

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 9, 2014

5:30 Maureen McDonald
 7:30 Carolina Tagle, First Anniversary
 9:00 John Duarte
 10:30 Andres Calleja
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, February 10, 2014

7:00 Concepcion Martinez, Birthday-Living
 8:30 Richard Calilli

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

7:00 Caesar Meneses
 8:30 Augusta Verrett

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

7:00 Carolina Grande Tagle
 8:30 Mary Hickey

Thursday, February 13, 2014

7:00 Chacko Joseph
 8:30 The Lee Family (living)

Friday, ♥ February 14, 2014

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Suzana Tan, Thanksgiving-Living

Saturday, February 15, 2014

8:30 Vito Cucco
 5:30 Nancy Buda

Sunday, February 16, 2014

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:00 Delfina Duarte
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
 12:00 Bell-Verrett Family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Last Weekend, Feb. 2, 2014:	\$7,504.00
ParishPay:	\$ 851.74
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,316.00

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 9, 2014

Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/ Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



Back in the 1970's, Stephen Schwartz wrote songs for the musical "Godspell" (an Old English word for "gospel"), based on the Gospel of Matthew. In one song, Jesus and his disciples sing: ***"You are the salt of the earth / You are the salt of the earth. But if that salt has lost its flavor, It ain't got much in its favor. You can't have that fault, and be the salt of the earth!"***

The images of salt and light are so familiar to us, it can help us to see and hear ancient truth expressed in new words or set to music. Salt was greatly valued in the time of Jesus, because it was connected with purity, preservation, and flavor.

When Jesus speaks of the disciples and us needing to be salt for the world, he is thinking of all three of these qualities. We are being asked to set a very high standard of purity, honesty and truthfulness. Secondly, salt was used to preserve food from corruption and decay, and a Christian is to be a "cleansing antiseptic" in a society that desperately seeks guidance. And, finally, salt gives zest and flavor—no one can replace the unique "flavor" we bring to life.

Then there are Jesus' quite sobering but thrilling words: "You are the light of the world!" Not, "try to be" or "Maybe someday you will be." No, belonging to Christ means that we do not produce our own light--Christ is THE light! We are to shine for all the world to see!

Does your face radiate the message, "Christ is lighting me from within!?" Be a revolutionary in the supermarket line—BE the salt and light of Christ to the scowling, tired faces all around you. That's no small thing!

✠ We have begun the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2014.**

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 World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 16th at the 12 Noon Mass. All married couples are invited to renew their marriage vows during 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.

✠ I invite all of our parishioners to become a vital part of **Open Our Hearts**, our 2014 Lenten program which offers opportunities for parishioners to meet Jesus more personally through the Lenten Scriptures, our Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, and activities. In addition to the usual Adult Sharing Groups, Family and Teen Groups are also available. I hope and pray that we will respond to Jesus' call and take an active part in this process. Together, may we let the light of Christ shine even more brightly in our parish! Next weekend Sign up flyers will be in the bulletin and in the front vestibule of the church.

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

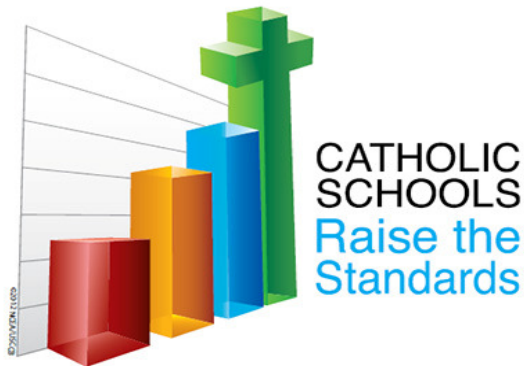
Fr. David



**TRANSFIGURATION
ACADEMY**

**TOP 10 Reasons
To Choose Catholic Schools**

- 1 Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in faith
- 2 Balanced curriculum that includes art, music and fitness
- 3 Emphasis on moral development, service to others and leadership skills
- 4 A 99 percent graduation rate
- 5 Strong preparation for further education
- 6 Safe and disciplined environment
- 7 Exceptional faculty who help students reach their highest potential
- 8 Individual attention in a caring community
- 9 Commitment to technology use to enhance education
- 10 Good stewardship of resources



Yet another **10 Good** reasons to send your child to Transfiguration!

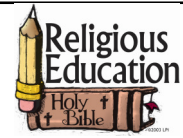
We would be happy to make individual appointments for you to tour the school and discuss the benefits of sending your child/children to Transfiguration. Call us at 201-384-3627.

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.



CALENDAR:

Sunday, February 9th -- Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
 Monday, February 10th -- 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, February 12th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Sunday, February 16th -- No Children's Liturgy or Religious Education

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

BE NOT AFRAID!

The Men's Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark will be holding its sixth annual Men's Conference on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at Seton Hall University. Speakers: His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Fr. Larry Richards, Gregory Floyd, Pablo Bayona, Miguel Rosa and Enrique Lugo. Men of Ascension parish who want to participate may register with our contact person, Fr. Ernie Tibay at (201) 836-8961.



"Dear Fr. David & Parishioners,

With grateful thanks we are happy about receiving the lap blankets for the nursing home. Be assured of our prayers and gratitude. Have a blessed year of peace and joy and know we are very thankful.

Sr. Angelita"

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, 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 Krahlung, 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..."

Mary Grace Hickey

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



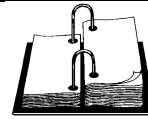
The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns
this week in loving memory of
Carolina Grande Tagle



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 9, 2014

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

Monday, February 10, 2014

Religious Ed. Grade 8 - 7:00pm - Church
CFM - 7:30pm

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm
Parish Events Meeting - 7:30pm - Gathering Room

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

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

Thursday, February 13, 2014

Hackensack Homeless
Children's Choir - 3:45pm - Church
Ministry of Service - 7:00pm - Gathering Room
Combined Choirs - 7:30pm - Church
RCIA - 8:00pm - Gathering Room



Happy Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14, 2014

Set up MPR for Parish Marriage Anniversary Reception

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Confessions - 11:00am - Church
Set up MPR for Parish Marriage Anniversary Reception

Sunday, February 16, 2014

Food Pantry Sunday
NO Religious Education
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy 12 Noon Mass
Reception in Multi-Purpose Room
Baptism - 1:30pm - Church



**PARISH EVENTS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014
7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**MINISTRY OF SERVICE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014
7:00PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

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 peace 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.



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

Tickets are for sale at the doors of church

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: _____



SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 15TH & 16TH

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!



Please remember to patronize,
BBZ Limousine Service, Inc.
201-501-0615
who help make this bulletin possible



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

There are so many ways God is made visible in the world around us. Our Church of Newark, which serves Hudson, Essex, Union and Bergen counties, sees God in the hundreds of thousands of people it takes care of every year by teaching, sheltering and caring for all who come to it for help.

Here are *some* of the areas that the AAA is able to impact because of YOUR pledge!

EVANGELIZATION: *The Archdiocese promotes several events to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. These include the Men’s and Women’s Commissions, Stewardship Day, in addition to parish-based programs such as Disciples in Mission, Cornerstone and Why Catholic.*

EDUCATION: *More than 34,000 young people last year received a faith based education in our 74 Catholic elementary schools and 30 high schools.*

SEMINARIES: *Three seminaries in the Archdiocese of Newark educate and train our future priests. In several recent years, the Archdiocese of Newark has ordained more men to the priesthood than any diocese in the United States.*

YOUTH MINISTRIES: *CYO provides young people with the opportunity to attend retreats, increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith and participate in a wide variety of sports and recreation programs in both summer and year-round programs.*

CHAPLAINS: *People searching for meaning and truth during critical times in their lives are able to receive the message of Christ through our many Chaplains at colleges, high schools and hospitals.*

We can only offer assistance because of **your** generosity to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. Won’t you please take a moment to fill out a pledge card? Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

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!