us join together and **REMEMBER**.

✠ 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.

✠ *Italian Treasures* await you! Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy walking as pilgrims through the Doors of Mercy. Enjoy great times together, great food, and great sights. Come home with many great memories. Our parish will travel to the cities of Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome in **October of 2016**. Please see brochures at doors of church or stop by the rectory. **An information meeting for all who have signed up to go and anyone interested in this pilgrimage will be held on Monday, June 6th at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.** Refreshments will be provided.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

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



Graduation: Please join us as we ask God's blessing on our 8th grade graduates Friday, June 3 at 9:00 AM for our Baccalaureate Mass and Friday evening, June 3 at 6:00 PM for our graduation ceremony, both to be held at St. John the Evangelist Church.



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.**



Father's Day Cards are available at the doors of the Church this weekend. As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Father's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Father's Day. If you would like a card for your Father, please pick one up after Mass this weekend. Offering is \$10.00 per card/intention. The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Father's Day Sunday, June 19th.**



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

FOR SALE

Student Desks \$20.00 each

Stackable Chairs \$5.00 each

Delivery Available

Please contact the rectory office: 201-836-8961

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

MAY 29, 2016

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy...

Church of the Ascension

and

Fr. David Milliken

invite you to join us

during this Jubilee Year of Mercy for

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**Information Meeting:
Monday, June 6, 2016 at
7:30pm in the Gathering
Room. Refreshments
will be served.**

Questions? More Info?
See Fr. David



Great Company..... Great Food..... Great Sights.....

Great Times Together..... Great Memories.....

Walk as a pilgrim through the Holy Year's Doors...



"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 Abbruzzesi, 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..."

Nicolo Seidita

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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.



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

Wednesday, June 1, 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, June 2, 2016

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

First Friday, June 3, 2016

TA Baccalaureate Mass ó 9:00am ó St. Johnø
Communion Visits to the homebound
TA Graduation ó 7:00pm ó St. Johnø, Bergenfield
Buildings/Grounds ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg. Rm.

First Saturday, June 4, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am - Church

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Parish Maintenance and Repairs
Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room



"LEST WE FORGET"

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the lives and service
of our men and women in the Armed Forces.
Strengthen them and give them guidance
as they stand in harm's way to
protect our nation and way of life.
May they face each day of their service
the same way Your Son Jesus did;
with courage, dignity and faith.
And if it be Your will, when their
work is through, bring them safely home.

Lord, please also bless
the families of our troops.

Reward them generously for their sacrifices
which are known only to You.
May we never forget those who
have paid the ultimate price
for our freedom and safety:
those who have died in the service
of our county.

May they rest in peace forever
with You in Your kingdom.

Amen

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: 150
Our Pledges to date: \$269,996.43
Amount received to date: \$51,292.00

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.

ITALIAN TREASURES MEETING

An information meeting for all who have signed up to go and anyone interested in this pilgrimage will be held on Monday, June 6th at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

CANADIAN PILGRIMAGE

July 16-24

The Our Lady of Fatima First Saturday Club is planning a Pilgrimage to the beautiful Shrines of **Saint Anne de Beaupreau** and **Our Lady of the Cape**, in the Province of Quebec, Canada and **The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, Mass. **Msgr. Paul Bochicchio** and **Rev. Kevin Carter** are the dedicated Chaplains. The cost of the 9-Day trip is \$950.00. For further information please call Joan Murray at 201-265-5823 and pick up a detailed brochure in the church vestibule. *All Are Welcome!*



Holiday Office Hours



MONDAY, MAY 30TH

**RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES
 WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE
 OF MEMORIAL DAY
 HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND**



To all who gave so generously to last week's Food Pantry Collection.

Needs for June:

Coffee *Cranberry Juice*Canned Mandarin Oranges*Canned Pears*Raisins*Canned Corned Beef*Powdered Milk*Oatmeal - Regular and Instant*Instant Rice*Crackers*Mayonnaise

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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