

Mass Intentions for the Week



The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2014

- 5:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
- 7:30 German Natividad Jr.
- 9:00 Judy Pieklo
- 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 12:00 Bell-Verrett Family

Monday, January 13, 2014

- 7:00 Dong T. Vo
- 8:30 Remedios M. Majul

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

- 7:00 Carolina Grande Tagle
- 8:30 Francisco Verrett

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

- 7:00 Francis-Rey Montecillo (living)
- 8:30 Juan Carlos Villordon

Thursday, January 16, 2014

- 7:00 Yolanda & Arthur Castranova
- 8:30 Beverly Davis

Friday, January 17, 2014

- 7:00 Antonio Munoz
- 8:30 Edward Wong King

Saturday, January 18, 2014

- 8:30 Reynald Gatal
- 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Sunday, January 19, 2014

- 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
- 9:00 Timothy Cronin
- 10:30 Remedios Ermita
- 12:00 Balogot & Viduya Families

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

December 29, 2013:	\$8,158.00
ParishPay:	\$ 622.37
Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1, 2014:	\$3,728.00
Last Weekend, January 5, 2014:	\$7,450.00
ParishPay:	\$ 622.37
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,181.00
Additional Christmas 2013:	\$1,446.00
Christmas ParishPay:	\$2,730.00

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

Readings for the Week of January 12, 2014

- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/
Mt 3:13-17
- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/
Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34

Can you remember having a breath-taking experience that involved water? Maybe a fantastic day at the ocean, jumping up and down in the waves... water-skiing... snorkeling or diving? Well, "breath-taking" is exactly the response that John the Baptist had today when Jesus came up to be baptized by in the Jordan River. John's type of baptism was about seeking cleansing and forgiveness for sins. So he's awestruck when Jesus appears at the Jordan River to be baptized: "What are you doing coming to me—shouldn't I be coming to you for baptism?"

Jesus responds, "Give in for now, so we can fulfill what God asks us to do." When John does do as God asks, he and everyone present see something truly amazing—they actually see and hear all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit of God descends as a dove over the head of Jesus, filling and strengthening him. The voice of the Father claims Jesus, "This is my beloved Son." So they witness three Persons of the Trinity expressing their unity and their intimate community of love—and commissioning Jesus as prophet, priest, and king for his work on this earth as the Savior of the world.

Can we see in this anointing of Jesus for his life's work a "call to action" for our own lives? Jesus' baptism is a foreshadowing of what our own anointing at baptism means. We may not have a clear idea of what our baptism is supposed to mean. Fr. Richard Rohr offers these words of reflection, "It takes the rest of our life to understand it, to suffer it, and to make it our own... **The Christian life is a matter of becoming who we already are.**"

Lord, this incredible season comes to an end today but not the joy I have discovered in these weeks. I can sense it — your summons in my life and the response I feel growing in my heart. I want to take up the mission you are calling me to and follow in your path of service. Thank you for making me one of your children born in water and your Spirit. Help me to listen to your voice in my life and remember each day the happiness of sharing the bond of baptism with you. With your help, I can stay faithful to your calling and celebrate my mission as your follower. Thank you for this great gift! May I be a light in the world for you.

✠ Our Christmas Collection to date amounts to \$34,588.00. Thank you so much for your generous stewardship to God and to your parish. This collection is so important for the life of our parish. If you were away or have not contributed for Christmas, there is still time for you to do so.

✠ Our church, as always, looked so beautiful for Christmas! Thanks to all who donated toward our decorations and thanks to all who gave of their time to make our church look so beautiful.

As our Christmas Season ends, we will take down our decorations on Monday, January 13th after the 8:30am Mass. Once again, we invite our parishioners to come and lend a hand. Many hands make for less work for all. Again, thank you to all who made the Christmas Season at Ascension so special!

Remember...while we take down these special reminders of Christmas, may we keep the spirit of this beautiful season alive in our hearts and in our lives all year long!

✠ **AHOP (Ascension House Of Pancakes)** will sponsor a January Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, January 19th from 8am to 1pm. Profits will go to help relief efforts in the Philippines recovering from Super Typhoon Haiyan. Tickets will be pre-sold as you leave church. **NO tickets will be sold at the door.** Further information is provided in the flier in this week's bulletin. Please plan ahead to join us.

✠ **MARDI GRAS 2014 is coming!!!** Please...Mark your calendars...Save this date... Saturday, March 1st ...7:30pm to 11:30pm...Mardi Gras Beefsteak Dinner / Comedy Night with comedian, Bill Ervolino. There will also be dancing with music by our DJ, Abe Aquino. As in years past, this promises to be a great evening together! Tickets will be available soon. Please plan to be with us.

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

P. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools, for Pre-Kindergarten children, age 2 +, through the Eighth Grade.

In the eight years since the Academy was established, Transfiguration students have won a number of prestigious academic awards, at the Bergen Catholic High School Brady Memorial Challenge, Queen of Peace High School Academic Challenge and the St Joseph Regional High School Academic Olympics, as well as, four consecutive top ten finishes in the New Jersey "Future City" Engineering competition.

An important factor in the Academy's success is the emphasis on Cross-Curricular Learning. The goal is not only to learn the individual subject matter, but to incorporate that knowledge, so that the students understand the practical application of the subjects in the real world.

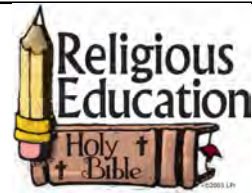
Utilizing this cross curricular approach and project based learning, our students develop an appreciation for pragmatic use of the subjects matter and theories they are being taught, as well as a rational approach to time management, and teamwork.

To support our curriculum, Transfiguration's facilities include a modern Science Laboratory, Computer Lab and an "Engineering and Technology program. Our Language Arts and Social Studies programs teach our students excellent communication skills as well as learning about different cultures throughout recorded history. Most importantly, as a Catholic school, we teach Reverence, Respect and Responsibility, based on Gospel values.

To make an appointment to see the school in action, please call 201-384-3627.



We sincerely thank **Michael Mittenzwei of Boulevard Funeral Home, New Milford** and **Claire Beaugard of Beaugard Funeral Home, River Edge** for the beautiful parish calendars that were recently distributed. We are very appreciative of their generosity to Ascension parish.



CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 12th – Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
Monday, January 13th – 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Wednesday, January 15th – 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, January 19th -- No Religious Education or Children's Liturgy this week

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Today there will be a 1st Grade Parents Meeting on Sunday, January 12th at 10:15 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room. This is a **Mandatory Meeting** and at least one parent must attend.

There is a **Mandatory** Eight Grade Parents/ Student meeting on **January 27, 2014** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2015.**

Office Hours:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
Monday and Wednesday Evenings: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm
Sunday: 10 am to 12 pm (Noon)
Closed; Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

CAN YOU HELP?

The patients of Providence Rest in the Bronx are in need of lap robes. The facility is run by the order of The Sisters of St. John the Baptist. Please call Marge Bruno at 201-265-5675 if you are able to donate these items. Thank you and God Bless you.

St. Joseph KofC Free Throw Championship

St Joseph Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring it's local Council Championship. All boys and girls age 9 to 14 are invited to participate. All participants will be recognized for their participation. The event will take place on Saturday January 18 at St. Joseph School Gym. Registration begins at 2:30PM Competition begins at 3:00PM. For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201 370 3404 or visit our website at kofc3814.org



Come IN out of the COLD!
Warm Yourself!

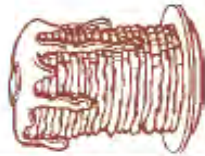


Ascension House Of Pancakes

Pancakes

returns for our

Bacon Sausage



Relief for the Philippines Breakfast Buffet

French Toast

Eggs

Sunday, January 19, 2014

8am to 1pm

Good Company

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

FR. BENEDICT CENTER

1092 CARNATION DRIVE

NEW MILFORD

HOT Coffee
HOT Chocolate
Tea

Donations:
\$8.00 per person
(Children under 3...Free)



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Anita Zucconi, Jack Wall, Peggy Lacey, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, John Burke, Sue Figalora, Bob Stasi, Peggy Funesti, Denis Mullins, Patricia Burke, Eleanor Pompeo, Alyssa Brady, Theodore DeSteno, Dolores DeMatteo, Barbara Riley, Alex Kuhr, Jim Crowley, Linda Kraehling, Barbara Santore, William Schettinger, Yvonne Payne, Rosemarie Salimbene, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Monica Vivas, Margaret Bitetti, Theresa Ruocco, Kay Harrington, Adem Shavelli, Joseph Albanese, Joe Hartney, Marguerite Morris, Ann Marie Lopresti.

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
All Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

"a time for peace..."

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders
and all World Leaders.

"a time to die..."

Albert Logan, John Calamari, Alfred Carbone

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
John Antonucci

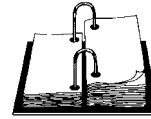
BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
Francisco Verrett



Christmas Flower Offering

In Memory of The Cucco & Iuliano Families
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cucco

In Memory of Sebastine Ljeoma Umcli
Donated by Mrs. Ngozi Nnadi



The Week Ahead

Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12, 2014

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:00am
Church, Gathering Room

Religious Education - 10:15am - School
Noon Mass for Santo Nino

Receptions follows Fr. Benedict Ctr.

Baptism - 1:30pm - Church

Monday, January 13, 2014

Take down Christmas Decorations after 8:30am mass
Religious Education Gd. 7 - 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Ministry of Worship/Liturgy - 7:30pm - Rectory

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Religious Education Gr.9 - 7:00pm - School

Novena - 7:30pm - Church

Contemporary Choir - 8:00pm - Church

Thursday, January 16, 2014

Children's Choir - 3:45pm - Church

RCIA - 7:00pm - Gathering Room

Traditional Choir - 7:30pm - Church

Friday, January 17, 2014

Set up for Parish Pancake Breakfast, Fr. Benedict Ctr

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Confessions - 11:00am - Church

Set up for Parish Pancake Breakfast, Fr. Benedict Ctr

Sunday, January 19, 2014

Food Pantry Sunday

Parish Pancake Breakfast - 8:00am-1:00pm

Fr. Benedict Center

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO Religious Education



MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM



FATHER DAVID!

Help take down decorations in church Monday morning, January 13th after the 8:30 Mass

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation toward the Christmas trees, wreaths and flowers which will continue to be used to decorate our church throughout this festive season.

Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

Donation: \$10. for each intention.

Please put your donation and intention in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket or at the Rectory.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of: _____

or the Intention of: _____

Donated by: _____

Phone: _____

Please Print Clearly

TRAFFICKING AWARENESS PANEL

**St. Peter the Apostle Church
445 Fifth Avenue River Edge
Wednesday January 8, 2014**

Human trafficking is one of the most lucrative criminal enterprises in the world. New Jersey is a prime location for this activity because it is a major international transportation and shipping corridor. With the coming Super Bowl, alertness and response to the problem have intensified among law enforcement, civic, and faith based groups. A panel of experts will share their knowledge and expertise about the extent of this form of human slavery and the means to combat it. We will also learn how we as individuals can join in the fight.

Panelists include: Chief Tom Cariddi of the River Edge Police Department; Andrew Bustillo and Peggy Healy, Covenant House Directors, and Maryanne Olsen, Founder of New Hope for Children, Cross cultural Institute. Attendance is free; donations will be accepted. To accommodate everyone, please register by contacting mbertani@saint-peter.org.

Baptism of the Lord

"And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" MATTHEW 3:17

At the Baptism of Jesus, God made it clear that He was giving us the greatest gift He could give. He was giving us His only Son. When you really think about the magnitude of that gift of Jesus sent to save us, plus all of the many other blessings that God has entrusted into our hands, it is very humbling. God has given us so much. What do we give in return?



**Please remember to patronize,
NEW JERSEY SINGLE CATHOLICS
CatholicMatch.com/NJ
who help make this bulletin possible**



SUNDAY JANUARY 18TH & 19TH

Our Food collection for this month will take place next weekend. Needs: Paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissues, napkins, razors, shaving cream, men's and women's deodorant, fruit juices Your continued support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated. May God Bless you!

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: _____

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Just a reminder for those who made a pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2013. If you have not fulfilled your pledge please do so. Every fulfilled Pledge Counts! Thank you.

New Jersey Catholic Young Adult Conference

JANUARY 25, 2014

"COURAGEOUS: Do not Conform to the Standards of this Age

The conference is designed to provide young adults with an opportunity to experience the presence of God, grow in their knowledge of the faith, take ownership of the Gospel message, and celebrate their Catholic identity; with the intent to spark the flame that they can take back to their local parish and work with other young adults.

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

Workshops Topics:

- ❖ Single? No Problem! ❖ Be Courageous ❖ Be a Good Builder
- ❖ Faith is Sweaty ❖ Don't Stress, Be Blessed! ❖ If Time was God's Currency, How would You Spend It? ❖ Building Community with Peers ❖ ¿Ahora Qué? (Spanish workshop)

To Register or for more information visit:

www.diometuchen.org/yaconference