

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Luisa Garcia

11:30 Henry Parow, First Anniversary

Monday, February 6, 2017

7:00 Joseph Seifert

8:30 Sr. Rose Marie, O' Carm.

Tuesday February 7, 2017

7:00 Inday Troping Ruiz

8:30 Israel Quevas

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

7:00 Joan Fitzgerald

8:30 John Duarte

Thursday, February 9, 2017

7:00 Leo Delapassion

8:30 Andres Calleja

Friday, February 10, 2017

7:00 Jeremiah Nolan

8:30 Kent Raptopoulos

Saturday, February 11, 2017

8:30 John Roadarmel

5:30 Theresa G. Menchise

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

7:30 Peggy Lacey

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Alphonse Giella

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, January 24, 2016: \$2,985.00

Sunday, January 22, 2017: \$5,727.00

Snow Removal: \$2,130.00

Sunday, January 31, 2016: \$7,665.00

Sunday, January 29, 2017: \$5,944.00

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

Readings for Sunday, February 12, 2017

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



Back in the 1970's, Stephen Schwartz wrote songs for the musical "Godspell" (an Old English word for "gospel"), based on the Gospel of Matthew. In one song, Jesus and his disciples sing: "*You are the salt of the earth / You are the salt of the earth. But if that salt has lost its flavor, It ain't got much in its favor. You can't have that fault, and be the salt of the earth!*"

The images of salt and light are so familiar to us, it can help us to see and hear ancient truth expressed in new words or set to music. Salt was greatly valued in the time of Jesus, because it was connected with purity, preservation, and flavor.

When Jesus speaks of the disciples and us needing to be salt for the world, he is thinking of all three of these qualities. We are being asked to set a very high standard of purity, honesty and truthfulness. Secondly, salt was used to preserve food from corruption and decay, and a Christian is to be a "cleansing antiseptic" in a society that desperately seeks guidance. And, finally, salt gives zest and flavor—no one can replace the unique "flavor" we bring to life.

Then there are Jesus' quite sobering but thrilling words: "You are the light of the world!" Not, "try to be" or "Maybe someday you will be." No, belonging to Christ means that we do not produce our own light--Christ is THE light! We are to shine for all the world to see!

Does your face radiate the message, "Christ is lighting me from within!?" Be a revolutionary in the supermarket line—BE the salt and light of Christ to the scowling, tired faces all around you. That's no small thing!

✠ Our Ascension Boy Scout Troop 291 will sponsor a Parish Pancake Breakfast on this Sunday, February 5th, from 8am to 1:00pm in the Fr. Benedict Center. You may purchase tickets at the door. Please, come over, share breakfast together, and support their efforts.

✠ 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 World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 12th at the 11:30am Mass. All married couples are invited to renew their marriage vows during Mass. A reception will follow in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room. Please fill out and return the response form in the bulletin as soon as possible. **Deadline to sign up is Monday, Feb. 6th.**

✠ Soon we will begin the **Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal for 2017**. Cardinal Tobin has set our 2017 goal at **\$43,000.00**. Please, let's pray and work together, that with God's help, we can go over goal and maybe reach our stretch goal. May God continue to bless all at Ascension with generous hearts.

✠ I invite all of our parishioners to become a vital part of our 2017 Lenten program, Lenten Longings: "Let Yourself Be...", which offers opportunities for parishioners to meet Jesus more personally through the Lenten Scriptures, our Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, and activities. In addition to the usual Adult Sharing Groups, Family and Teen Groups are also available. I hope and pray that we will respond to Jesus' call and take an active part in this process. Together, may we let the light of Christ shine even more brightly in our parish! Next weekend Sign up flyers will be in the bulletin and in the front vestibule of the church.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Congratulations!

Transfiguration Academy was well represented at the statewide Future Cities competition which was held at Rutgers University in Piscataway. Our students won the award for the best use of open public space, which was the theme of this year's competition. Representing Transfiguration were Advisor Mrs. Walker and the following students:

Faith Adams - Brey-Michael Ching - Tanvi Gupta - Aldrin Bellanger - Leanne Cuasay - Reshmi John - Julia Castillo - Ella Fajardo - Timothy Pak

During the month of January, our spiritual focus was on Baptism and how we are called to serve others as part of our Baptism. As part of this focus, the students of Transfiguration Academy collected over 500 winter clothing items (hats, scarves, gloves, etc.) which were donated to Catholic Relief Services to distribute to those in need.

Registration for the 2017-18 school year has begun. The best way to learn about our school is a tour or for your child to be a "tiger for a day", spending a whole day with us. Please call the school for more information.

Transfiguration Academy knows that testing isn't the only measure of your child's education. **Discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:**

- Call to pick up registration materials and/or for a tour: **201-384-3627**
- **Email: principal@transfigurationacademy.org**
- **Visit our website: transfigurationacademy.org**
- **Visit us on Facebook** to experience how engaged our students and families are

Transfiguration Academy is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and serves students in Grades PreK 2+ through Grade 8.



Calendar:

- Sunday, February 5th – Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)
- Monday, February 6th – 8th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm in the Church
- Wednesday, February 8th -- 9th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, February 12th – Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 9:30am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th 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 3rd grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:30 am. Please be on time for pick-up.

There will be a **Mandatory First Communion Parent** meeting on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 10:30 in the MPR. At least one parent must attend but both are more than welcome.

Volunteers Needed:

- † 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
- † 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 – 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

**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**



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FEBRUARY 5, 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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose D'Eufemia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, 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, Al Suter, John Thomas, Robert McDonnell, 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 Donald John Trump, our National Leaders
and all World Leaders.

"a time to die..."

Raymond Henderson

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

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

FEBRUARY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2017

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

Pancake Breakfast – 8:00am-1:00 – Fr. Benedict Ctr.
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am -Church
Religious Education, Pre K-6 – 10:30am – School
Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room
Youth Group Meeting – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

Monday, February 6, 2017

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am
Religious Education (8) – 7:30pm – School
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Woodcrest Center, Mass – 2:30pm
Ministry of Word – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Confirmation Prep – 7:00pm – 8:45pm
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.
Filipino Core Meeting – 8:00pm – Gathering Room
Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Ministry of Service – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

Friday, February 10, 2017

No events

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Confessions – 11:00am
Set-up for Parish Marriage Anniversary Reception
Children's Choir – 4:15pm - Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 12, 2017

World Marriage Day

Sign-up for Lenten Program

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am -Church
Religious Education, Pre K-6 – 10:30am – School
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy 11:30am
Reception Fr. Benedict Center



MINISTRY OF WORD

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

MINISTRY OF SERVICE

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 7:00PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**FATHER DAVID'S
40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION WEEKEND
JUNE 24 & 25, 2017**

*Commemorative Journal Information
in today's bulletin flyer insert
What a wonderful way to say
Congratulations to our Pastor!
(extra copies at doors of church)*

HELP US TO KEEP OUR PANTRY STOCKED

During these cold winter months, we have seen an increase in need in our community. Our shelves have been greatly depleted. Please help us to re-stock these items which we have little or no stock of. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. God Bless your stewardship!

- Tea, Raisins, Cookies/Crackers, Instant Pudding
- Apple Juice, Cake Mix, Vegetable Juice, Brownie mix
- Cranberry Juice, Icing, Grape Juice, Frosted Flakes
- Hot Cocoa, Corn Flakes, Canned Pineapple, Egg Noodles
- Canned Mandarin Oranges, Mayonnaise,
- Canned Fruit Cocktail
- Peanut Butter, Salad Dressings, Grated Cheese,
- Manhattan Clam Chowder, Chicken Gravy, Apple Sauce

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: _____

Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church

St. Mary Parish, Dumont, presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

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 15th to Thursday May 18th. 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.



**ANY 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, FEBRUARY 9TH**

We could sure use your help.

Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!



SUNDAY AT 7:00PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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: _____

