

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *Week*

First Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2017

5:30 Roberto Caparas, Jr., First Anniv.

7:30 Ida Grimaldi

9:30 Anthony Triggiano, First Anniv.

11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, March 6, 2017

7:00 Paddy Mallon

8:30 Mary Artusio

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

7:00 Barney Mallon

8:30 Marcela Zuniga

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 Kent Raptopoulos

Thursday, March 9, 2017

7:00 Con & Rose Lynch

8:30 Ratimir Govic

Friday, March 10, 2017

7:00 Venessa Manzano, Birthday (L)

8:30 Edith Jumanan

7:30 Constanza Zuniga, Healing

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:30 James P. Jones

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Second Sunday of Lent, March 12, 2017

7:30 Jeffrey Cronin

9:30 Marge Bruno, First Anniversary

11:30 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

February 28, 2016: \$6,276.00

February 26, 2017: \$6,426.00

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

Readings for Sunday, March 12, 2017

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2

Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



A very overweight man who was on a diet drove a different route to avoid passing his favorite bakery. But one morning he came to work with a coffee cake. His friend asked, "What's up?" He said, "I accidentally drove by the bakery and saw these fantastic cakes in the window. I felt God must have let me drive by for a reason. So I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious coffee cakes, let me find a parking space right in front of the bakery.' And sure enough, on the ninth time around the block, there it was!"

Here we have a guy who seemed to really enjoy playing around with temptation—and since cake is involved, we can all understand! But when was the last time you heard someone seriously discuss the struggle they were having with a temptation? To be human is to be imperfect; but I'm referring to the urge to say or do something that leads us away from what God hopes for us. Like Adam and Eve in the Garden, we often can't recognize real temptation. We stay in situations that we know in our guts are a "slippery slope" to making bad choices—maybe it's the internet sites we visit, the friends we hang out with, our attitude towards abortion and euthanasia. But instead of "calling a spade a spade," we start to think every option is equally good. In the Garden Adam and Eve probably said, "It's all good!"

Sin starts with not recognizing temptations for what they are. Satan urged Jesus to give away his freedom; but Jesus trusted his identity as the beloved Son of God. We all have this identity with God—but do we trust it? If so, let us bring it to bear on the problems of our community. When we act out of our true identity, and imitate Christ, it inspires us to resist the evil of selfishness, and make decisions that benefit the whole creation.

✠ **LENT** is all around us in the colors, the absence of flowers, the silence, and the symbols. Our Entrance and Penitential Rite during Lent take on a new form and on **Fridays in Lent** we have added a Mass at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross. A complete schedule for **Lent 2017** and our **Parish Lenten Calendar** are available at the doors of the church. Please keep them handy so that you can take advantage of the many grace-filled opportunities our parish offers during this holy season of Lent. Also, we have placed "**Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2017**" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend. They are my gift to you this Lent.

✠ Have you considered becoming a part of our 2017 Lenten program? You can still join a group. Lists of the available groups have been placed on the bulletin board in the front vestibule or see Fr. David or call the Rectory Office

✠ Don't forget to purchase your tickets this weekend for our **Parish Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner** on Friday, March 10th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Fr. Benedict Center. This will be hosted by our 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates. **Remember, tickets (\$8.00) must be purchased in advance.** Tickets are available from our Confirmation Candidates, in the front vestibule of the church, or from the Rectory Office. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

✠ Lent is a very good time for us to participate in the **Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal for 2017**. Our 2017 goal is **\$43,000.00**. Consider making this part of our Lenten sacrifice. Please, let's pray and work together, that with God's help, we can again surpass our goal. May God continue to bless all at Ascension with generous hearts.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

International Night – Come and enjoy an evening of international food and entertainment on Saturday, March 11 at 6:30 PM in Conlon Hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children (4-13) and senior citizens and are extremely limited. Tickets must be purchased by March 6 and will not be available at the door. Please contact the school office for more information and tickets.

Deanery 3 Catholic Challenge – Catholic schools from Deanery 3 participated in the annual Catholic Challenge hosted by Transfiguration Academy on February 8th. Students representing Transfiguration Academy, the Academy of St. Therese of Lisieux (Cresskill), St. Joseph (Oradell), St. Peter Academy (River Edge), and the Academy of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Tenafly) answered questions about the Catholic faith. The winners were:

- First Place:** Arielle Maravilla, The Academy of St. Therese of Lisieux
- Second Place:** Cynthia Jacob, Transfiguration Academy
- Third Place:** Tracy John, Transfiguration Academy

Congratulations to Transfiguration Academy student Hans Victor Sto Tomas, a member of Cub Scout Pack 139, who was awarded the Parvuli Dei religious Cub Scout emblem by Cardinal Tobin at a ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, February 12.

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.

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: _____



Calendar:

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

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 9:30 am 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:

Beginning today Sunday, March 5, 2017 dismissal for the Sunday Religious Education Program will be at 11:45 am. Dismissal procedures will remain the same.

Reminder that the Sunday, Religious Education is from 10:30 am to 11:45 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 11:45 am. Please be on time for pick-up.



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: 9:30 am to 12:00 noon
- Other times by appointment

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

FISH AND CHIPS

LENTEN DINNER

Friday, March 10, 2017

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Salad

Fish and Chips

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

Dessert

(Sponsored by our parish 9th Grade Candidates for Confirmation, 2017)

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
FR. BENEDICT CENTER
1092 CARNATION DRIVE
NEW MILFORD

Tickets:

- + available from Confirmation Candidates, after weekend Masses, and in the Rectory Office
- + must be purchased by March 6th
- + NO tickets sold at the door

Donation:
\$8.00 per person

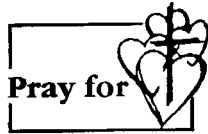
Fish and Chips Lenten Dinner 2017

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of Persons @ \$8.00 per person.....\$ _____

(Please make checks payable to: Church of the Ascension)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



"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, Philip Santore, John Donohue, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of Gerard Patrick Lee



First Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2017

Parish Maintenance & Repairs Collection

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:30am – School

Monday, March 6, 2017

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory

Religious Education Grade (7) – 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

No events

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Confirmation Prep 7:00-8:45pm

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Thursday, March 9, 2017

No events

Friday, March 10, 2017

Lenten Fish & Chips Dinner - 5:30pm – Fr. Benedict

Mass & Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm - Church

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Confessions – 11:00am

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Second Sunday of Lent, March 12, 2017

Peter's Pence Collection

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:30am – School

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

Commemorative Journal

Information flyer at doors of church or
rectory office

*What a wonderful way to say
Congratulations to our Pastor!*

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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.

**ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX PARISH
LENTEN PARISH MISSION
WITH FR. RICKY MANALO, CSP**

March 6, 7, & 8 at 7:30pm

For information contact Adrian Soltys
201-567-2528x313*asoltys@stthereseccresskill.org

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



REMEMBER DURING LENT

Evening Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm
followed by Stations of the Cross.

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PARISH FISH & CHIPS LENTEN DINNER
FRIDAY MARCH 10, 2017 - 5:30-7:30PM
IN THE FR. BENEDICT CENTER
TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS OR
IN THE RECTORY OFFICE
DONATION \$8.00/NO TICKETS AT DOOR

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: _____



RIEWERTS MEMORIAL HOME INC.
201-384-0700



Over the winter months our pantry shelves have been
greatly depleted. We could use everyone's help in
keeping the most basic necessities available for those in
need. The following items are in great need this month.
Any of these items would be greatly appreciated.

- COFFEE * TEA * VEGETABLE JUCIE * GRAPE JUICE
- CRANBERRY JUICE * CANNED SPINACH * APPLE SAUCE
- CANNED PINEAPPLE * FRUIT COCTAIL * MANDARIN
- ORANGES * RAISINS * DICED TOMATOES *, EGG NOODLES
- GRATED CHEESE * CHICKEN GRAVY * JELL-O PUDDING
- CRACKERS * COOKIES * PANCAKE SYRUP * LENTIL SOUP
- MANHATTAN CLAM CHOWDER * PAPER TOWELS
- TOOTHPASTE * HAIR CONDITIONER * DEODORANT

Once again, may God bless you for your generosity.

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 dbl/\$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.



ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR
5th*25th or 50th
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of
honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be
celebrating Christian marriage Anniversaries this year.
The Anniversary Liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal
Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in
Newark as follows:

April 30, 2017 at 3:00pm
For Five and Twenty-Five Years

May 7, 2017 at 3:00pm
For Fifty Years

Please notify the parish office no later than March 27 if you
would like to attend one of the celebrations.