

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2017**

5:30 All Mothers

7:30 Living

9:30 and

11:30 Deceased

**Monday, May 15, 2017**

7:00 Santiago Sunga

8:30 Margaret & Dorothy Tenney

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

7:00 Ines Carezza

8:30 John Mazurkewicz

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

7:00 Maureen O'Keefe, Healing (L)

8:30 Margaret McEwan Bitette

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

7:00 Blanche Dawidowicz

8:30 James Byrne

**Friday, May 19, 2017**

7:00 Elba Morales

8:30 Robert Ubriaco

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

8:30 Robert Czechowski

5:30 John Carbone

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2017**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Angelina Iuliano

11:30 James Byrne

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

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

**May 8, 2016: \$7,167.00**

**May 7, 2017: \$5,654.00**

**Maintenance & Repairs: \$3,150.00**

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

**Readings for Sunday**

**May 21, 2017**

**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1**

**Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 or Acts 8:5-8, 14-**

**17/Ps 66/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a**



When Jesus says today, "Do not let your hearts be troubled," he means realistic comfort and security. Count up the number of hours you spend texting or calling friends about your fears and worries. Jesus has to repeatedly tell, urge, and instruct his own disciples to be at peace. "Have faith in God, and faith in me."

Faith does not always mean only believing in doctrine and religious teachings. We will always have doubts and questions about beliefs, just as the apostles do in today's gospel. Faith is also a wordless trust at a deep level in our hearts, because we know we are loved.

Remember how your mother used to say, "I've got eyes in the back of my head"? One reason we can trust God is because, as Psalm 33 says, "the eyes of the Lord" are always upon us. You know how the eyes of moms and dads never leave their child at the park or beach.

This is the vigilant love we can trust, even when death breaks our hearts, even when we lose our health, our home, or our memories. These days, people seem short-tempered and hostile due to all the stressors of life. But Catholics should not simply tolerate chronic anger and fear in our daily lives.

Instead, when we feel the least at peace ourselves might be the best time to use our will to bring peace to a clerk who is rude, a driver who cuts you off, or a pessimistic friend. Instead of lashing back, act out in Easter faith. Be the peace of Jesus to a shattered situation near you.

✠ This weekend we recognize a great gift of God's special love in our lives—**our Mothers**. On this Mother's Day may we take this opportunity to thank and pray, especially for our mothers, living and deceased, for the many ways they have sacrificed themselves for us. May God bless all our mothers. Motherhood takes on so many forms today. Let us affirm and remember in our prayers all women who take on a mothering role in our lives—religious sisters, teachers, aunts, sisters, best friends, counselors, advisors, mentors, neighbors. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers for the month of May. **Happy Mother's Day to all of you!**

✠ Congratulations to our young men and women who received the Holy Spirit last weekend in the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide us together as Jesus' disciples to do what Jesus did, being bearers of peace, love, and forgiveness.

✠ On Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, a holyday of obligation and our parish Feast Day. Mass will be celebrated at 7am and 8:30am. 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!

*Fr. David*



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**TRICKY TRAY**

The Home School Association's annual Tricky Tray will be held on Friday, May 19. Doors open at 5:30 PM, dinner is served at 6:30 PM and prizes are selected starting at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$18.00 per person if purchased by May 5, and \$23.00 if purchased after that date. Included in the ticket price is one sheet of level one prize tickets, a pasta dinner with meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. Dinner-only children's tickets are \$12.00 if purchased before May 5 and do NOT include Prize Tickets. Please contact the school office for more information and tickets.

**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](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org)

Call: (201)384-3627.

Website: [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org)

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**St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program**

St. Joseph Council No. 3814 of the Knights of Columbus in Oradell/New Milford is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2017. Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish or Ascension Parish. Selection will be based on criteria focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the K of C principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and postmarked no later than Monday, May 31, 2017. Winners will be notified in June. Applications can be downloaded from our website at

[www.kofcstjoseph.org](http://www.kofcstjoseph.org). Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174.

**CAN YOU HELP!?**

St. Joseph grammar school in Jersey City needs our help. The students have a dream of collecting 200,000 box tops this year! (that's not a typo) If they reach their goal the school will receive \$20,000!!!!!! They would like to purchase an outdoor electronic sign.

Several parishes are helping and so are Archdiocesan Center employees! Please save your box tops and ask your family, friends and neighbors to save them also.

Box tops can be mailed to: Lynn Gully, Archdiocese of Newark, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104. Or dropped off in collection (in an envelope) or to the rectory office.

Thank you for your consideration and help! Every box top helps!!



**Calendar:**

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS OF THE PARISH

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.



Congratulation to the Confirmation Class of 2017:

Robert Cajucom, Fatima Caylao, Frances Cortuna, Rhizamel Rose Dabu, Sarah DeCarlo, June Lorenzo Ducut, Samantha Veronica Enrile, Joshua Fernandez, Sophia Elizabeth Hroncich, Cassidy Mary Kokra, Matthew Vincent Manahan, Sommer Sofia Marroquin, Alexis Senadrin, Klara Soltrys, Jeremy Tantsits, Ryan Matthew Westervelt.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**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 30<sup>th</sup>. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. If you are in need of a registration form you can download one from the Parish website [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com). 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.
- † We are in need of Catechists, Aides and **Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2017-2018 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085 during office hours.
- † Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 8:45 pm.

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

Other times by appointment

MAY 14, 2017

*Church of the Ascension  
New Milford, NJ 07646*

*Office of the Pastor*



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May 10, 2017

My Dear Ascension Parishioners,

This week our Religious Education Program has ended for this year. I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of our parishioners, to offer a big **“THANK YOU”** to our parishioners who give so much of themselves in sharing their faith with the children in our Religious Education Program. Along with the Coordinators, the following parishioners have touched the lives of our children and join with their parents in bringing them ever closer to Jesus:

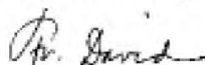
Kindergarten	Mrs. Cortez	Grade 7	Lorraine Montecuollo
	Ms. Alexandra Rodriguez	Grade 8	Lorraine Montecuollo
Grade 1	Ms. Pinto	Grade 9	Lucy Barredo
Grade 2	Dena Sedlak		Pat Boak
Grade 3	Jeanette MacNish		Margarita Canlas
Grade 4	Mary Ellen Wetzel	Office	Lisa Tantsits
Grade 5	Veronica Capone		Mrs. Reyes
Grade 6	Yvonne Payne		Ms. Shanahan

Special thanks to Mrs. Lorraine Montecuollo who is retiring this year as Coordinator of our Grades 7-8 Program. Lorraine has faithfully touched the faith lives of our children in so many ways during her over 15 years that she has coordinated this program. Please be sure to take the time to personally thank her.

I have asked Jeanette MacNish, who has been teaching for many years here at Ascension, to become the new Coordinator of Grades 7-8. I am so grateful that she has accepted and I ask you to welcome here into this new position.

Again, thank you to you all for all you do to the glory of God in helping to build up His Kingdom in Ascension Parish.

With God's Blessings,

  
Rev. David W. Milliken  
Pastor

*Rectory: 256 Azalea Drive*

*Telephone: (201) 836-8961*

*FAX: (201) 836-5896*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

*"a time to love..."*

Angela & Gerry D'Imperio

*"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., Concepcion Deus, 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..."*

Rose DiPippo

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of  
**Luisa Garcia**

**BREAD and WINE** this week are in loving memory of  
**Marge Bruno**



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of  
**Doris Piro & Rose D'Eufemia**

### 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.



**Sunday, May 14, 2017**

Communicating God's Word

**Monday, May 15, 2017**

Deanery Meeting – 1:00pm – Annunciation  
Food Pantry Distribution  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

Novena – 7:30pm - Church  
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center  
Filipino Core Mtg. – 7:30pm – Gathering Room  
Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

FDM40 Committee – 7:30pm – Gathering Rm

**Friday, May 19, 2017**

Finance Council – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Rm.



**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

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

**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

Food Pantry Sunday  
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church



Meetings

**PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 16 AT 7:30PM**  
**GATHERING ROOM**

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**FINANCE COUNCIL**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 19 AT 7:30PM**  
**RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

**"Communication** is really about realizing that we are all human beings, **children of God."**

**This weekend, May 13-14**, we will take up a special collection for Communicating God's Word. This includes Communications, Evangelization, Catholic University and the Church in Latin America. Please be as generous as your means allow. For more information please visit the Catholic Communication Campaign website at [www.USCCB.ORG/CCC](http://www.USCCB.ORG/CCC).

### 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.



# MOTHER'S DAY



## Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 134 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$29,549.00 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**

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

To honor your mother (living or deceased) this **Mother's Day**, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5, the Emergency Food Network will send your mom or the person you designate a card noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese! Monies received will be used to support 50 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union, and Bergen counties.

For more information please call or contact Sharon Tobin at:

**EFN, Catholic Charities**  
**(908) 497-4012**

**Email:Stobin@ccannj.org**

Your mom will be so proud of you for recognizing his caring in such a meaningful way.



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Blessed be all mothers  
 Who have come into our lives  
 Whose kindness, care and loving  
 Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us  
 Made us strive in every way  
 Especially to remember  
 Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute  
 Flows directly from my heart  
 You are so loved and cherished  
 Invaluable, one and all, you are.

## Mary, The Mother of Compassion

Mary has a special love and sensitivity for all God's children. This was manifested on many occasions but was most pronounced at the wedding feast of Cana in which she interceded for the bride and groom when the supply of wine was depleted at their celebration. We can imitate sensitivity to the needs of others by donating any unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) to Catholic Charities. The bin is located in the Church's vicinity. Thank you.



## FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

For our May distribution, the food pantry is in the need of the following items: 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 Information & reservation flyer

Insert in 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!*

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)