

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 22, 2017**

5:30 Catherine Butler, First Anniversary  
7:30 Timothy V. Cronin  
9:30 Enrique & Mary Blanco, Anniv. (L)  
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Monday, January 23, 2017**

7:00 Maureen Finnegan  
8:30 Jerry McQuid

**Tuesday January 24, 2017**

7:00 Antonio Estevez  
8:30 Dilia Accia

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

7:00 Anna Baldassari  
8:30 Zaida Abanilla, First Anniversary

**Thursday, January 26, 2017**

7:00 John Corcoran  
8:30 Delfina Duarte

**Friday, January 27, 2017**

7:00 Ariana Mercy Rogers  
8:30 Frank Vidal

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

8:30 Estrella Cabaco  
5:30 Rose Carbone

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 29, 2017**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Jack Wall, First Anniversary  
11:30 Margaret & Thomas Tenney

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

<b>Sunday, January 17, 2016:</b>	<b>\$5,966.00</b>
<b>Sunday, January 15, 2017:</b>	<b>\$7,248.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry:</b>	<b>\$1,374.00</b>

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

**Readings for  
Sunday, January 29, 2017**

**Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/  
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a**



*As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

*At once they left their nets and followed him.*

*He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.*

*Matthew 4:18-20*

Psychologist Abraham Maslow has an interesting response to the question why so few people leave all to follow a dream or to pursue a noble goal. He says they are afraid to become what they are capable of being. They thrill at the possibility, but they also shudder at it.

- How do I respond to the thought of stepping out in faith and following Jesus more closely?
- How do I react to the idea of embarking upon a noble goal with Jesus?

*What I am is God's gift to me.*

*What I become is my gift back to God.*

As Catholics, we are spread over the entire earth. That is one of our great strengths. We are a Catholic universal body of Christian believers. But we need to have connections with one another here at the local level. Every parish is a family of families, a community of communities. We need to know the names of some of our community members and look into the faces of our fellow believers. Please consider joining with others to bring Christ's hope to those who are sitting in the darkness.

✠ A very special **Thank You** to our Filipino community for the 10<sup>th</sup> joyous annual Santo Nino Festival in Ascension last Sunday. We all appreciate your keeping this beautiful tradition alive in our parish. It is a wonderful reminder to us to continue reflecting on the mystery of the Incarnation which we have celebrated during the Christmas season.

✠ On Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, **Roe vs. Wade** (1973) we will celebrate a day of **penance** for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of **prayer** for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life (USCCB, 2000). After the 8:30am Mass we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and share in a Holy Hour which will conclude with Benediction at 10am. Please come and join us.

✠ This weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds to keep our parishioners safe. This is a very expensive budget item and we don't know how many more storms we will have. So I ask that each parishioner family be as generous as your means allow.

✠ During the month of January, our St. Joseph/Ascension **Knights of Columbus** are collecting old eye glasses of all kinds to benefit the needy. There are collection boxes in the rear of the church and in the Rectory. Please help our Knights in their charitable outreach.

✠ Married Couples of Ascension Parish celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, 5 year multiples, and all married couples 50 years and more in 2017 are invited to celebrate our annual **Marriage Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, February 12th at the 11:30am Mass. A reception will follow in the Fr. Benedict Center. Please fill out and return the response form in the bulletin as soon as possible. (Deadline to sign up is Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.)

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

Transfiguration Academy is collecting donations of hats, scarves, gloves, and socks for Catholic Relief Services during the month of January. If you would like to participate items can be dropped off at the school main office.

**Catholic Schools Week: January 29 – February 4**

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Partner with parents in the faith formation of their children".

Activities for the week at Conlon Hall include:

- Monday, January 30: 1:00 - Senior Prom
- Tuesday, January 31: 7:00PM-Deanery 3 Catholic Challenge
- Thursday, February 2: 6:00 PM - Family Fun Night
- Saturday, February 4: 9:00AM to 12:00 - Pre-K/K Showcase

Our Pre-K/K Showcase on February 4 is an excellent way to learn more about our Pre-school and elementary school programs. All are invited to celebrate our children's accomplishments and learn more about Transfiguration Academy.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school please call (201)384-3627 or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook.

**PARISH TRIP TO THE OUTER BANKS, NC**

Our Parish will be sponsoring a 4 day, 3 night trip to the Outer Banks, North Carolina from Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>. The price of \$550 ddb/\$675 single occ. Per person includes 4 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, guided tour of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Roanoke Island Festival Park, Roanoke Adventure Museum, Graveyard of the Atlantic, Wright Brothers National Memorial, Elizabethan Gardens, Bodie Island Lighthouse, Chicamacomico Life Saving Station, bus transportation, luggage handling, all taxes and gratuities. \$100 deposit will hold your reservation. For info. And reservations call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201) 387-2632.

**Help Give Sight to the Needy.** Our New Milford Knights of Columbus are collecting used eyeglasses during the month of January. Please donate your old prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, and non-prescription reading glasses (even if they're broken). Donation boxes are in the rear of church and in the rectory office.



**Calendar:**

- Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)
- Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to 8th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm in the Church
- Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> to No Religious Education
- Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> to Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**Reminder that the Sunday, Religious Education is from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. It is important that all students are on time for class. Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:30 am. Please be on time for pick-up.**

There is a **Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student** meeting on **January 23, 2017** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2018.**

**Volunteers Needed:**

- Ä We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2016-2017 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- 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 in Rectory:**

- Monday to Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm
- Thursday: 9 am to 12 Noon
- Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
- During Religious Education in School:
- Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm
- Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 11:45 am
- Other times by appointment

JANUARY 22, 2017

# Marriage Anniversary Liturgy

## 2017



*Church of the Ascension  
will once again honor couples in our parish  
who celebrate*

*a Wedding Anniversary  
in a multiple of 5 years in 2017*

*(1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., and  
any anniversary 50 years and over).*

*A special Marriage Anniversary Mass  
will be celebrated on*

*Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 11:30am.*

*A reception will follow  
in the Fr. Benedict Center.*



*If you wish to celebrate with us, please fill out and return the form below  
to the Rectory no later than Monday, February 6, 2017*



*Church of the Ascension  
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy  
Sunday, February 12, 2017*



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary celebrated in 2017: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending reception: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to the Rectory no later than Monday, February 6, 2017*



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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

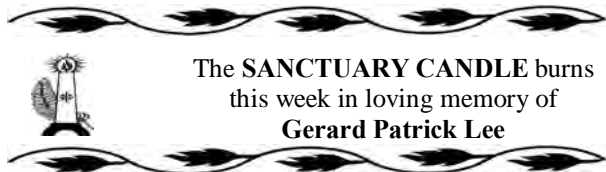
Rose Dæufemia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Elnora Gordon, Thomas Gonzalas, Don Hellrigel, Al Suter, John Thomas, 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, Private Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., 29 Palms, CA, and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

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

### AVAILABILITY

SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one of 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 it is for the intention of your loved one.

**ATTENTION: SINGLE, CATHOLIC  
YOUNG ADULT MEN!  
YOU ARE INVITED TO  
An Evening of Discernment**

**With the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers  
at our Province Center, Elizabeth, NJ. Tuesday,  
February 7, 2017. To request details and to register call  
or text 815-272-7742 or e-mail bromaccfc@yahoo.com**



### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 22, 2017

#### **Snow Removal Collection**

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:30am -Church  
Religious Education, Pre K-6 ó 10:30am ó School

### Monday, January 23, 2017

#### **Day of Penance and Prayer for Preservation of Life**

8:30 Mass, Exposition, Holy Hour for Life,  
Benediction

Deanery Meeting at St. Peter's, River Edge  
Religious Education (8) ó 7:30pm ó School  
Parent Meeting ó Confirmation 2018  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

### Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Ministry of Worship/Liturgy ó 7:30pm - Rectory

### Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Harrison House  
NO Confirmation Prep ó 7:00pm ó 8:45pm  
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church  
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.  
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room  
Combined Choirs ó 8:15pm - Church

### Thursday, January 26, 2017

No events

### Friday, January 27, 2017

March for Life

### Saturday, January 28, 2017

Confessions ó 11:00am  
Children's Choir ó 4:15pm - Church

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 29, 2017

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:30am -Church  
Religious Education, Pre K-6 ó 10:30am ó School



**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH AT 7:30PM  
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

**FATHER DAVID'S  
40<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION WEEKEND**



**JUNE 24 & 25, 2017**

*\*additional information will follow\**

Happy Anniversary



SAVE THE DATE

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

**11:30am MASS**

**Reception Follows in the Fr. Benedict Center**

**WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners**

The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the rectory office. Thank You!

**I would like....**

- \_\_\_\_\_ to become a Registered Parishioner
- \_\_\_\_\_ to change my address
- \_\_\_\_\_ to advise you that I am moving out of the area
- \_\_\_\_\_ to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION**

[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

**DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUPS:**

"It's true there's no such thing as "Catholic Divorce" ...but millions of Catholics DO get civilly divorced. And it affects and hurts us all. Maybe you or someone you know has suffered the breakdown of the marriage and family, or maybe they are going through it right now. No matter how long it's been, the Church IS HERE to help. Here is a list of parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark who offer a support group for the divorced and/or separated:

Notre Dame Church, North Caldwell

973-226-0979

Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament, Roseland

973-226-7288

Little Flower Berkeley Heights

908-464-1585

St. Peter the Apostle River Edge

201-261-3366

Presentation, Upper Saddle River

201-327-1313

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ridgewood

201-447-2043



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**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL – JANUARY 21 & 22**

**This Weekend** we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. So far our cost for snow removal and salting of lots & walk-ways is over \$5,000.00. So we ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **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)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50 (per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**Human Trafficking Prevention Month is Here**

January is designated as Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Here are some facts about Human Trafficking:

- \*At the heart of human trafficking is the trafficker's goal of exploitation and enslavement. Therefore, human trafficking does not always mean transportation of the victim along territories. It can take place in one's own hometown.
- \*Sexual exploitation and forced labor are the most commonly identified forms of human trafficking.
- \*More than half of the victims are female.
- \*Other forms of exploitation include domestic servitude and forced marriage, organ removal, and the exploitation of children in begging, the sex trade and warfare.
- \*Along with illegal arms and drug trafficking, human trafficking is one of the largest international crime industries in the world. Human trafficking takes in \$150 billion in illegal profits per year.