

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Third Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2017

5:30 Christine Homayounif

7:30 James Peter Jones

9:30 Rita Capezzuto

11:30 Ellen Link

Monday, May 1, 2017

7:00 Edwin Docena

8:30 Maria Corazon Garrido

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

7:00 Dario Ty

8:30 Arthur Lewis

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

7:00 Rolando Viduya, Thanksgiving (L)

8:30 James Byrne

Thursday, May 4, 2017

7:00 Willie

8:30 Joseph Delaney

Friday, May 5, 2017

7:00 Grace West

8:30 Constanza Zuniga

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Memorial Mass

8:30 Margaret Errickson, Monica Nunez,
Josephine & Alfonso Santore

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2017

7:30 Joseph Grimaldi

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Cardona & Fernandez Mothers

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

April 24, 2016: \$6,673.00

April 23, 2017: \$5,486.00

Additional Easter: \$1,841.00

Catholic Home Missions: \$1,201.00

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

Readings for Sunday May 7, 2017

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



Have you ever been at a party or walking on the street and failed to recognize someone we actually know very well. Today, we join two disciples on the road to Emmaus who failed to recognize Jesus until hours later, when he blesses and breaks bread with them at table.

The story of the two disciples walking back to their home in Emmaus is another one of those beautiful stories from Scripture, which seems to touch so many of us somewhere deep within. The two main elements that Jesus uses to bring life back to the disciples are Word and Bread. Jesus explains the Scriptures to them and their hearts burn. He then breaks bread with them and they come to recognize who he is. Joy and hope return to their lives.

This is how the two disciples meet Jesus, and it is also how we meet Jesus. We hear the Scriptures, study them, try to discover how the Scriptures and our lives intertwine, one with the other. And we also come together to share the Eucharist, to break bread together and receive as one family the Body of Christ. Sharing the Word of God leads to sharing the Bread of Life.

When Jesus was sharing words with the disciples he was revealing himself to them. Self-revelation is a genuine gift of one person to another. Through words we invite others into our lives. We open the door to friendship and love. So just as the Word of God can bind us to God and one another, so can our human words bind us to one another, and if we use those words in our prayer, they can bind us to God also.

This new bond, these new connections call for a sharing of our lives in a physical way. It becomes a natural thing to want to take care of those whom we love. We become protective of their health, their well being. We don't want to see them suffer because they don't have what they need to live full and happy lives. So just as we need to share words with one another, so we need to share bread with one another.

Step out of your discomfort zone, and step into Jesus' comfort zone, by bringing one bit of Jesus' peace to the lives of others. Eye-contact, a smile, a greeting, a handshake, starts the beautiful path to a Resurrection relationship.

✠ We offer our prayers and best wishes for the children in our parish family who are receiving Jesus for the first time this weekend. They and their families have been preparing for this great event for some time now, learning what the Eucharist is all about and what it means to be part of the Eucharistic community. May our children and their families always be eager to receive Jesus at his Table of Life.

✠ Any Ascension liturgical minister (Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister) who has a family member receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to serve in the liturgy, please call Fr. David at the Rectory as soon as possible.

✠ On Monday, May 1st, we are invited to join with Cardinal Joseph Tobin, our new Archbishop, and celebrate Mass at 7:30pm at St. Peter's Church on Fifth Avenue in River Edge. Please join us.

✠ Next Sunday, May 7th at 1pm, Bishop John Flesey will confer the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of **Confirmation** upon young men and women of our parish. We invite you to come and celebrate with them. We ask you to keep these candidates in special prayer this week.

✠ On Thursday, May 25th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, a holyday of obligation and our parish Feast Day. We will celebrate our solemn Feast Day Mass at 7:30pm which will be followed by our "Make your own Ice Cream Sundae" reception on Ascension Plaza. Please plan ahead to join in the festivities.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Congratulations to the following Transfiguration Academy alumni who have achieved Third Quarter honors at the Academy of the Holy Angels:

Principal's List

Mary Haws

Honor Roll

Shae Baker-Lobo

Samantha Gangi

Haram Kim

Shin Hyung Park

Save the Date!

- The Drama Club will present "Alice @ Wonderland" on Friday, May 5th and Saturday, May 6 at 7:00PM in Conlon Hall. For more information and tickets call or visit the school office.
- The Home School Association's annual Tricky Tray will be held on Friday, May 19. Please contact the school office for more information and tickets.

Tuition Raffle: Do you or someone you know have tuition bills to pay? Buy a raffle ticket— you could win a prize to help pay that tuition bill. First prize is \$2500, 2nd prize is \$1500 and 3rd prize is \$1000 – payable to any accredited school/institution of the winner's choice. Each ticket is \$5 and can be purchased at the school office during school hours. The drawing will be held on Saturday, May 6 at 8:00PM in Conlon Hall.

Registration for the 2017/18 School Year

Registration continues for grades PK – 7. Transfiguration Academy invites you to see why our students excel both in and outside of the classroom. Any interested student is encouraged to spend a day at the Academy to experience firsthand the school's strong academics and faith-filled community.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield. For more information or to schedule a visit or 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.

**Knights of Columbus 50/50 Cash Raffle
For 8th Grade Scholarships**

St. Joseph Council No. 3814 of Oradell/New Milford is sponsoring a **50/50 Cash Raffle to raise \$2,000. for our 8th Grade Scholarship Program.** With your help we can reach our fundraising goals and you will have a chance to win one of three cash prizes. Raffle tickets are \$20 each. The Raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, May 20th, at 9:00PM at the Columbian Club hall at 199 River Road, New Milford, NJ. Winner need not be present to win. For tickets, contact Jeff Walters at (201) 925-7174, or leave a message on the Council phone at (201) 262-9722.



Calendar:

Sunday, April 30th – K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, May 1st – 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, May 3rd – 9th Grade Retreat from 4 pm to 10 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, May 7th -- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in October, please look for the Children's Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Children's Liturgy of the Word, anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Confirmation Class of 2016:

- † Tuesday, May 2nd – Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm in Church- Candidates Only - Mandatory
- † Friday, May 5th – Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm in Church-Candidates and Sponsors –Mandatory for BOTH
- † Sunday, May 7th - Confirmation Mass at 1 pm- Candidates and Sponsors are to meet in the Fr. Benedict Center (gym) at 12:30 pm SHARP

First Eucharist:

All First Eucharist Candidates are asked to come in their Communion outfits and help us Crown Mary at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday May 7, 2017. If you have not sign-up already and wish to participate please call Mrs. Carbone asap.

Registration for 2017-2018:

Registration forms the 2017-2018 School year have been distributed to all students, 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. 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.

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

APRIL 30, 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 _____

TICKETS WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED
PLEASE RETURN YOUR RESERVATION ASAP
TO THE RECTORY OFFICE OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

Aeden Calvez Almeda

"a time to be healed..."

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, Thomas Gonzalas, 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.

"a time for peace..."

President Donald John Trump, our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

"a time to die..."

Lilia Ortiz, Charles Mon

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**
burns this week in loving memory of
Monica Nunez

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. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.



Sunday, April 30, 2017

First Eucharist at 9:30 & 11:30 Mass
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
Religious Education Grades PreK-6 – 10:30am
Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

Monday, May 1, 2017

Pastoral Staff Mtg. – 9:00am - Retory
Religious Education, Grade 8 – 7:00pm – School
Mass with Cardinal Tobin – 7:30pm – St. Peter's

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Woodcrest Center Mass 2:30pm
Confirmation Rehearsal – 7:00pm - Church

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Confirmation Prep, Retreat – 4:00 – 10:00pm
NO Boy Scouts
NO Novena

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Combined Choir's – 7:30pm



First Friday, May 5, 2017

Communion Visits to Homebound
Confirmation Rehearsal – 7:00pm - Church

First Saturday, May 6, 2017

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

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

May Crowning – 9:30 Mass
Last Religious Education Class – 10:30am
Confirmation - 1:00pm - Church

PASTORAL VISIT OF OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN, C.Ss.R.

Cardinal Tobin has advised that he will be making a pastoral visit to our Deanery on *Monday, May 1st*, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He will first have a dinner meeting with the priests of the deanery, then offer *Mass at 7:30pm* for all the people of our parishes who come, and conclude with a town hall meeting to hear people's thoughts and concerns. This will all be held at *St. Peter the Apostle Church in River Edge*, the parish of our Dean, Fr. Michael Sheehan. Please join us in this Mass and meeting with Cardinal Tobin.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 111 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$25,749.00 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

This year our Parish Goal is \$43,000.00



**MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017
DURING THE 9:30AM MASS**

THANK YOU

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal last weekend! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs--such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training--to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States.

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: _____



ROMAN PIZZA & RESTAURANT
 201-265-9371
15% OFF COUPON IN THIS BULLETIN



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy after Mass or in the rectory office.

As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Mother's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Mother's Day. If you would like a card for your mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who has been like a mother to you please pick one up at the rectory office during business hours (9am-4pm Monday-Friday). The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Offering for each card is \$10.00.**

**HELP KEEP OUR FOOD PANTRY STOCKED
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, MAY 21ST**

For our May distribution, the food pantry is in the need of the following items. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Your continued support of our very important Ministry is greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity.

- Coffee ,Tea, Cranberry Juice, Canned Spinach, Baked Beans, Apple Sauce, Raisins, Beef Stew, Corned Beef Hash, Chicken Gravy, Crackers, Flour, Manhattan Clam Chowder, Paper Towels, Napkins, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste, Hair Conditioner, Laundry Detergent

**FATHER DAVID'S
40TH
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**

**Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception
Reception information & reservation flyer**

Please see page 3 of this bulletin
(please return to rectory office or collection)

ASAP

tickets are first come first served
Commemorative Journal
(Journal information at doors of church)
What a wonderful way to say
Congratulations to our Pastor!

EASTER MUSIC

Are you looking for a wonderful way to keep the splendor of this Easter Season in your heart? We have wonderful Easter Music CD's, "The Triumph of the Cross", on sale for \$10. Please stop by the rectory office to purchase yours.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM