

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Presentation of the Lord

Sunday, February 2, 2014

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 Claudia Costello
 9:00 Dorothy & George Meyer
 10:30 Charles Lopresti, Second Anniversary
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

Feast of St. Blaise, Monday, February 3, 2014

7:00 James O'Connor
 8:30 Estanislao & Macaria Antolin

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

7:00 Peter Howes
 8:30 Luisa Garcia

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

7:00 Patrick, Karen & Connor (living)
 8:30 Michael & Mary Rowland

Thursday, February 6, 2014

7:00 Sr. Rose Marie, O' Carm.
 8:30 Blas & Angeles Lara

Friday, February 7, 2014

7:00 Sophie Datz
 8:30 Jimmy O'Brien

Saturday, February 8, 2014

8:30 Sharon Hartlein
 5:30 Maureen McDonald

Sunday, February 9, 2014

7:30 Caroline Tagle, First Anniversary
 9:00 John Duarte
 10:30 Andres Calleja
 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.

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| Last Weekend, Jan. 26, 2014: | \$6,842.00 |
| ParishPay: | \$ 851.74 |
| Snow Removal: | \$1,724.00 |

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 February 2, 2014

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| Sunday: | Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 |
| Monday: | 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Mk 5:1-20 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6 |
| Thursday: | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13 |
| Friday: | Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29 |
| Saturday: | 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16 |



Formerly, today's feast was known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and focused on Mary's fulfilling the requirement of the Jewish ritual purification after childbirth. Now we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. The focus is on Jesus and is a kind of epiphany. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, the Gentiles. Today Jesus is presented in the Temple, he is manifested to his own people.

Statues and pictures of Jesus can make him seem unapproachable. We've seen the icon of the Last Judgment as the Son of Man calls sinners to justice. We've seen Jesus portrayed as the king whose decisions about our eternal destinies are sealed by his final and unchanging word. We've even seen Jesus as a baby held by his loving mother so often that we can forget that he ever grew up!

Jesus is our "intercessor." It all happens through him and with him and in him. Holy men and women who have gone before us help us on our journeys through life. People relate to St. Anthony or "the Little Flower" or "Mother Theresa." They feel their compassion and help in time of need. Mary has been honored, and rightly so, as a model "intercessor." As a mother, she cares for the poor and the lowly; she is always approachable and she never turns away from her child, regardless of what traps or confounds them. But Simeon sees fulfillment in a baby. Through the Spirit, Simeon sees the completion of God's promises to his people—a "light of revelation to the nations."

As a "revelation to the nations," Jesus reveals God's mystery and purpose for all of humanity. The mystery of the Incarnation consecrates human life. A child grows to appreciate the value of human love through the experience of being in a family. A spouse grows in love through the challenges and blessings that marriage affords over a lifetime. A Church "happens" as men and women are challenged to come together with people they have not chosen as friends and yet know that, in loving the other, they come to know more about what their love of God really means.

Just as gifts of bread and wine change at the consecration of the Mass to become Christ's Body given and his Blood poured out, so are we consecrated in communion with him to become one Spirit in Christ. God will be at work outside these church doors to make his love and compassion manifest. To be human, in Jesus, calls forth the best of humanity, formed and nurtured in the divinity of grace.

✠ **Feast of St. Blaise (Feb 3rd)...Blessing of Throats...**In memory of St. Blaise we will bless throats at all Masses this weekend.

✠ This 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.

Archbishop Myers has set our 2014 goal at **\$53,400.00**. Please, let's pray and work together, that with God's help, we can go over goal and maybe reach our stretch goal. May God continue to bless all at Ascension with generous hearts.

✠ 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! Tickets are available in the front vestibule of the church after all Masses and in the Rectory Office during the week. 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

Last Week Transfiguration celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The theme for this year was “Catholic Schools: Communities of Knowledge, Faith and Service” Transfiguration reflects the highest standards of knowledge, faith and service.

Knowledge:

- *Outstanding scores on national Standardized tests Graduates acceptances to the finest high schools in NJ and NY
- *Over \$2 Million in high school scholarships Engineering, Technology Academic Competitive Awards
- *All teacher certified in Religion by the Archdiocese

Faith & Service:

- At Transfiguration we put our Faith into action, teaching and practicing!
Gospel values,
- ✓Raised \$2,650 for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan and \$1,066 for Leukemia research
 - ✓Visit and entertain the patients and residents of Woodcrest Center
 - ✓Donate food and serve dinner at the Hackensack Family Shelter
 - ✓Walk for the Cure
 - ✓Clothing Drives
 - ✓St. Jude Children’s Hospital
 - ✓Much, Much More

But Above All We are a Caring Catholic Community

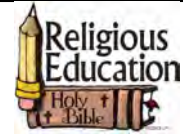
Become a part of the Finest Elementary School in the Archdiocese. Registration is now Open Call us @ 201-384-3627.



THANK YOU! SNOW REMOVAL

Last Weekend our second collection was to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. Thank you to all who gave generously towards this very expensive item on our budget.

Please remember that this is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months.



CALENDAR:

- Sunday, February 2nd -- Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
- Monday, February 3rd – 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, February 5th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, February 9th -- Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

February 22, 2014 -- 8th grade Confirmation Retreat starting 1 pm concluding with the 5:30 pm Mass. Parents are asked to meet their child in the gym and go directly to the Church with them.

February 23, 2014—There will be a Mandatory Parent meeting for all candidates for the sacrament of First Eucharist at 10:15 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room.

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

St Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #3814 of New Milford/Oradell hosted their Annual Council Free Throw Contest on Saturday January 18, 2014 at St. Joseph School gym in Oradell. The event was open to all boys and girls in the community, ages 9 to 14. The winners in each age category and gender will compete in the KofC regional competition to be held on Saturday March 1st at Paramus Catholic H.S. with an eye toward moving on to the state championship. The event was a complete success and was made possible by the many volunteers including one past participant and past State Champion Anna Kohli (2009 at age 13).The following are winners from each age category:

Girls

- Age 9- Riley McGovern
- Age 12- Autumn Becker
- Age 13- Caroline Mui

Boys

- Age 9 – Jack Murray
- Age 10- Michael Bretan
- Age-11 Billy Wiegand
- Age-12 John McDermott
- Age-14 Christopher Murray

Every participant received a certificate of participation and a free meal voucher courtesy of Burger King of New Milford. The Council is proud of all the participants and wishes luck to winners advancing to the Regional competition.

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..."

Peggy Evans, 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
William & Elizabeth Morris

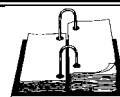
BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Please remember to patronize,
ALMIGHTY Tree Service
201-800-2115
who help make this bulletin possible



The
Week
Ahead

SuperBowl 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

Feast of St. Blaise - Monday, February 3, 2014

Pastoral Staff Meeting - 9:00am - Rectory Office
Religious Ed. Grade 7 - 7:00pm - Church
CFM - 7:30pm

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Mass - 2:30pm
Ministry of Word Meeting - 7:30pm - Gathering Room

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

Religious Education grade 9 - 7:00pm
Novena - 7:30pm - Church
Filipino Core Meeting - 8:00pm - Gathering Room

Thursday, February 6, 2014

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

First Friday, February 7, 2014

Communion Visits to homebound
Buildings/Grounds Committee Mtg. - 7:30pm-Rectory

Saturday, February 8, 2014

Confessions - 11:00am - Church

Sunday, February 9, 2014

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



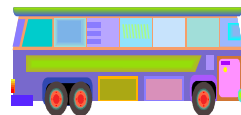
**MINISTRY OF WORD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM
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**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014**

7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY
Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:



TAJ MAHAL
Monday, February 17, 2014

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am (sharp). Tickets are still available for \$28.00/per person (with a rebate of \$25.00). Make your checks payable to: Church of the Ascension, and drop off at the rectory in an envelope marked "Atlantic City Trip." Any questions, call Marge at (201)265-5675.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



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

Tickets are for sale at the doors of church

**Blessing
of
Throats**

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

This weekend, we will commemorate the Feast of St. Blaise with the traditional blessing of throats at all our masses.

“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other evil.”

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)

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| 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: _____



SUPERBOWL SUNDAY



2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2014

This year's theme of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal 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.

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!

Giving back to your parents with a Charitable Gift Annuity

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your aging parents that would guarantee income for life? Consider opening up a charitable gift annuity with the Archdiocese of Newark. A charitable gift annuity can provide payments with direct deposit to your aging parents now and a gift to their parish later, all while providing you with both piece of mind and an income tax deduction. If you would like information on this unique gift, please contact Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.



“...they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.”
LUKE 2:22

Do we give the Lord the first fruits of our time every week by attending Mass? Do we set an example for our children and grandchildren by attending Mass and joyously participating in the celebration of Mass each week? How do we know what God wants us to do unless we communicate with Him?