

Mass  for the Intentions *Week*

Second Sunday of Lent, March 12, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 Jeffrey Cronin
9:30 Marge Bruno, First Anniversary
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, March 13, 2017

7:00 Marge Bruno, First Anniversary
8:30 Argelia Garcia

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

7:00 Bernard Mallon
8:30 Marge Bruno

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

7:00 Dr. James Peter Jones
8:30 Michael McKenna

Thursday, March 16, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Thomas Meyer

Friday, March 17, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Peggy Lacey
7:30 Joseph Plog

Saturday, March 18, 2017

8:30 Marcelle Sweeney
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Third Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2017

7:30 Peggy Lacey
9:30 Vincent Gianfredi
11:30 Gutierrez & Garcia Father's

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

March 6, 2016: \$6,231.00
March 5, 2017: \$6,109.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$2,662.00

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

Readings for Sunday, March 19, 2017

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



“Let Yourself Be...Amazed!”

Today’s gospel about the **Transfiguration of Jesus** is dramatically filled with the sacred light that is always identified with the presence of God. As Jesus took Peter, James and John onto the mountain, first Jesus’ face “shone like the sun” and his clothing was “white as light.” Then the voice of God came from a “bright cloud.”

Jesus was about to journey to Jerusalem for his eventual death; he had come to this mountain to seek and confirm the will of God for his life, before undertaking this frightening step.

This cloud which now over-shadowed Jesus stood for nothing less than the glory of Almighty God (“shechinah”). With God’s words, “This is my beloved son... listen to him,” Jesus was receiving the ultimate confirmation of his decision to make that terrible journey to the Cross. Jesus is truly “Light from Light, true God from true God,” as we say in the Nicene Creed.

Seeing the Light, Peter’s “man of action” response was to construct tents for the holy ones. But this is a time for awe, amazement and silence, not action. So Jesus has to say to Peter, in effect, “Don’t just do something—stand there!”

At difficult times in our lives, we, too, would like to feel useful by keeping busy. But God may be asking us to “just stand there,” worshipping in awe as a profound stillness settles over us... letting our hearts rise up to the greatness of God in sheer wonder, just resting in God’s presence.

As Lent goes on, we know the pain and suffering that is ahead for Jesus—because we feel the power of sin in our own lives. We can return to the mountain-top for courage and renewal during Lent, if we remember to “Be still and know that I am God.” **“Let Yourself Be...Amazed!”**

✠ Lenten Fasting and Feasting...

Let us...

- ...**fast** from complaining and **feast** on gratitude
- ...**fast** from harsh judgments and **feast** on kind thoughts
- ...**fast** from worry and **feast** on trust in God to provide
- ...**fast** from discouragement and **feast** upon hope
- ...**fast** from bitterness and **feast** on forgiveness
- ...**fast** from hatred and **feast** upon returning good for evil
- ...**fast** from anger and **feast** on patience
- ...**fast** from pettiness and **feast** on becoming mature
- ...**fast** from jealousy and **feast** on praying for trust
- ...**fast** from gossiping and **feast** on controlling your tongue
- ...**fast** from sin and **feast** on virtue
- ...**fast** from giving up and **feast** on perseverance

✠ Don’t forget that on **Fridays in Lent** we have added a Eucharistic Holy Hour and adoration at 1pm and a Mass at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

✠ 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.

✠ Please plan ahead to be with us on Friday, April 7th. We will join together for our **Parish Lenten Evening of Recollection** which will begin at 7pm with Stations of the Cross followed by Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, opportunity for individual sacramental Reconciliation, and Benediction. What a beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the holiest week of the year!

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

TIGER FOR A DAY

Transfiguration Academy invites you to see why our students excel both in and outside of the classroom. On April 10th and 11th, your child has an opportunity to experience Transfiguration Academy firsthand by being a “Tiger for a Day.”

Students in grades K – 8 can spend one of those two days at Transfiguration Academy when the local public schools are closed for the spring break. Each student visitor will be partnered with a student ambassador from the Academy, attend all classes for his or her grade level, receive a complimentary lunch and take home a small gift in remembrance of their “Tiger for a Day” experience. Attendees will get to meet and interact with our students and faculty on a one-to-one basis.

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

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, March 30th.

We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!



Friday March 17th



Calendar:

- Sunday, March 12th – Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
- Monday, March 13th – 8th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, March 15th -- 9th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, March 19th – 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:

Sunday, March 26, 2017: First Communion Retreat- starting with 9:30 am Mass—This is a Mandatory Retreat. After Mass all First Communion Candidates will go to class and parents will return at 11:45 am to continue with the retreat. At least one parent **MUST** attend.

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.



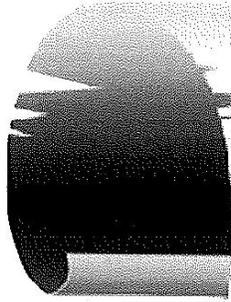
Volunteers Needed:

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.

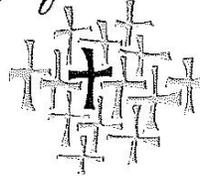
Religious Education Office Hours in Rectory:

- 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

MARCH 12, 2017



Celebrate with us!
40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination



A Mass of Thanksgiving

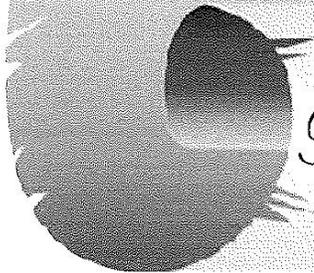
on Saturday, June 24, 2017

10:00 AM

Church of the Ascension

256 Azalea Dr.

New Milford, NJ



Rev. David W. Milliken

TICKETED RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MASS
AT THE TERRACE 293 PARAMUS ROAD, PARAMUS, NJ

----- (Detach here) -----

Name _____

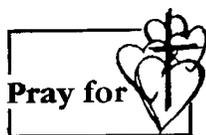
Address _____

Phone _____

Number of Tickets @ \$45.00 per person _____ Amount Enclosed _____

No tickets will be sold after June 9th

SECOND 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, Jose Caylao Jr., 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 **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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.



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

Monday, March 13, 2017

Religious Education Grade (8) – 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

No events

Wednesday, March 15, 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

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, March 16, 2017

No events



Friday, March 17, 2017

Holy Hour & Adoration – 1:00pm - Church

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

St. Joseph's Day * Saturday, March 18, 2017

Confessions – 11:00am

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Third Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2017

Food Pantry Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

ASCENSION PARISH'S 16TH PILGRIMAGE
TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
THE DIVINE MERCY

WHEN: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 23, 2017

WHERE: STOCKBRIDGE, MA
COST: \$35.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE PICK UP
REGISTRATION FORM
IN CHURCH VESTIBULE OR RECTORY

Registration Deadline is April 19, 2017



REMEMBER DURING LENT

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

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

ADORATION

Our church is committed to providing many opportunities for us to enhance our lenten experience. Beginning Friday, March 10th, we will have an adoration hour with exposition from 1:00-2:00pm. It is a special hour of encounter with the Lord. I encourage all who can to please do so.

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: _____

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: _____



BEAUGARD-McKNIGHT FUNERAL HOME
201-262-5050



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. **Food Pantry Sunday March 19th**

- 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 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.

**FATHER DAVID'S
40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 24, 2017**

**Mass of Thanksgiving
&**

Reception

**Reception information & reservation
flyer on page 3
(please return to rectory office)**

**Commemorative Journal
(Journal information at doors of church)**

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

EASTER HAMS

If anyone would like to donate money to buy a ham for Easter dinner for one of our pantry clients, we would greatly appreciate your help. You may put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Ham" and give it to one of our Priests, or place it in the collection basket. Let's try and make this most sacred holiday a blessed one for all of those we help each month. God bless you for your generosity!