

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 21, 2018**

5:30 Martin & Hildegard Faderugao  
7:30 Timothy Cronin  
9:30 Rev. John P. McGovern  
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Monday, January 22, 2018**

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 For Unborn Children

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

7:00 Maria Pecora  
8:30 Catherine Rose Raeber

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

7:00 Francis Rafferty  
8:30 Vincenzo Pesola

**Thursday, January 25, 2018**

7:00 Luke Moran  
8:30 Jovita & Agnes Balagot

**Friday, January 26, 2018**

7:00 Cohstanza Zuniga  
8:30 Delfina Duarte

**Saturday, January 27, 2018**

8:30 Emiliana Guce  
5:30 Camilo C. Libanan, First Anniversary

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 28, 2018**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Gloria DaCruz, First Anniversary  
11:30 Thomas McGuinness

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

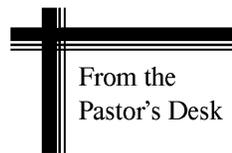
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

**January 15, 2017: \$7,248.00**  
**January 14, 2018: \$6,620.00**

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

**Readings for Sunday  
January 28, 2018**

**Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1  
Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28**



*As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew, casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

*Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.*

*He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.*

*They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then He called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. Mark 1:14-20*

Psychologist Abraham Maslow has an interesting response to the question why so few people "leave all" to follow a dream — or to pursue a noble goal. He says, "they are afraid to become what they are capable of being. They thrill at the possibility, but they also shudder at it."

- How do I respond to the thought of stepping out in faith and following Jesus more closely?
- How do I react to the idea of embarking upon a noble goal with Jesus?

*What I am is God's gift to me.*

*What I become is my gift back to God.*

As Catholics, we are spread over the entire earth. That is one of our great strengths. We are a Catholic, universal, body of Christian believers. But we need to have connections with one another here at the local level. Every parish is a community of communities. We need to know the names of some of our community members and look into the faces of our fellow believers. As Pope Francis would challenge us, "Please consider joining with others to bring Christ's hope to those who are sitting in the darkness."

Following the response by the apostles, may we "get over ourselves," and get with Jesus' agenda. Let us keep awake in the moment, and be ready to be Christ to the next person in need. We just might be the only Bible that some people will ever read.

✘ I invite all of our parishioners to become a vital part of **LIVE LENT**, our 2018 Lenten program which offers opportunities for parishioners to meet Jesus more personally through the Lenten Scriptures, our Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, and activities. In addition to the usual Adult Sharing Groups, Family and Teen Groups are also available. I hope and pray that we will respond to Jesus' call and take an active part in this process. Together, may we let the light of Christ shine even more brightly in our parish! Sign up flyers are in the front vestibule of the church.

✘ Next weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a very expensive item on our budget and we don't know how many more storms we will have...so I ask that each parishioner family be as generous as your means allow.

✘ Married Couples of Ascension Parish celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, 5 year multiples, and all married couples 50 years and more in 2018 are invited to celebrate our annual **MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGY** on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30am Mass. A reception will follow in the Fr. Benedict Center in our School Building. Please fill out and return the response form in the bulletin as soon as possible. (Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.)

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

*Fr. David*



## Catholic Schools Week begins January 28

### Did you know?

- Only 5% of millennials who never attended Catholic school go to Mass weekly compared to 33% who attended Catholic Schools.
- Among never married millennial male Catholics who attended a Catholic school, 25% indicate they have considered being a priest or a brother. Only 10% of those who did not attend a Catholic school indicate this.
- Among millennial generation female Catholics who attended a Catholic school, 13% or more indicate that they have considered becoming a sister or nun. Only about 6% to 7% of those who did not attend a Catholic educational institution indicate this.
- 23% of millennial generation Catholics attended a Catholic primary school at some point. Yet, half or more new priests and brothers attended Catholic primary schools as did 41% of new sisters and 45% of young lay ecclesial ministers.

### Here is our Catholic Schools Week schedule:

#### Monday, January 29

1:00 – 2:30 Senior Citizen Prom (hosts: 8<sup>th</sup> grade) Conlon Hall

#### Tuesday, January 30

1:30 Crazy Hat Day Parade (PK-8) Conlon Hall

7:00 Deanery 3 Catholic Challenge (all invited) Conlon Hall

#### Wednesday, January 31

Pajama Day (all)

#### Thursday, February 1

1:00 Basketball Games (all invited) Conlon Hall

4:30 – 5:30 Tours available upon request

5:30 Pre-K/K Showcase Conlon Hall

7:00 Family Fun Night (1-8) Conlon Hall

#### Friday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord/National Wear Red Day

Dress Down Day – Wear Red (American Heart Association)

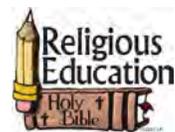
First Friday (noon dismissal)

9:00 Mass (PreK-8) Church

### Registration for the 2017/2018 Academic Year has begun:

Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum for grades PreK2 through 8 or to schedule a tour of our Academy, please email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or call the school office at 201-384-3627.

**Transfiguration Academy: Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.**



### Calendar:

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>-- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm in the Church-Mandatory Meeting

Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> — 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



There is a Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student meeting on **January 22, 2018** at 7:00 pm in the Church. All students and parents are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2019.

### Please note the change in our hours for classes this school year.

Our Sunday Mornings program is from **10:45 to 12 Noon**. **Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MUST come in to pick up children at 12 Noon. Please be on time for pick-up.**

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. Students are asked to be here by **6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.**

### Volunteers Needed:

† We are in NEED of Substitute Catechists 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.

† 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:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

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

JANUARY 21, 2018

# Marriage Anniversary Liturgy 2018



Church of the Ascension  
will once again honor couples in our parish  
who celebrate

a Wedding Anniversary  
in a multiple of 5 years in 2018

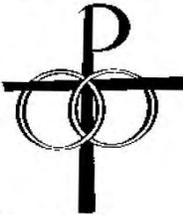
(1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., and  
any anniversary 50 years and over).

A special Marriage Anniversary Mass  
will be celebrated on  
Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 11:30am.

A reception will follow  
in the Fr. Benedict Center.



If you wish to celebrate with us, please fill out and return the form below  
to the Rectory no later than Sunday, February 4, 2018



Church of the Ascension  
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy  
Sunday, February 11, 2018



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary celebrated in 2018: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending reception: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Rectory no later than Sunday, February 4, 2018



## PRAY FOR . . .

*“To everything there is a season...*

*“a time to be born...”*

**Theresa Lyn Roque, Micah Jun Caylao**

*“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, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Joan Polis, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloeblen, Richard Gabettie, Judith & Tom Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Charles Hellriegel, John Delaney, Anita Zucconi, Joel Rivera, Albert Ginocchio, 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, PFC Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Cherry Point, NC, Airman First Class James Penser, Goodfellow, AFB, Texas and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

*“a time to die...”*

**Eugene Hoynes, Juana Santiago**

*“a time for peace...”*

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

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

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**

*Thank You*



*for your kindness*

My sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of you who took the time to make my birthday so special. May you be blessed with the same thoughtfulness you have shown to me.

Father David

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



### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21, 2018

**Food Pantry Sunday**

**Sign up for Lent Program**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Church GR

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am

### Monday, January 22, 2018

**Day of Penance for Preservation of Life**

**8:30am Mass, Exposition**

**Holy Hour for Life, Benediction**

Religious Education Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Parent Meeting – Confirmation 2019

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

### Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

### Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Harrison House

Confirmation Prep – 7:00pm

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

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

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

### Thursday, January 25, 2018

No events

### Friday, January 26, 2018

No events

### Saturday, January 27, 2018

Confessions 11:00am – Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

**Sign up of Lent Program**

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28, 2018

**Snow Removal Collection**

**Sign up for Lent Program**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Church GR

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am



**PARISH EVENTS**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018**

**7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**“NEW MEMBERS WELCOME”**



Because of your generosity we will be helping Father Hilary defray the cost of his education with a donation to his scholarship fund in the amount of \$1,104.00. Father is most appreciative and sends his best regards and blessings to all the parishioners of Ascension Parish.

Happy Anniversary

# SAVE THE DATE



## MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

11:30am MASS

Reception Follows in the Fr. Benedict Center  
(please complete form on page 3)



### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR

### SNOW REMOVAL – JANUARY 27 & 28

**Next Weekend** we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. So far our cost for snow removal and salting of lots & walk-ways is over **\$6,000.00**. So we ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **Thank you!**

### 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>	\$150/1 Year
	\$20/30 Days
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	\$40 per week
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	\$50 (per basket/per week)
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	\$15 per week

### MEMORIAL FUND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



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## LENT

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### HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

The following are items most needed to restock our shelves this month. Any item or items you can purchase for our pantry would be greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your continue support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- COOKIES-CRACKERS-TOILET TISSUE
- PAPER TOWELS-TISSUES-NAPKINS
- HAIR CONDITIONER-RAZORS-SHAVE CREAM
- DEODORANT-TOOTH PASTE-TOOTH BRUSHES
- BATH SOAP-BODY WASH-MOSITURIZER

Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.



### 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 Parishioner
- \_\_\_\_\_ to change my address
- \_\_\_\_\_ to join a ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_