

Church of the Ascension

Welcomes You and
Invites You to Share with us . . .



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+ Our Pastoral Life +

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish family. Every family participating regularly in the spiritual life of our parish is encouraged to register at the Rectory. Please inform us if you are moving.

BAPTISM:

It is mandatory to attend a baptism instruction class before scheduling the date for the baptism. Baptism is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents must be registered parishioners and must attend pre-Baptism instruction usually given on the first Sunday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing. Pre-registration at the Rectory is necessary prior to the Baptism instruction.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Other times by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated seasonally.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

Please notify the Rectory of any elderly, shut-ins, or sick at home who wish to receive the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick. Priests of the parish will be happy to visit parishioners in the hospitals in the area. Please notify the Rectory if someone from your family is in the hospital and wishes a priest to visit.

WEDDINGS:

Please make arrangements at the Rectory with one of the priests of the parish one year in advance.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018

+ Our Eucharistic Celebrations +

Saturday
8:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Friday
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m. (Fridays during Lent)

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

+ Our Devotions +

Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday 7:45 a.m.



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RECTORY

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 22, 2018

5:30 Ramon V. Abuedo
7:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Ramon Abuedo

Monday, April 23, 2018

7:00 Ramon Galang
8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
8:30 Michael Iannetta

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

7:00 Ramon Galang
8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy

Thursday, April 26, 2018

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
8:30 Michael O'Hara

Friday, April 27, 2018

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
8:30 Patrick Delaney & Family (L)

Saturday, April 28, 2018

8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy
5:30 John Carbone

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2018

7:30 Tessie Mulvihill
9:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy
11:30 Philip Klocek, Birthday (L)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

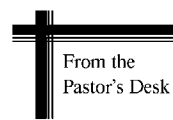
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

April 15, 2018: \$5,623.50
Fr. Hilary Scholarship: \$1,098.00

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

Reading for Sunday, April 29, 2018

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



This image of Jesus as a good shepherd doesn't seem to have the powerful meaning Jesus intended in the gospel today. Shepherds then had a terrible reputation as thieves and outlaws. They raised the animals used in the Jewish temple services, but because of their dirty profession, they were called "unclean" and not allowed to attend the services.

So we have the supreme paradox of Jesus actually calling himself a "good" shepherd. It would have been as shocking then as calling him "the good drug-dealer" or "the good slumlord."

Real shepherds were tough loners, men who fought off wild animals, rescued trapped lambs, ate what they could kill, and slept in the open with their dogs. Contrast this with those pristine pictures we usually see of Jesus as the Good Shepherd—standing there, untouched, tidy, in a blinding white robe with a few peaceful sheep at his feet.

Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" because he is the only shepherd who has lived our life and cares for us as for his own self. "I lay down my life for the sheep." He's not some untouched icon; he is in there, fighting for us and with us in the grittiest and toughest moments of our lives.

Today on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we listen as Jesus proclaims our one and only vocation: "Follow me!" We are called to be lovers—of God and God's children. We are called to use our unique combination of gifts in whatever lifestyle will best allow us to "Follow Him", be it single, married, priestly or religious life. Let us follow Jesus by listening well!

We offer our best wishes and prayers for join in special prayer for the children in our parish family who are receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. They and their families have been preparing for this great event for some time now, learning what the Eucharist is all about and what it means to be part of the Eucharistic community. May our children and their families always be eager to receive Jesus at his Table of Life. Special thanks to Dena Sedlak and to the catechists who have shared their faith so joyously with these children.

Let us also pray for our young men and women who will receive the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 12th, at 11:00am Mass with Bishop Dominic Marconi.

Just a reminder...Couples for Christ will meet on Sunday, April 22nd, at 2pm in the Fr. Benedict Center for an Orientation Session. All parishioners are invited to come and hear about the wonderful work of this group. You will not be disappointed.

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

Handwritten signature: Fr. David



“Rising New York Road Runners United Half Marathon”

Last week we highlighted our 12th annual sports awards dinner and our basketball, karate, and volleyball programs. This week, we want to discuss the personal achievement of one of our student athletes,

Hans Sto Thomas. Hans completed a 1500 meter run in Times Square as part of the Rising New York Road Runners United Half Marathon. Congratulations Hans!

Academics, arts, athletics, and authentic Catholic values are all essential components of a Transfiguration Academy education.

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

Fri, May 4 & Sat, May 5: "Beauty and the Beast, JR."~ Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, Book by Linda Woolverton ~ Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth ~ Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions.

Transfiguration Academy's Drama Club will be presenting "Beauty & the Beast" at 7 p.m. in Conlon Hall. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Students enter the program in 5th grade and have four years of formation to prepare them for high school programs. For more information about the Drama Club, contact Mrs. Bontia - cbontia@transfigurationacademy.org. For example, alumnus Blaise Rossmann will be playing the role of Jesus in Paramus Catholic's Apr 26-28 presentation of "Godspell."

Do you want to learn more?

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 or call the school office at 201-384-3627. We also have a video: <https://youtu.be/I2bF37YBpbs>

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Calendar:

Sunday, April 22nd --- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, April 23rd – 8th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, April 25th –9th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, April 29th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

April 29, 2018 will be the last one until October. Please remember to pick up the Children’s Bulletins in the back of Church each weekend.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Confirmation Class of 2018:

Reminder that on **Wednesday May 2, 2018** will be our Confirmation Retreat. This is a **MANDATORY RETREAT FOR ALL**. All 9th grade Candidates must report to the Fr. Benedict Center (Gym) by 4pm. We will end at 10 pm and dinner will be served.

Registration for 2018-2019:

Registration forms the 2018-2019 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 30th. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

Volunteers Needed:

† We are in NEED of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 School year. Anyone interested, please call Mrs. 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

APRIL 22, 2018



Catholic Diocese of Nsukka

Catholic Secretariat, P. O. Box 32, Nsukka, Enugu State, Nigeria

PSO/018/009

7 March 2018

Rev. Fr. David MILIKEN,
Church of Ascension,
Archdiocese of Newark,
NJ, USA.

Rev and dear Fr.,

GRATITUDE

May the name of Jesus Christ be praised both now and forever!

I write to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your kind gestures and generosity towards one of my Priests **Rev. Fr. Hilary Okechukwu OCHO**. Fr. Hilary informed me of your willingness together with your parishioners to assist him financially in his studies. We thank you immensely for such a wonderful demonstration of Christian solidarity.

As you may well know, Fr. Hilary is currently studying Church History in Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. This was necessitated by the need for competent Lecturers in our Provincial Major Seminaries. Having completed the Licentiate, it is still necessary that he does the Doctorate in order to be better equipped and experienced to teach and groom our seminarians in the all-important area of Church History. Unfortunately we could not find a scholarship for him for the programme. Your assistance is therefore coming at a time we needed it most and it is not just a great support to our Diocese, but also to the Onitsha Ecclesiastical province and indeed to the Church in Nigeria and will certainly contribute to the growth of the Church in this part of the world.

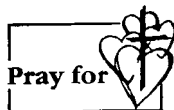
I assure you and your parishioners of my prayers and those of the Presbyterium and Lay Faithful of our Diocese and gladly impart upon you my blessing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ **Godfrey Igwebuike ONAH**
Bishop of Nsukka



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"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, Victor Muwonge, Bob Quinn, Benny Santiago, Aldo Guerra, Janice P., 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..."

Renato Aglipay

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Michael Ianetta**

APRIL

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

First Holy Communion at 9:30am and 11:30am Masses

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

Monday, April 23, 2018

Religious Education Grade 7 – 7:00pm – School

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Harrison House

Religious Education, Confirmation Prep – 7:00pm -

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

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

Filipino Core Meeting – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, April 26, 2018

No events

Friday, April 27, 2018

No events

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Confessions at 11:00am in Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Catholic Home Mission

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Church

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am



**PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 24 AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

"NEW MEMEBERS 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.

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.

TRIP TO THE FINGER LAKES, NEW YORK

CELEBRATING OUR PARISH'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

A 3 day, 2 night trip to the Finger Lakes, NY is being planned For September 5th-7th, 2018. The price of \$415per 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 16th. 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.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 165 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$30,823.00 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 \$40,546.00



WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners

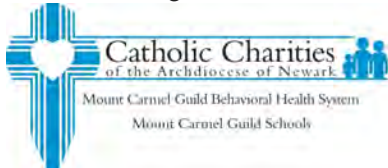
The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the rectory office. Thank You!

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: _____

The Joys of Easter



Christ is risen!

These words fill the festive celebrations of Catholic Churches throughout the world. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys in the depth of their hearts due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing to the bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

**BUS TRIP – TO ATLANTIC CITY
 Saturday, April 28, 2018**



Come Ride with Us To



The Filipino Community of Ascension Church is sponsoring a Fundraising trip, leaving Ascension parking lot at 8:30 am.

The cost of the trip is \$35.00/per person with casino voucher back of \$30.00. Make your check payable to: Church of the Ascension.

**For further information, please call
 Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817**

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal * April 29, 2018. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at

www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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

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 Phone: _____ Donation Amt.: _____
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 Date Requested: _____

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WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**