

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week



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

5:30 John Carbone  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Angelina Iuliano  
11:30 James Byrne

### Monday, May 22, 2017

7:00 John Foran  
8:30 Clemencia Cabacoy

### Tuesday, May 23, 2017

7:00 Ellen Delaey  
8:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

### Wednesday, May 24, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 Joel Mattappillil, Birthday (L)

### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

#### Thursday, May 25, 2017

7:00 Maureen A. Botttcher  
8:30 Mary Cucco  
7:30 All Parishioners Living & Deceased

#### Friday, May 26, 2017

7:00 Kelly Benczkowski  
8:30 Eufronio Pongos

#### Saturday, May 27, 2017

8:30 Jose DelRosario, Jr.  
5:30 Henegan Family

### Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 28, 2017

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Simplicio Lazaro  
11:30 Lillian Person

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

May 15, 2016:	\$6,123.00
May 14, 2017:	\$6,094.00
Communicating God's Word:	\$1,117.00

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

### Readings for Sunday May 28, 2017

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/  
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20



Today we hear Jesus preparing His friends for His departure. He reminds them that they are not being abandoned and left as “orphans.” Jesus tells them that, with his passing, a new relationship begins.

Jesus has loved His friends and will intensify that love even to the death on the Cross. He reminds His early Church that they will continue to have a way to love Him. Notice once more, God loves us first, in Christ, and our response has to be in human terms, human expressions. Jesus reminds them that loving Him is revealed through keeping, not only the famous Ten Commandments, but the even more human commandment of loving one another.

Our Easter Season at Ascension is filled with celebrating Sacraments in our church — Baptisms, First Communions, Reconciliation, Marriages and Confirmation. We are doing what the Church is, the very actions of Jesus’ taking flesh.

The Sacraments, which are the gestures of Jesus extended into time and according to human experiences, are given as gifts to be lived as part of the new relationship between God and us. The reception of the Sacraments is but a beginning. We are all called by the various Sacraments to BE sacraments, or visible, lively, loving presences of Jesus in the important times of the lives of our family—God’s family.

**“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”**

✠ This 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. We will celebrate Mass at 7:00 and 8:30am and 7:30pm. Our 7:30pm will be our solemn Feast Day Mass which will be followed by our “Make your own Ice Cream Sundae” reception on Ascension Plaza. Please join us.

✠ On Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, we begin our **Novena for Pentecost**— nine days of prayer asking God to renew us, our parish, and our world with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will pray the Novena prayer, which is inserted in the back cover of our hymnals, at all daily and weekend Masses after the Universal Prayer.

✠ Mega 50/50 Tickets have been sent to our parishioners. Please return all sold and unsold books as soon as possible. The drawing will take place at our Queenship of Mary celebration on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 9pm.

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

*Fr. David*



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Thank you** to all who made our annual Tricky Tray a success! Special thanks to the Home School Association who organized the event and to all of the families and local businesses who donated prizes.

The school office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on Friday, May 26 and Monday, May 29.

**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) or call (201)384-3627.

Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook.

**UPCOMING PARISH TRIPS**

Ascension Parish will sponsor a trip to The Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania tour on Sept. 12-14, 2017. A price of \$459 dbl. occ./\$599 single per person includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, Susquehanna River cruise, Pennsylvania Grand Canyon Covered Wagon Tour, Grand Canyon Overlook, Millionaires Row tour, Mifflinburg buggy museum, historic Lewisburg tour, 1889 Annunciation Church, luggage handling taxes and meal gratuities and bus transportation.

On Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we will travel to New York City to the 9/11 Memorial Museum and the One World Observatory where you will have 360 degree views of New York City. You will have time to do some sightseeing in the area on your own. Dinner will follow at Puglia's Restaurant in little Italy. The price of \$145 per person includes taxes and meal gratuities, bus transportation and all of the above.

A \$100 deposit will hold your reservation. For info. Call Josie (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Cancellation ins. is recommended. Checks are payable to Ascension Church and can be dropped off at the rectory. Please indicate on the outside envelope which trip you want to go on.



**Calendar:**

**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 down load one from the Parish website [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com). For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

**Please note the change in our hours for classes next school year.**

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:45 pm.

First Communion Families may pick up the child's banner anytime during regular office hours.

**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 for our Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Classes, 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.

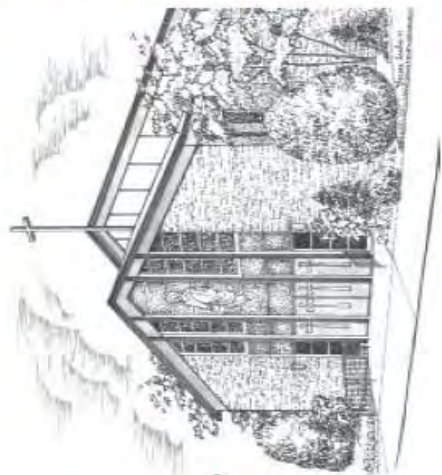
**Religious Education Office Hours in Rectory:**

- Monday – Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm
- Thursday: 9 am to 12 Noon
- Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
- Other times by appointment

***Church of the Ascension***

*New Milford, New Jersey*

*Invites You to Gather Together and Share...*



***Our Parish Feast Day***

***May 25, 2017***

***Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord***

*...7:30pm Feast Day Solemn Eucharistic Liturgy*

*...8:30pm \*\*Make your own Ice Cream Sundae\*\**

*(Ascension Plaza)*

***Please... Come... Join Us !***

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### PRAY FOR . . .

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

*"a time to be born..."*

**Keira Lennon & Evan Bland**

*"a time to be healed..."*

Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, 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, Deacon Jim Stumbar,  
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..."*

**Anneliese Zierer**

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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

### 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.



### 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 21, 2017

Food Pantry Sunday

Maharaja Santo Cruzen – 5:00pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.

### Monday, May 22, 2017

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

### Tuesday, May 23, 2017

No events

### Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Harrison House

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

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

Filipino Core Mtg. – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Combined Choirs – 8:00pm - Church



### Thursday, May 25, 2017

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 & 8:30am & 7:30pm**

Religious Education Grades 7, 8 & 9

Ice cream reception after 7:30pm Mass on Ascension Plaza

### Friday, May 26, 2017

No events

### Saturday, May 27, 2017

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

### Sunday, May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter



### Monday, May 29, 2017

Holiday, One Mass at 8:30am

Parish Offices Closed



**Because of your generosity a donation of \$1,117.00 will be forwarded to help towards Communicating God's Word.**

For more information please visit the Catholic Communication Campaign website at [www.USCCB.ORG/CCC](http://www.USCCB.ORG/CCC).

### 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!!



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 143 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$30,599.00 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mary, The Mother of Compassion**

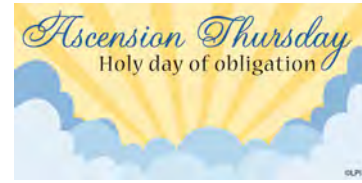
Mary has a special love and sensitivity for all God's children. This was manifested on many occasions but was most pronounced at the wedding feast of Cana in which she interceded for the bride and groom when the supply of wine was depleted at their celebration. We can imitate sensitivity to the needs 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.



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**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, TODAY!**

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



**Masses will be celebrated  
 Thursday, May 25th**

**Our Parish Feast Day at  
 7:00am, 8:00am & 7:30pm**

**Make your own Ice Cream Sundae  
 At 8:30pm on Ascension Plaza**

**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, June 8th. We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

**FATHER DAVID'S 40TH  
 ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY  
 Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception  
 JUNE 24, 2017**

**Information & reservation flyer**  
**At doors of Church \* Rectory \* On Website**  
**(please return to rectory office or collection)**

**ASAP**

**tickets are first come first served**

**PLEASE RETURN RSVP**  
**FOR SUNDAY FUN DAY**  
**SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY**

*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)**