

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Second Sunday of Lent, February 25, 2018

5:30 James Zadroga  
7:30 Anna K. John  
9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
11:30 Lena Scoppa

### Monday, February 26, 2018

7:00 Milagras Aida B. Majul  
8:30 Reparada Fernandez

### Tuesday, February 27, 2018

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
8:30 John & Jennie Ochs

### Wednesday, February 28, 2018

7:00 Victor Hugo Ruiz  
8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy

### Thursday, March 1, 2018

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
8:30 Dymphna O'Shea

### Friday, March 2, 2018

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
8:30 Luis H. Garcia  
7:30 Dorothy & Herbert Cole

### Saturday, March 3, 2018

#### Memorial

8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy,  
Damian Ramirez, Larry Galvez, Jr.  
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

### Third Sunday of Lent, March 4, 2018

7:30 Henry Volcan  
9:30 John Montecucollo  
11:30 Roberto Caparas, Jr.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

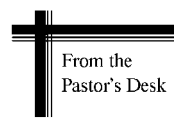
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

February 19, 2017:	\$6,631.00
February 18, 2018:	\$4,364.00
Retired Priests:	\$2,127.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,085.00

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

### Readings for Sunday February March 4, 2018

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/  
1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Death, and taxes, and many things in-between terrify us every day of our lives. All of us live with some degree of anxiety, fatigue, or depression. This can make trusting God very difficult—too much can go wrong! But even those closest to Jesus weren't quick to trust.

In the gospel today, Jesus frightens the apostles with quite an "other-worldly" experience. First, they see Jesus blindingly transformed by light. Then they see Jesus talking with two ancient prophets, Moses and Elijah, who had been dead for over 1000 years! Peter was speechless, and it says "They were terrified."

But Jesus doesn't rush to comfort or reassure them, because he knows that they don't yet see the whole picture—they are terrified only because they do not yet believe they can trust the unknown to God. The answer to all of our stress and worry lies in God's own words today: "This is My Beloved Son—*listen to him!*"

First, we might have to add "Stop" and "Look." *Stop* the inner chatter, and the outer noise, just for a while. *Look*, really look with time and focus and attention, at the person talking to you, the task at hand, the cat in your lap. Now, you can *Listen*: Listening is a decision to receive with open hands whatever God is giving you.

Jesus did not explain every detail to the apostles, because he knew that the God of all life was trustworthy—and that is enough, for them, and for us. Yes, we will have fears, because there is evil in the world. But Jesus trusted God with the deepest and most vulnerable places of his heart. If we listen, Jesus will teach us how to trust that way.

✠ Remember, on **Fridays in Lent** we have added a Mass at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Also, we have placed "**Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2018**" in our parish book rack. Please take one for your use during this holy season.

✠ Please join the priests and parishioners of St. John's, Bergenfield and St. Mary's, Dumont as we will celebrate our **Tri-Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions** at St. John's, Bergenfield on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm. We will not hear confessions at 11am on this day.

✠ We still need volunteers for our pool of **funeral servers and readers**. Perhaps you can volunteer to become a server or reader for our parish funerals. This ministry is so comforting to families in their time of loss. Please consider this beautiful Corporal Work of Mercy. Please see Fr. David for details and training.

✠ We have begun the **Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal for 2018**. Thank you to our parish families who have already contributed to the 2018 Appeal. Cardinal Tobin has set our 2018 goal at \$40,546.00. There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are in the pews and at the doors of the church. Please, I ask that all of our parish families consider the great good we of Ascension can do with God's grace when we choose to help the neediest of our Archdiocese. Help us to reach and even surpass our goal. **Give a lot; give a little; but please give something!**

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



**Celebrating Our Students' Achievement**

Transfiguration Academy's application to be named a National Blue Ribbon School was recently chosen by the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) for consideration by the United States Department of Education. Last October, we were notified that based on our test scores on the Terra Nova Assessment, given in March of 2017, we qualified to submit an application. This in itself is a huge accomplishment because to qualify, our scores had to be in the top 15% of all schools, public and private, in the nation. Although we will not know if Transfiguration Academy will be named a Blue Ribbon School until September, it is a tremendous accomplishment that we qualified to submit the application and that we successfully made it through CAPE's review of our application.

**Upcoming events open to the public (please contact the Academy for more information):**

**Fri, Mar 2:** 9:00 a.m. First Friday Mass and 12:00 p.m. dismissal with 8<sup>th</sup> grade bake sale in Conlon Hall. All proceeds go towards graduation expenses.

**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. If you want to learn more about Transfiguration Academy, directly from the students, click on this video: <https://youtu.be/I2bF37YBpbs>

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

**TRIP TO THE FINGER LAKES, NEW YORK**

**CELEBRATING OUR PARISH'S 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

A 3 day, 2 night trip to the Finger Lakes, NY is being planned For September 5th-7th, 2018. The price of \$415 per person double occ./\$499 single occ. Includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, including Belhurst Castle, Corning Museum of Glass, Willard Memorial Tiffany Chapel, wine tasting at Casa Larga Vineyards, Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion, Wegman's Marketplace, Scenic Lake Cruise, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, luggage handling, taxes, meal gratuities and bus transportation. A \$100 deposit per person will hold your reservation and is due by May 16<sup>th</sup>. Cancellation insurance is recommended. Make all checks payable to Ascension Church and mark the outside of the envelope "Finger Lakes Trip". And can be dropped off at the rectory or mailed. For further info. Call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.



**Calendar:**

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> --- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> –9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, March 4<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.



This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on their baptism and becoming members of the Church. Through Baptism we are initiated into the life of Christ and his Body, the Church. Our membership in the Christian community is both a privilege and a responsibility of belonging to the Lord Jesus, whom God has called together. How are we as a parish witnessing the Holy Spirit's presence to others and show how we pray and care for one another?



**All Parents:**

When calling your children out for Religious Education on Sundays, please make sure that you call the Religious Education phone number 201-836-3085. If you call the Rectory number, we do not receive that message until Monday Morning.

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

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

*Come and Join us...*

*Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford*

*St. John's Church*

*Bergenfield*

*St. Mary's Church*

*Dumont*

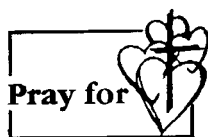
*Invite You to Gather Together and Celebrate...*

***Lenten Communal Penance Service***  
*with Individual Confession*

*Saturday,*  
*March 3, 2018*  
*St. John's Church*  
*Bergenfield*  
*1:00 P.M.*



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



*“To everything there is a season...*

*“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 Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Charles Hellriegel, John Delaney, Anita Zucconi, Joel Rivera, Albert Ginocchio, Victor Muwonge, Bob Quinn,  
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 for peace...”*

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  
Con & Rose Lynch

### 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.



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### Second Sunday of Lent, February 25, 2018

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Church GR  
Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am

### Monday, February 26, 2018

Religious Education Grade 8 – 7:00pm - School  
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

### Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

### Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Harrison House  
Confirmation Prep. – 7:00pm  
Novena 7:30pm – Church  
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.  
Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

### Thursday, March 1, 2018

No events

### First Friday, March 2, 2018

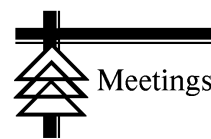
Communion Visits to homebound  
Mass & Stations of the Cross & 7:30pm

### First Saturday, March 3, 2018

NO Confessions at Ascension  
Tri-Parish Lenten Penance Service at St. John's  
Bergenfield at 1:00pm  
Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

### Third Sunday of Lent, March 4, 2018

Parish Maintenance & Repairs  
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Church GR  
Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am



PARISH EVENTS MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM  
“ALL ARE WELCOME”

### 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.

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



**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 2018" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend



**ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 5th\*25th or 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?**

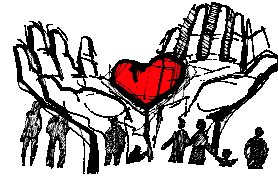
The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating Christian marriage Anniversaries this year.

The Anniversary Liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

**April 29, 2018 at 3:00pm  
For Five and Twenty-Five Years  
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**May 6, 2018 at 3:00pm  
For Fifty Years**

Please notify the parish office no later than March 26 if you would like to attend one of the celebrations.



**PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION**

During this Lenten season please consider Stewardship, the sharing of your talents and time with any of the many ministries we offer here at your parish. Sing in our Choirs (adult/children)\*Become a Eucharistic Minister or Lector at our weekend Masses\*Minister at Woodcrest\*Help plan our Parish Events\*Become an Altar Server (adult/child).

**Yes I am willing to share my talent & time, please contact me.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please print and return to the parish office or in collection basket)**



**MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT BREAKFAST**

**On Sunday, February 25, 2018 between 9:00am-12:00 noon** all men, 18 years and older, are welcome to nourish their Catholic Faith by exploring membership in this wonderful Brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus. Drop by Council Hall, 199 River Road (off Main Street in New Milford), before or after each Mass on Sunday February 25 for a delicious hot breakfast and a chance to hear a presentation and receive important literature.

Want more information? Contact Grand Knight Robert Luongo at 201-539-7726 or by email at [bluongo761@yahoo.com](mailto:bluongo761@yahoo.com).

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



**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: \_\_\_\_\_