



Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week

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

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris  
 7:30 Henry Volcan  
 9:30 John Montecucollo  
 11:30 Roberto Caparas, Jr.

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

7:00 Apple, Clarisse & Mycah Gallevo  
 8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
 8:30 Hughie McAree

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
 8:30 Fredrick & Agnes Balagot

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

7:00 Helen Walker  
 8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy

**Friday, March 9, 2018**

7:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evans  
 8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

7:30 Bob Quinn, Healing  
**Saturday, March 10, 2018**  
 8:30 Tessie Don  
 5:30 Venessa Manzano-Habana, B'day (L)

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 11, 2018**

7:30 Rose D'Eufemia  
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 11:30 Pacifico Bautista

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

February 26, 2017:	\$6,426.00
February 25, 2018:	\$5,848.00
Fr. Hilary Scholarship:	\$1,170.00

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

**Readings for Sunday  
 March 12, 2018**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5,  
 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 Scrutiny:  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a,  
 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41  
 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Malls have become social hubs, busy beehives of shopping and eating for millions of us. That was the case, too, when Jews flowed into Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Jesus finds the animal sellers and money-changers doing a brisk business, selling sacrificial animals and changing currency for the travellers. It was a real mall atmosphere.

But the noise was not the real problem. The Temple was a magnificent structure built on the highest mound overlooking the Holy City. God's presence was enshrined here. It was a place of such extreme holiness that even today, Jews turn toward this site in prayer. So we can see why Jesus, the Son of God, would explode with rage at these men who were just doing "business as usual". Not only a lack of reverence for the dwelling place of his Father; Jesus was angry and taking a stand against what we might call "the mall mentality."

Jesus saw that deepest religious tradition being cheapened and trivialized by greedy, exploitative practices. Is this close to the irreverence and greed of our own culture? When the sacred reality of our God is pushed out of the center of our lives, what becomes our center? The "mall-mindset" Jesus condemns today also describes our obsession with competition, money, eating, shopping and accumulating "things."

The Commandments are like markers placed in a river to tell us where to steer to avoid death by drowning. But, let us keep asking ourselves, do we live a faithful life with God's holy commands as the backbone of our behavior?

✠ Ascension Ministers—Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors—please pick up your Holy Week and Easter ministries availabilities form in the sacristy after Mass. They must be returned next weekend.

✠ Next weekend we begin **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**...Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

✠ Next weekend we will take up a second collection for **Peter's Pence**, which helps our Holy Father in his works of charity.

✠ Please plan ahead to be with us on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will join together for our **Parish Lenten Evening of Recollection** which will begin at 5:30pm with a Lenten Soup Supper served by our 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation candidates. Tickets are \$6.00 per person. At 7pm we will pray the Stations of the Cross followed by Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, opportunity for individual sacramental Reconciliation, and at 8:45pm we will conclude with Benediction. What a beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the holiest week of the year!

✠ We have begun the **Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal for 2018**. Thank you to our 97 parish families who have already contributed to the 2018 Appeal. Cardinal Tobin has set our 2018 goal at \$40,546.00. Our pledges to date amount to \$16,753.00. 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!

*Fr. David*



**Enrichment Activity Period**

This school year, Transfiguration Academy began a bi-monthly enrichment activity period. During these periods, which take place on the 1st Friday and 3rd Tuesday of each month, our students can explore their interests and talents in activities that go beyond the regular academic program. Students in grades 1-8 are able to select the activity they wish to participate. This year, the activities offered included: stock market club, film critique, film making, dance, game club, chess and checkers, cooking, computer games, book making, yoga, scrap booking, bell choir, cup stacking, badminton, arts and crafts, and sewing.

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

**Thu, Mar 22:** Poetry Night @ 7:00 p.m. in Conlon Hall

**Tue, Mar 27:** Science Fair @ 5p in Conlon Hall

**Mon, Apr 2 through Fri, Apr 6:** 8:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m, Easter Camp for children ages 4 and up. The cost is \$190 per child with sibling discount available. Some of the activities include outdoor playground fun, indoor sports and games, storytelling, reading, movies, interactive games, arts and crafts, music and dance, & daily prayer. The registration deadline is Mar 23.

**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, March 4<sup>th</sup> --- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

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

Sunday, March 11<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 listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us. How do we as a parish listen attentively to the word of God and allow the Spirit of love to transform our hearts and our minds – our very lives?



**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 either Monday Morning or the next day.

**Sunday, March 18, 2018: First Communion Retreat-** starting with 9:30 am Mass—This is a Mandatory Retreat. After Mass all First Communion Candidates will go to class and parents will return at 11:45 am to continue with the retreat. At least one parent **MUST** attend.

On Friday, March 23, 2018 our 2018 Confirmation Class will be hosting the Parish Lenten Soup Supper starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets are available from any Confirmation Candidate or in the Rectory during regular office hours until Sunday March 18, 2018. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

**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

MARCH 4, 2018

# Come... Join Us...

## Ascension Parish's 18th Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy Stockbridge, MA

### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018



- + 6:30am Departure for National Shrine  
*(Bring your own lunch.)*
- + 9:00am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- + 10:00am Music, Spiritual Presentations, Rosary (Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)
- + 1:00pm Divine Mercy Solemn Liturgy (Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)  
Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz
- + 3:00pm Solemn Celebration of the "Hour of Great Mercy,"  
Novena, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Blessings of Religious Articles (Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

<b>Confessions Tent</b> 9:00am - 5:00pm	<b>Adoration and Candle Tent</b> 9:00am - 5:00pm	<b>Enrollments and Masses Tent</b> 9:00am - 4:00pm
<b>Pilgrim Food Court</b> 8:00am - 5:00pm	<b>Gift Shop Tent</b> 9:00am - 5:00pm	

There will be ample time to visit the various shrines and gift shop.  
Departure time to Ascension at approximately 5:00pm, arriving at Ascension between 8:00 and 8:30pm.  
**Cost: \$35.00 per person.**

Fill out the Registration Form below and return with your check (made payable to: Ascension Church) in an envelope marked "Shrine Trip" and drop it in the rectory mail slot.  
**Deadline: Wednesday, April 4.** Your check is your reservation.  
For further information, please call: Anna Giella (201) 265-9435, or Mel Mintz (201) 921-1144.

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## Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy April 8, 2018

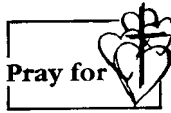
### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: Wednesday, April 4.** Your check is your reservation.

## THIRD 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 Kloebler, Richard Gabettie, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Charles Hellriegel, John Delaney, Anita Zucconi, Joel Rivera, 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.

*"a time to die..."*

**Albert Ginocchio**

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this  
week in loving memory of  
**William & Elizabeth Morris**

**BREAD and WINE** this week  
are in loving memory of  
**William & Elizabeth Morris**



### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let 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.



Thank you to all the Ascension Parishioners for all their prayers for Albert Ginocchio in the Book of the Sick during the last two months or so. Barbara Santore and Ginocchio families



**BERGEN GARDEN CENTER AND FARMS**  
**201-261-1574**

Please remember to patronize,  
who help make this bulletin possible



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

**Parish Maintenance & Repairs Collection**

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

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am

### Monday, March 5, 2018

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory

Confessions at Transfiguration Academy – 1:00pm

Religious Education Grade 7 – 7:00pm - School

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

### Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Woodcrest Center Mass – 2:30pm

### Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Confirmation Prep. – 7:00pm

Novena 7:30pm – Church

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

Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

### Thursday, March 8, 2018

No events

### Friday, March 9, 2018

Mass & Stations of the Cross & 7:30pm

### Saturday, March 10, 2018

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

### Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 11, 2018

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

**Peter's Pence Collection**

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

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am



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 \$1,170.00. Father is most appreciative and sends his best regards and blessings to all the parishioners of Ascension Parish.

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



### BEEFSTEAK DINNER EXTRAVAGANZA

**On Saturday, April 14, 2018 6:30pm-10:00pm.** Dinner catered by Nightingale Catering. Donation is \$35. Per person. Will be held in Ascension's Father Benedict Center. For Tickets and information please contact John Landers (201) 986-1332.



**NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 4th\***  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**  
**SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR**

**2019 MASS BOOK 2019**

Our 2019 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Please see flyer in this bulletin for mass request form and very important information regarding changes in weekday mass schedule. Please note, if our parish is assigned a permanent Prochical Vicar, we will re-instate a second weekday mass.



**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.

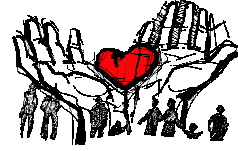
**MEMORIALS**

"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: \_\_\_\_\_



**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)**

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY  
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – MARCH 19TH**

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.

- Coffee\*Tea\*Apple Juice\*Powdered Milk\*Cornd Beef Hash\***
- Instant Oatmeal\*Egg Noodles\*Grated Cheese\*Cake Mix\*Cake Icing\***
- Jam\*Pancake Mix\*Pancake Syrup\*Jell-O\*Pudding\*Crackers\***
- Cookies\*Hamburger Helper\*Salad Dressing\*Toothpaste\*Tissues\***
- Napkins\*Manhattan Clam Chowder\*New England Clam Chowder\***
- Paper Towels\*Bathroom Tissue\*Hair Conditioner\*Deodorant**

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

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



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