

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Sunday, February 16, 2014

5:30 Nancy Buda  
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
9:00 Delfina Duarte  
10:30 People of Ascension Parish  
12:00 Bell-Verrett Family

### Monday, February 17, 2014

7:00 Michael McIntyre  
8:30 Bill & Barbara Williams

### Tuesday, February 18, 2014

7:00 Inocencia, Apple & Rudy Sr. Gallevo  
8:30 Andrew T. Comer

### Wednesday, February 19, 2014

7:00 William Schrage  
8:30 John Tsimis

### Thursday, February 20, 2014

7:00 Mary Hickey  
8:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

### Friday, February 21, 2014

7:00 Gerard P. Lee  
8:30 Mary Hickey

### Saturday, February 22, 2014

8:30 Gus Bell  
5:30 Angelo Cucco, Fiftieth Anniversary

### Sunday, February 23, 2014

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:00 Cathy Trimarchi  
10:30 Frank & Thomas Tenney  
12:00 Patria Miranda

## 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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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 16, 2014

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/  
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,  
27-28, 33-34a, 37  
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26  
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33  
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34--9:1  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1  
Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

There once were two brothers who worked the family farm, sharing costs and profits equally. One day, the single brother said to himself, "It's not fair to split the profits equally—my poor brother has a wife and children to care for." So, secretly, he crept across the field each night with sacks of grain for his brother's bin. Meanwhile, the married brother thought, "My single brother has no one to care for him in his future." So, the married brother took *his* grain each night secretly to his brother's bin.

One night, of course, the two brothers bumped into each other in the field, and realized what each was doing. They embraced each other, humbly and gratefully. Suddenly the dark sky lit up, and God's voice spoke: "Here at last is the place where I will build my Temple. For where brothers meet in love, there my Presence shall dwell." In today's gospel, Jesus uses many examples to make clear to his listeners the exact same point of this story. That is: unconditional love is the heart, and the soul, and the whole meaning of every one of God's laws.

We all know there is a staggering amount of sin, evil, and imperfection in the world, so laws and justice are very important to God, and us. But when Jesus healed sinful people, or forgave the guilty, the Pharisees called him a lawbreaker. Jesus replies, "I haven't come to abolish the laws—but to fulfill them." The two brothers were already fulfilling the law... in each one's heart there was already so much compassion for the other, there was no need for a law requiring a sharing of goods.

What a wonderful life we could make in our community, if our love would rush out, and meet each others' needs first! "Here at last is the place where... my Presence shall dwell."



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.



This weekend we celebrate **World Marriage Day**. We congratulate all married couples of Ascension Parish.



**MARDI GRAS 2014 is coming!!!** Please...Mark your calendars...Save this date...Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> ...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! Sign up flyers are 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!



## TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

**Catholic education: Does it still make a difference?**

**Information taken from the National Catholic Reporter  
10/24/2011, Article Details By Mary Gautier**

Catholic schools are less available now than they were 50 years ago and fewer Catholics are sending their children to a Catholic school.

Does Catholic schooling make a difference in the way Catholics practice their faith and in their attitudes about the church? The data from a survey conducted by the National Catholic Reporter shows that, at least in terms of the way Catholics practice their faith, attending a Catholic high school makes a difference. When asked about why they attend Mass, Catholic schooling also makes a difference.

Attending a Catholic school also makes a difference in some aspects of Catholic identity. Six in 10 who attended a Catholic elementary school, and seven in 10 of those who attended a Catholic high school say they would never leave the church; less than half of those without Catholic schooling said the same. Catholics who attended a Catholic high school, agree that being Catholic is a very important part of who they are and strongly agree that it is important to them that younger generations of their family grow up Catholic.

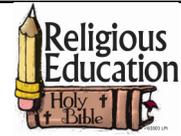
The survey also found that for minorities there is a stronger association between Catholic schooling and socioeconomic success.

Does Catholic Education Make a Difference? We think so. What do you think?

Transfiguration Academy, prepares students to face the challenges of a changing society and become the leaders of tomorrow through, strengthening faith, enlightening minds and transforming hearts, one student at a time. For more information, or to arrange a tour of the Academy, or to register, please call us at: 201-384-3627, or visit us at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621. "Begin the Transformation"



**PRESIDENT'S DAY\*MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH  
RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED**



### CALENDAR:

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> -- No Children's Liturgy or Religious Education

Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> -- No Religious Education

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> --- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat 1pm til 5:30 pm

Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**February 22, 2014--8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sign-Ups for Our Lenten Journey for teens is open to all teens in 7<sup>th</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet on Thursday evenings in the school. Please see the Bulletin for further information or contact the Religious Education office

### 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.

Parishioners of Church of the Ascension  
Invite YOU to...

Eat...Drink...Laugh...Dance the Night Away!!

**MARDI GRAS**  
**BEEFSTEAK / COMEDY**  
**NIGHT**

with **Bill Ervolino**

Saturday, March 1, 2014

7:30pm to 11:30pm

Church of the Ascension, New Milford

Fr. Benedict Center

Donation: \$35.00 per person

(Purchase tickets by Monday, February 24th.)

Adults 21 and over ONLY

- Salad
- Beefsteak catered by Nightingale
- French Bread
- French Fries
- Beer / Soda / Set-ups
- Dessert / Coffee / Tea
- BYOB



2014 Mardi Gras Beefsteak/Comedy Night  
Ticket Reservations

(Return by Monday, February 24, 2014)



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets @ \$35.00\*  
\* 8 people to a table

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed



*"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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns  
this week in loving memory of  
**Mary Hickey, Parish Trustee**

**BREAD and WINE** this week  
are in loving memory of  
**Delfina Duarte**



The  
Week  
Ahead

**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

**President's Day - Monday, February 17, 2014**

Parish Bus Trip to Atlantic City  
NO Religious Education  
CFM - 7:30pm

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014**

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service - 2:30pm

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014**

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

**Thursday, February 20, 2014**

Children's Choir - 3:45pm - Church  
Ministry of Service Meeting - 7:00pm - Gathering Rm.  
Combined Choirs - 7:30pm - Church

**Friday, February 21, 2014**

Set up MPR for Rel. Ed. Parent Mtg.  
Set up FBC for Confirmation Retreat Day

**Saturday, February 22, 2014**

Set up MPR for Rel. Ed. Parent Mtg.  
Confessions - 11:00am - Church  
Set up FBC for Confirmation Retreat Day  
Confirmation Retreat Day - 1:00pm-6:30pm  
FBC/School/Church  
Lenten Program Sign-Up after 5:30pm Mass

**Sunday, February 23, 2014**

Parish Energy Collection  
Lenten Program Sign-Up after All Masses  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00am  
Church/Gathering Room  
Religious Education - 10:15am - School  
First Eucharist Parents' Meeting - 10:15am - School



**MINISTRY OF WORD MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014  
7:00PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**



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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](mailto:lynchthe@rcan.org).

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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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| <b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>    | <b>\$150/1 Year</b>               |
|                             | <b>\$20/30 Days</b>               |
| <b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b> | <b>\$40 per week</b>              |
| <b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>        | <b>\$50 (per basket/per week)</b> |
| <b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>     | <b>\$15 per week</b>              |

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



**SUNDAY**  
**THIS WEEKEND**

Our Food collection for this month will take place this 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!



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:20*

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.



**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!

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