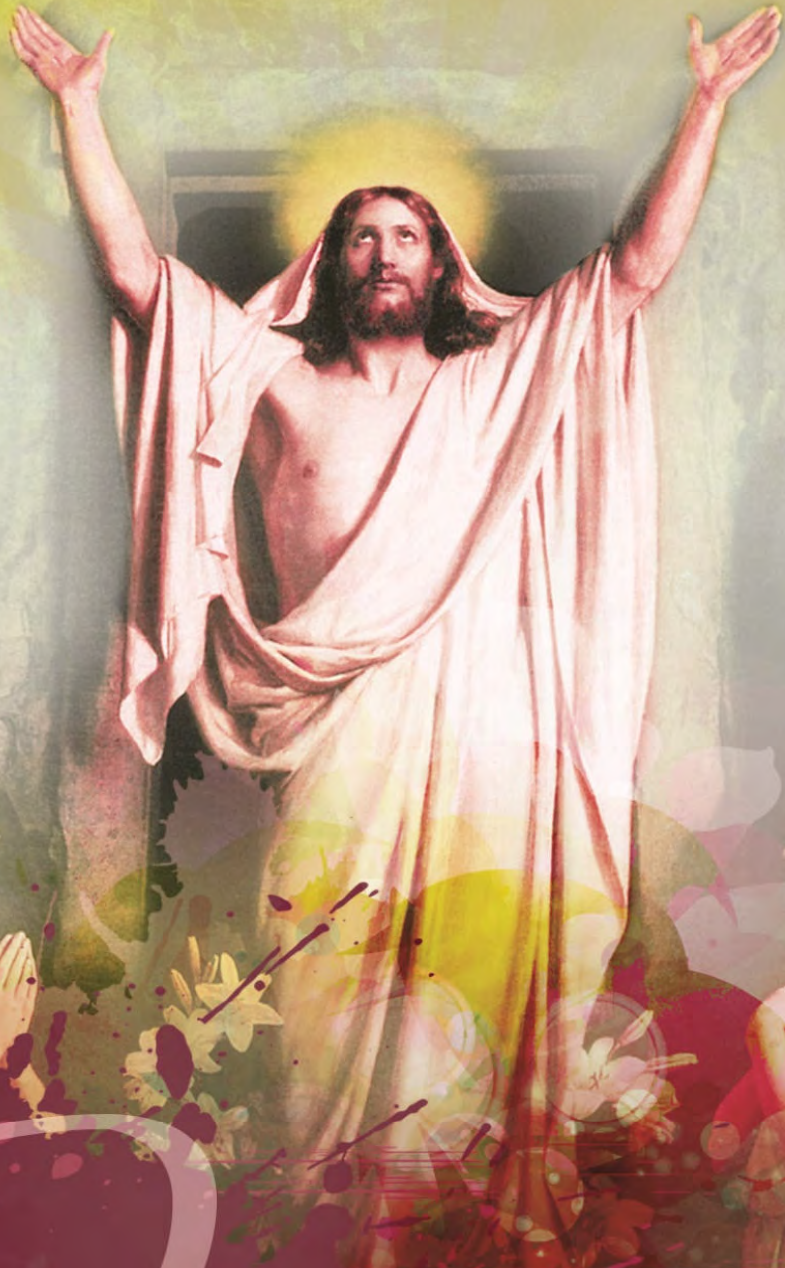


E A S T E R S U N D A Y



THE

Resurrection

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

EASTER SUNDAY of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 4, 2021

8:30pm Easter Vigil
7:30 All Parishioners of Ascension
9:30 Living and
11:30 Deceased

Monday, April 5, 2021

8:30 Percy Habana (L)
8:30 John Trimarchi

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Varkey Augusty

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

8:30 Jean DeVito
8:30 Jack Sharkey, 70 B'day (L)

Thursday, April 8, 2021

8:30 Carol Britske
8:30 Beatriz Santos

Friday, April 9, 2021

8:30 Paula Favorito
8:30 Joseph Kelly

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Memorial
8:30 Mariano & Angeles Hontanosas
5:30pm William & Elizabeth Morris

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Enrique & Sandy Blanco, Anniv.(L)
11:30 Alphonse Giella Family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday April 11, 2021

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
[1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!! By his death and Resurrection, Jesus has destroyed sin and death forever!! And he has done it, not by brute force and violence, but by being the Suffering Servant who willingly laid down his life so that we and every creature loved into life by God would have that life forever. Who would not want to say "Amen! Alleluia!" to that!?

Today, Jesus' beloved friend, Mary Magdalene, comes as a seeker, needing closure and proof of what seems unbelievable. She is desperately grieving and longing to see her Lord.... Just as we feel when someone we love has died. We have that sense of unreality, "I can't believe they're really gone." But today we learn that Jesus and all of our loved ones are still alive! It is like a dream that we almost can't believe!

Mary came to the tomb, looking for the dead Jesus. But through the miracle of Easter, she finds the living Lord. Or, better, the living Lord finds her. Because, even if we are grieving, disillusioned with life, or filled with fear or shame at something in our life—God never stops calling us by name.

And that is exactly why we are all here today. We gather together to "re-member" the Body of Christ—to re-tell the stories of faith, to eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus, "in memory of Him." Mary said, "I have seen the Lord." Let us hold these words of life close to our hearts as we celebrate with joy this Easter feast.

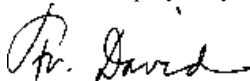
We find the Easter Jesus' words of life where we find men and women alive with love for neighbors, near and afar. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life when we see people caring for each other in all of the difficulties that life can bring, the many storms we weather in our own daily lives. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in our parish priests and our pastoral staff who care for us in our need. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in the ministers who serve us so faithfully during the pandemic at our Eucharistic Liturgies: altar servers, lectors, special ministers of the Eucharist, cantors, choirs, decorators, and sacristans. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life especially in the members of our Service Ministries who throughout the pandemic have offered services to the hungry poor through our parish Food Pantry, and Hackensack walk-in for the homeless. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in the caring, concern, and faith sharing of our catechists, parents, and students of our Religious Education Programs. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life when we see parents taking care of their children, even though it means giving up so much, so often. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in our parishioners' lively faith and generous stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure, like the hours spent in preparing liturgical ceremonies, decorating our church for special Holy Days, and our generous response to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life in the leaders and participants of our parish "LIVE LENT" Lenten Program.

Easter calls us to live with a hope-filled, positive and encouraging attitude. We find the Easter Jesus' words of life whenever you and I bring some genuine life to another person. There are so many ways in which we can bring new life to our family and friends. It seems we can never get enough gentle and genuine encouragement in our lives. When we live Jesus' Easter words, we are helping people to believe in the new life that Jesus offers through the earth-shattering event we call the Resurrection. On this Easter day I offer a special **THANK YOU** to all who allow the risen Jesus to bring new life to Ascension. As we celebrate Easter, may we continue to speak Jesus' Easter words of new life to one another. May the risen Jesus continue to Easter in each of us.

✘ **Five Minutes with the Word for Easter** booklets are available for you in the church vestibule. Please take one for yourself and feel free to take a couple to share with your friends. They'll appreciate the thought!

✘ Next weekend we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**. In preparation, we will celebrate the Solemn Novena to the Divine Mercy on Saturday, April 10th after the 8:30am Mass. **Ask for Mercy. Receive Mercy. Be Merciful! Please, remember to call the Parish Office to sign up.** Happy Easter, everyone!

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



BREAKING BREAD

With Daily Mass Propers

Our Hymns/Missalletes with daily and Sunday readings for the 2021 Liturgical Year are available. You may purchase one for your use the cost \$6.00 each. Please see Father David after mass or call the parish office (201-836-8961).

Returning to Grace:

**A Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist
By Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, Archbishop of Newark
Booklets available in the vestibule of church
or in the parish center office.**

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 Parish Office (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: _____

Please Notice This



OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Calendar:

Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter and all are asked to make sure all outstanding work is done. Enjoy your vacation.

Important:

1st Communion Families, please remember that all banners and 1st Communion packets are due in the Religious Education office by April 15, 2021. This includes Chapters 4, 5, 6, & 7.

Reminder that we have rehearsal for all Communion Candidates on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7 pm in the Church. The Candidate and ONE Parent only must be here by 6:55 pm.

All families are encouraged to come to Mass and to come on a weekly basis, the Church is open and is a safe place as we follow all safety guidelines. Please call Mrs. Carbone to sign up for Mass.

Parents are reminded to have their children do their weekly assignments and submit to Mrs. Carbone the on-line work for the Sunday Program by Tuesday and the Monday & Wednesday Program by Wednesday of each week. 9th Grade Parents please check your emails for the weekly Chapter reviews. Anyone that has any questions please contact Mrs. Carbone. Please make sure that all directions are followed on all sheets in the packet.

Please make sure that all NEW work in the packet is returned on the return date and all old work that is returned is taken out of the packet.

The 2021/2022 Registration Forms will be emailed out in the near future. Please fill them out and return before June 30th. Remember that one form for each student and please make sure that you update your email address and phone numbers.

Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 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 sharing their faith and working 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 Parish Center
Other times by appointment



APRIL 4, 2021

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We welcome you all to our celebration of **Easter 2021** here at Ascension.

We especially welcome those who have been away from Ascension due to school, illness or living elsewhere for whatever reason. It is good to have you home again. Welcome to all visitors.

Thank you for choosing to celebrate your Easter with us.

Easter is the most beautiful and holiest time of year, when we celebrate Jesus' new life shared with us at Easter and all throughout the year – the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of each other.

We invite you to share in many important celebrations of Jesus' new life shared with us during the seven weeks of the Easter Season and beyond.

We will keep you informed of our live-streaming on Facebook.

On Sunday, April 25th, we will celebrate **First Holy Communion**.

On Sunday, May 2nd, during the 9:30am Mass we will celebrate our **Crowning of our Blessed Mother**.

On Saturday, May 15th, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of our young men and women in the **sacrament of Confirmation**.

We will observe **Mother's Day** on May 9th and we will celebrate the **Blessing of Mothers** at all weekend Masses.

We will celebrate our **Parish Feast Day, Ascension Thursday**, May 13th. * Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am and our solemn celebration at 7:30pm.

What a special day for us!

*If the Cardinal changes the holiday to a Sunday, we'll let you know.

On May 23rd, the **Solemnity of Pentecost**, we celebrate the special presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We end the Easter Season on the weekend of May 30th, **Most Holy Trinity Sunday**.

On Sunday, June 6th, we will celebrate **Corpus Christi** at 11:30am Mass.

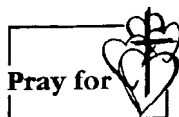
We will observe **Father's Day** on this weekend of June 20th with the **Blessing of Fathers** at all weekend Masses.

I encourage you to immerse yourself in the spirit and graces of the season by participating in these special celebrations and I ask that you bring someone you love with you.

My prayer is that the Risen Christ may live in your hearts and in your homes throughout this season.

A Most Blessed Easter!

EASTER SUNDAY



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Elnora Gordon, Al Suter, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Eileen Kloeblen, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, Neil Magbanua, Vincent Guido, John Person Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Bob Carucci, Danny Allen, John Person, Jerry Speciale, Nate Hall, Paul Figalora 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, Sr. A James Penser, Beale AFB, CA and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.

“a time for peace...”

our National and all World Leaders.

“a time to die...”

Harold Held

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Marge Bruno & Doris Piro**

BREAD and WINE this week
Donated in loving memory of
Marge Bruno & Doris Piro



EASTER SUNDAY, April 4, 2021

Mass in church at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

Only the 9:30am Mass will be livestreamed

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Friday, April 9, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church & livestream via FB



Diving Mercy

SUNDAY, April 11, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

In church ONLY not livestream

Catholic Stewardship in Action

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Thank you to the 115 families/individuals who have made a pledge. To date we have \$38,675.00 in pledges. We have reached our parish goal of \$36,642.00. If you haven't done so, please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. There is also a direct link on our website. Thank you for your support.

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 parish office to check availability.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**



PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
This Easter,
may we remember
why this season is celebrated
above all others.
When we see eggs and rabbits,
remind us of the joys
brought by all new life,
both through springtime in nature,
and eternal life through
Your resurrection.

When we see bright
ribbons and colors,
may we remember the
joy of this season,
at the conclusion of Lent.
Above all, help us remember
the greatest gift of all,
Your conquest of death and sin,
which saved all of us
from eternal death
and opened heaven's gates
for us all.
Amen.



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 parish center 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: _____



Thank you to all who have continued making their weekly donations, it is truly appreciated.

Please consider the following:

WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS

www.churchoftheascension.net

OR CONTACT DIRECTLY

WeShare Donor Customer Service Phone Number:
800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2)

WeShare Customer Service Email: weshare@4lpi.com

WeShare Donor FAQ: [WeShare Donor Support](#)

Please remember that during this crisis our monthly financial responsibilities continue.

If you are unable to come to church for Mass
Please mail in or drop off
(in door slot of parish center not black box)
your weekly contributions.

Thank you & God Bless!



HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – APRIL 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 continued support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- LEMONADE MIX-GRAPE JUICE-APPLE JUICE-JELL-O
- CRANBERRY JUICE-CANNED PEARS-BROWN RICE
- CLAM CHOWDER-LENTIL SOUP-BEEF GRAVY
- CHICKEN GRAVY-PUDDING-HOT COCOA-COOKIES
- CRACKERS-RAISIN BRAN-APPLE SAUCE-INSTANT RICE
- CANNED PINEAPPLE-CANNED PEACHES-FLAVORED RICE
- TOMATO SOUP-RAMEN SOUP-MUFFIN MIX-DISH SOAP
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-TOOTHPASTE-PAPER TOWELS
- NAPKINS-TISSUES-WOMENS/MENS DEODORANT
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM-LAUNDAY DETERGENT

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER
Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.