

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 26, 2014

5:30 Rose Carbone
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Timothy Cronin
 10:30 John M. Chaffiotte
 12:00 Delfina Duarte

Monday, January 27, 2014

7:00 Emiliana Guce
 8:30 Richard Calilli

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

7:00 Estrella Cabacoy
 8:30 Jean & Andrew L. Comer

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

7:00 Grace Morris
 8:30 Francisco Vidal

Thursday, January 30, 2014

7:00 Nicholas Rovneyko
 8:30 Margaret & Thomas Tenny

Friday, January 31, 2014

7:00 James O'Brien
 8:30 Brian & Regina McCann

Saturday, February 1, 2014

Memorial Mass

8:30 John Boylan
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, February 2, 2014

7:30 Claudia Costello
 9:00 Dorothy & George Meyer
 10:30 Charles Lopresti, Second Anniversary
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Last Weekend, Jan. 19, 2014:	\$6,276.00
ParishPay:	\$ 851.74
Food Pantry:	\$1,314.00
Additional Christmas:	\$ 250.00

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 26, 2014

Sunday:	Is 8:23--9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/ Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/ Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Isaiah wrote some 700 years before Christ's birth, "a people living in darkness has seen a great light." Now the time is ripe for the Savior to appear. Jesus is now 30, and senses that his time of preparation is over—he is to begin a dramatic new season in God's plan. So, from then on, Jesus began to proclaim, "Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Isn't it amazing that Jesus went first to fishermen! But good fishermen have the right qualities to become the good fishers of men and women Jesus asks us to be: They are patient, since rarely in parenting, preaching, or fishing do we see quick results! They persevere; when results come slowly, they can wait. And their sense of timing—when to play out or pull up the line—is great, just as we learn when to speak or act for maximum effect.

Even if you feel you've spent 40, or 50, or 60 years, just sitting in the boat with your line over the side, getting few bites—that, too, is part of God's long view of us in the world's history. Take heart. Mother Teresa said, "we are only asked to be faithful in our proclaiming, not necessarily successful."

So—enjoy the fishing!



Thank You so much to **AHOP** (Ascension House Of Pancakes) for sponsoring our January Breakfast Buffet last Sunday. Thank you to the committee members who worked so hard setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Thank you, also, to all who joined us for good company and a delicious breakfast. We will be sending \$1400.00 for relief to the Philippines.



This weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a very expensive item on our budget and we don't know how many more storms we will have. So I ask that each parishioner family be as generous as your means allow.



This week we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**. Please read about our Transfiguration Academy in the article placed further in the bulletin.



Next weekend we begin the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2014**. Thank you to our parish families who contributed and helped us to surpass our 2013 goal of **\$49,000.00**. We have received a rebate check for \$3,502.50 which has been deposited in our Capital Repairs and Improvements Fund. Please read further in the bulletin for information on the 2014 Appeal.



Married Couples of Ascension Parish celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, 5 year multiples, and all married couples 50 years and more in 2014 are invited to celebrate our annual **Marriage Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, February 16th at the 12 Noon Mass. A reception will follow in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room. Please fill out and return the response form in the bulletin as soon as possible. (Deadline to sign up is Monday, Feb. 10th.)



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! An Order Form for Tickets has been inserted in the bulletin. We will be seating tables of 8 persons. Please plan to be with us.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

YOU'RE INVITED

I would like to extend a personal invitation to all families of elementary school age children, Pre-kindergarten through Grade 8, to visit **Transfiguration Academy**, during Catholic Schools Week; Sunday, Jan.26 through Friday, January 31, 2014.

We will begin the week-long celebration on the 26th, with “**the Transfiguration Experience**”; a Pancake Breakfast and school Exposition information session. Information booths will be set up in Conlon Hall, by grade and subject area.

Administration, Faculty, and Parents will be available to discuss the various subject curriculums, programs, extracurricular activities, awards and scholarships that have made Transfiguration Academy a leader in educational excellence and Catholic School education.

Come for the breakfast”, visit us for the “Experience”: register for a great education, infused with Gospel values based on reverence, respect and responsibility.

If you cannot visit during Catholic Schools Week, we would be happy to make individual appointments for you to tour the school and discuss the benefits of sending your child / children to Transfiguration. Call us at 201-384-3627. We are located at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, N.J. 07621.

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

Respectfully,

Sal Tralongo

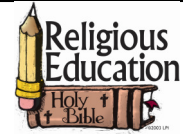
Mr. Sal Tralongo
Principal



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL – JANUARY 25 & 26

This Weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a very expensive item on our budget and we don't know how many *more* storms we may have this winter. This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. **So I ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow.**

Thank you!



CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 26th -- Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, January 27th – 8th Grade Parent & Student Meeting 7 pm Sharp

Wednesday, January 29th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, February 2nd -- Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, February 3rd – 8th Grade Parent & Student Meeting 7 pm Sharp

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There is a **Mandatory** Eighth 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. One parent MUST Attend.**

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



Transfiguration Academy H.S.A. kicks off Catholic Schools Week

TRANSFIGURATION EXPERIENCE

and

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 26th

10:00 – 1:00

St. John's Conlon Hall

Come “EXPERIENCE” what Transfiguration Academy has to offer and consider becoming a part of our family

“EXPERIENCE” our Faculty and Students at work

“EXPERIENCE” our Drama club rehearsing for our spring production of High School Musical.

“EXPERIENCE” some of our Sports Programs with demonstrations and a Basketball Free Throw Contest

After your “EXPERIENCE” come enjoy a Pancake Breakfast.

Pancake Breakfast \$5.00 per person includes:
Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee/Tea and Juice/ Hot Chocolate

Marriage Anniversary Liturgy

2014

*Church of the Ascension
will once again honor couples in our parish
who celebrate*

*a Wedding Anniversary
in a multiple of 5 years in 2014*

*(5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., and
any anniversary 50 years and over).*

*A special Marriage Anniversary Mass
will be celebrated on
Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 12:00 Noon.*

*A reception will follow
in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room.*

*If you wish to celebrate with us, please fill out and return the form below
to the Rectory no later than Monday, February 10, 2014*



*Church of the Ascension
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy
February 16, 2014*



Name _____ Phone _____

Anniversary celebrated in 2014: _____ Anniversary Date: _____

Number of persons attending reception: _____

Please return this form to the Rectory no later than Monday, February 10, 2014



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Janet Sweeney, Anna Gorgone, Frances Lanzilotti, Mary Hickey, 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 Krahling, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns
this week in loving memory of
Marcial S. Quijano



MEMORIALS

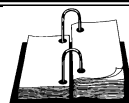
"THANK YOU"...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call 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: _____



The
Week
Ahead

Sunday, January 26, 2014 - Catholic Schools Week

Snow Removal Collection
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00am
 Church/Gathering Room
 Religious Education - 10:15am - School

Monday, January 27, 2014,

Religious Ed. Grade 8 - 7:00pm - Church
 Confirmation 2015 Parent/Student Meeting
 CFM - 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Religious Education grade 9 - 7:00pm
 Novena - 7:30pm - Church
 Contemporary Choir - 8:00pm - Church

Thursday, January 30, 2014

Children's Choir - 3:45pm - Church
 RCIA - 7:00pm - Gathering Room
 Traditional Choir - 7:30pm - Church

Friday, January 31, 2014

No events

Saturday, February 1, 2014

Confessions - 11:00am - Church

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Pledge Sunday

Sunday, February 2, 2014 - Groundhog Day

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Pledge Sunday
 Parish Maintenance & Repairs
 Children's Choir - 9:00am Mass
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00am
 Church/Gathering Room
 Religious Education - 10:15am - School
 Baptism Prep. - 1:15pm - Gathering room

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

In Memory of Elizabeth Morris, Grace Morris,
 William Morris, Alta Milliken,
 Arthur Milliken
 Donated by Marguerite Morris



Once again the parishioners of Ascension Parish have come to the aide of those in need. Thank you to all who supported the Pancake Breakfast that was held last weekend as a fundraiser for Relief Efforts for the Philippines. Because of your concern and generosity we were able to raise \$1,400.00 for this most worthy cause.



Please remember to patronize,
GARDEN CAFÉ
 201-523-6069
 who help make this bulletin possible



SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 1, 2014
MARDI GRAS
BEEFSTEAK DINNER
COMEDY NIGHT



Our nation's nearly 8,000 Catholic schools will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 26 through Feb. 1. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards", was chosen because of its appeal to Catholic schools and for the strong message it sends to parents and supporters. High achievement rates, high retention rates, high moral values and high student and parent satisfaction are the distinctive marks of a Catholic school. That's the good news and we want to share it.

Transfiguration Academy is the "garden" of Ascension, St. John, and St. Mary parishes where our children learn — in addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, REVERENCE, RESPECT, and RESPONSIBILITY—how to become persons of character and integrity. This good news leads us to see that our children and their Catholic education must be important to all of us if they are to BE an influence for good in the world.

We are all very proud of our school administrators, faculty, staff, students, and parents. I thank our parishioners for your generous financial support to subsidize the Academy. I invite all to make the effort to visit the Academy during this week and see our school children at work, prayer, and play. May we thank God for the many blessings he gives us through Transfiguration Academy.



"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." MATTHEW 4:22

Just as He called the first apostles, Jesus calls each of us to follow Him, too. We are not expected to leave our businesses and our families behind, but we are expected to put our service to Jesus before worldly endeavors.



2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2014
"When I called, you answered"

Next week our parish will kick off the 2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Before we begin the new appeal, let's look at how we did in 2013:

Parish Goal 2013: \$49,000.00

Total Given in 2013: \$54,604.00

Parish Rebate: \$3,502.50

Last year's theme, *We Are One Body* sought to unify us all in the Catholic faith and to give back to those who are in need. This year's theme of the AAA is "When I Called, You Answered." This is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God's generosity to us. This year, our parish goals are as follows:

Parish Goal 2014: \$53,403.00

Parish Stretch Goal 2014: \$60,064.00

This year's AAA will continue to support the many good works of the ministries throughout the Archdiocese. This appeal is meant to instill in us all a heart and spirit of gratitude, reminding us that God will always be there. Through this campaign, we are called on to answer the cry of the poor; to help those who are in need; to feed, shelter, clothe, teach, and bring the Faith to those who are in need of hearing the good news of the Gospel. Thousands of people in the four counties served by the Archdiocese of Newark are assisted each year through various programs and ministries funded by the Appeal. Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal.

Please come prepared to make as generous of a pledge as you are able. Thank you in advance for your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, which helps bring to reality the experience of welcome and affirmation for individuals and families living with disabilities in the Archdiocese of Newark.

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcanaaa.org, like us on facebook at 'Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark' or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese!



This months monetary donations were \$1,314.00.

Our sincere thanks to the many parishioners who help support our food pantry throughout the month with continuous donation of food and other pantry needs. Your support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated.

May God Bless you!

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.