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MOTHER

Love Faith Strength

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, 2018

5:30 All Mothers

7:30 Living

9:30 and

11:30 Deceased

Monday, May 14, 2018

7:00 The Lee, Foran & O'Conor Families

8:30 Thomas & Maureen Meyer

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

7:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

8:30 Satiago Sunga

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:00 Pat & Peg Mulvihill (L)

8:30 Vincent Gianfredi

Thursday, May 17, 2018

7:00 Jose U. Ruiz, Jr. (L)

8:30 Elba Morales

Friday, May 18, 2018

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 James Byrne

Saturday, May 19, 2018

8:30 Edward Walsh McDonough

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Sunday, May 20, 2018

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:30 James Byrne

11:30 Edward Scoppa

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

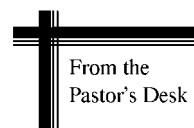
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

May 7, 2017:	\$5,654.00
May 6, 2018:	\$4,978.50
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$3,140.00

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

Reading for Sunday, May 20, 2018

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39



If you are a mother or father, can you go back to the moment that you first saw and touched one of your newborn children? Most mothers and fathers report that, in gazing at their baby, they felt the deepest love they had ever felt in their lives. Along with this was a fierce, all-consuming desire to care for and protect this small life that they never knew until that moment.

Hopefully, all of us, whether single or married, have at some time felt this deep, powerful desire to care for a tiny, defenseless creature that has been given to us to protect. The Scriptures we hear today proclaim that THIS is the passion and intensity of the love God has for us.

The entire life of the church community should radiate out from, and continually proclaim this passionate love. Instead, many of the very people Jesus came for unfortunately see the church as cold and controlled, pushing some kind of detached, intellectual "virtue of love." If we as church loved as Jesus is begging and praying for today—I don't think we'd ever have to worry about poor attendance in Catholic churches again!

How can we reach out to those who feel shut out or alienated by the church? Maybe it's offering the very compassion of Jesus, in the form of respect, friendship, patient listening. Intellectual discussions are not the best at showing the tender love of a mother or father to those who seek Jesus.

Jesus' prayer for oneness especially includes all those who will one day believe in him. I believe we Christians could take our mission statement from that prayer. If we are privileged to be Jesus' disciples, then we are equally privileged to bring not just intellectual discussions, but the compassion of true love to everyone who needs it.

✠ **Ascension Ministers**--Altar servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers--please return your summer availabilities form to Fr. David for the summer schedule as soon as possible.

✠ Congratulations to our young men and women who received the Holy Spirit this weekend in the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide us together as Jesus' disciples to do what Jesus did, being bearers of peace, love, and forgiveness.

✠ This weekend we recognize a great gift of God's special love in our lives—our **Mothers**. On this Mother's Day may we take this opportunity to thank and pray, especially for our mothers, living and deceased, for the many ways they have sacrificed themselves for us. May God bless all our mothers. Motherhood takes on so many forms today. Let us affirm and remember in our prayers all women who take on a mothering role in our lives—religious sisters, teachers, aunts, sisters, best friends, counselors, advisors, mentors, neighbors. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers for the month of May. **Happy Mother's Day to all MOMS!**

✠ May I ask that next Sunday, **Pentecost Sunday**, we all **wear something RED** to remind each other of the power of the Holy Spirit we all share.

✠ Just a reminder...On Sunday, June 7th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. We will celebrate 12:00 Noon Mass, after which we will expose the Blessed Sacrament and enter into a procession around our church grounds. During the procession we will pause twice for Benediction and return to church for a third Benediction. What a day of Eucharistic Blessing for Ascension! Please, plan to join us!

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



“Transfiguration Academy earns re-accreditation by the Middle States Association”

Transfiguration Academy has earned re-accreditation by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools, a worldwide leader in accreditation and continuous school improvement.

Accreditation is a self-evaluation process that schools voluntarily undergo to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of performance standards. The accreditation process helps schools – and ultimately students – to continuously grow and improve.

The process begins with a self-study that is conducted by the school and requires input from school leaders, teachers, parents and students. Following the self-study, a team of volunteer educators from Association member schools conducts an on-site peer review visit to observe school operations and interview various stakeholders. The visiting team makes its recommendation to the Middle States Association Commissions, which votes on the accreditation.

“The accreditation process examines schools in a holistic way, supplementing student testing data and providing a more complete measure of a school’s performance,” said Henry G. Cram, Ed.D. president of the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools. “School leaders, teachers and parents are to be commended for working together to create a concrete plan focused on providing high quality education for all students.”

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

Tue, May 22: "Spring Concert and Art Show "

Transfiguration Academy will have its *Spring Concert and Art Show* on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Conlon Hall. The concert features religious and patriotic songs. There will also be some readings of quotes by Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy. The Art Show showcases the student art works from Pre-K to 8th grade. Come and join us for an evening of beautiful music and fine art.

Do you want to learn more?

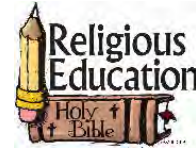
Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum for grades PreK2 through 8 or to schedule a tour of our Academy, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627. We also have a video: <https://youtu.be/l2bf37YBpbs>

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



Knights of Columbus 50/50 Cash Raffle For 8th Grade Scholarships

St. Joseph Council No. 3814 of Oradell/New Milford is sponsoring a **50/50 Cash Raffle to raise \$2,000 for our 8th Grade Scholarship Program**. Each ticket is \$20. 1st Prize is 50% of gross proceeds. The drawing will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 9PM at the Council Hall. Winner need not be present to win. Contact Jeff Walters at (201) 925-7174 or (201)262-9722.



Calendar:

Sunday, May 13th – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS OF THE PARISH

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will resume in October, please look for the Children’s Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Children’s Liturgy of the Word, anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.



Congratulation to the Confirmation Class of 2018: Melissa Adelung, Therese Rosalia Alfeche, Katherine Catherine Argudo, Jonas Lorenza Bacani, Kristine Joan Ballesteros, Thomas Bravo, Allyson Cecilia Cabreza, Marimel Anastasia Dabu, Paris Faustina Dela Cruz, Jaiza Candida Maria Em, Andrew Enrile, Jack Michael Feeney, Justine John Fernandez, Robe Peter Mallari, Jacob John Paul Mattappillil, Katelyn Anne Mulligan, Mia Marina Nebad-Perez, Kurt Cosmas Real, Russel Albert Rivera, Jake Longinus Valencia, Divan John Bosco Yu.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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 – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory
Other times by appointment

Ascension Parish

*offers our prayers and best wishes to
our First Communicants*

*Isabelle Alvarez,
Roman Burgos,
Alexandra Cortes,
Rachel Dipad,
Xavier Doydora,*

*Vince Ermita,
Cyan Kylie Fototuna,
Raphael Genelso,
Xavier Habana,
Charmagne Ibe,*

*Rex Magdadaro, Jr.,
Owen McKeon,
Aidan Toriano,
Victoria Uson,
Jaydan Valencia*

*May Jesus, the Good Shepherd,
lead you again and again to his table!*

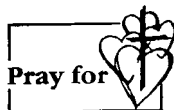
and our Confirmants

*Melissa Adelung
Katherine Catherine Argudo
Therese Alfeche
Jonas Lorenzo Bacani
Kristine Joan Ballesteros
Thomas Jared Bravo
Allyson Cecilia Cabreza
Marimel Anastasia Dabu
Paris Faustina Delacruz
Jaiza Candida Maria
Andrew Enrile*

*Jack Michael Feeney
Justin John Fernandez
Robe Peter Mallari
Jacob John Paul Mattappillil
Katelyn Anne Mulligan
Mia Marina Nebad-Perez
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Jake Longinus Valencia
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*Grow in the Spirit!
May God Bless You Always!*

SEVENTH 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 Dnohue, 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, A1C James Penser, Beale AFB, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Luisa Garcia**

BREAD and WINE this week are in loving memory of **Con and Rose Lynch**



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of **Margaret McEwan Bitetti**



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 13, 2018

Communicating God's Word

Blessing of mothers at all masses

Couples for Christ – 2:00pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.

Monday, May 14, 2018

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

"Ask the Funeral Director" – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

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

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

Thursday, May 17, 2018

No events

Friday, May 18, 2018

No events



Saturday, May 19, 2018

Confession – 11:00am - Church

Santa Cruzen – 6:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

Second Collection for Fr. Hilary's Scholarship

Couples for Christ – 2:00pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.

"Communication is really about realizing that we are all human beings, **children of God."**
This weekend, May 12-13, we will take up a special collection for Communicating God's Word. This includes Communications, Evangelization, Catholic University and the Church in Latin America. Please be as generous as your means allow. For more information please visit the Catholic Communication Campaign website at www.USCCB.ORG/CCC.



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MOTHER'S DAY



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 176 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$31,853.00 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

"Ask The Funeral Director"

Please join Michael Mittenzwei from the Boulevard Funeral Home and Cremation Service, on Tuesday May 22nd for a 12:30 luncheon (held in the gathering room) for a 1 hour "Ask The Funeral Director" presentation and a discussion of the Catholic Church's guidelines on cremation. Please RSVP for each event to the rectory office, 201-836-8961, by Friday, May 18th.



Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us
Made us strive in every way
Especially to remember
Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute
Flows directly from my heart
You are so loved and cherished
Invaluable, one and all, you are.

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: _____

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: _____

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – MAY 20TH

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*Grape Juice*Iced Tea Mix*Lemonade Mix*Salad Dressing
Apple Sauce*Jam*Bread Crumbs*Chicken Gravy*Beef Gravy*Pudding*
Jell-O*Sugar*Instant Mashed Potatoes*Flour*Lentil Soup*Manhattan clam chowder*New England clam chowder

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

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.

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.