

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### Third Sunday of Lent, March 23, 2014

5:30 Joseph Martin Buda  
 7:30 Linda Krahlung  
 9:00 Rosemarie Piro  
 10:30 Edward Harrington  
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

### Monday, March 24, 2014

7:00 James Foley  
 8:30 John Brandon

### Tuesday, March 25, 2014

7:00 Edward O'Sullivan  
 8:30 Mary Hickey

### Wednesday, March 26, 2014

7:00 Brendan Gaffney  
 8:30 Josue Desamparado

### Thursday, March 27, 2014

7:00 Mary Lenihan  
 8:30 In Thanksgiving

### Friday, March 28, 2014

7:00 Ann Marie Lopresti  
 8:30 Maria Juvic Matibag-Maghirang  
 7:30 Gerard Rohrbeck

### Saturday, March 29, 2014

8:30 Sharon Hartlein  
 5:30 Vito Cucco, First Anniversary

### Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2014

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 9:00 Doris Piro  
 10:30 James Lacey  
 12:00 Fidela Sunga

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

March 16, 2014:	\$7,486.00
ParishPay:	\$ 851.74
Food Pantry:	\$1,475.00

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 March 16, 2014

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Today, we see the symbolism of water at the heart of some significant life changes. A woman with a mysterious past honestly reveals her deep thirst, not only for water, but for spiritual fulfillment. So she is given the invitation to become a disciple to the people around her, a proclaimer of the truth of Jesus Christ. And she grabs it with both hands and runs with it!

It's almost impossible for us in the 21st century to get how incredibly shocking Jesus' actions were in this gospel. First, it was unheard of for Samaritans and Jews to associate—they were the "Hatfields" and the "McCoys" of Jesus' time. They hated each other so much, they would not even use the same water dipper, much less stop and chat around the same community well.

But even more shocking was Jesus approaching a woman in public for a conversation. Even the apostles "were astonished" to see it. So, in one conversation with the woman, Jesus has broken through the barriers of ethnic race and gender.

By treating the Samaritan woman as a respected person, and a beloved child of God, Jesus defeats the hatred and injustice of the past: he tells one of the excluded, forgotten people that she is valuable, and that she belongs. He makes her his disciple.

Why? Because she is willing to admit that she is thirsty. She asks for the living water, and is open to receiving it. She has hope in her heart about Jesus: "Could he be the Messiah?" She is not full of the pomposity, the certainty, and the arrogance of those who think they know it all.

Do we have the vulnerability to include the stranger and the outcast? If so, never fear to ask Jesus for his living and eternal water!

✠ Thank you to our 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates and to their catechists for hosting our annual Parish Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner on Friday, March 21st. Bravo...job well done!

✠ Through an arrangement with Wine and Roses, we are offering parishioners an opportunity to purchase PALM CROSSES. The Crosses, fashioned from palm with an attractive purple, red or yellow bow, can be used for grave sites or for our homes. The price is \$10.00 and the crosses will be distributed after all Masses on April 5/6, the weekend before Palm Sunday. Please complete the form in the bulletin and return it on or before March 30th.

✠ Please plan ahead to be with us on Friday, April 11th. We will join together for our Parish Lenten Evening of Recollection which will include a Soup Supper (Free Will Donation), Stations of the Cross, Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, opportunity for individual sacramental Reconciliation, and Benediction.

✠ ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2014  
 Our 2014 goal is \$53,400.00. Thank you to the 249 parish families who made pledges and contributions. We have already reached \$46,875.00 in pledges. There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are at the doors of the church. Please consider making a pledge and pray about it. I pray that each parish family will step up and support this beautiful way to "Serve God by Serving Others." May God continue to bless all at Ascension with generous hearts.

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

*Fr. David*



## TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

### A Role Model for All

March 19 was the feast of St. Joseph. The Bible tells us practically nothing of Joseph; however, the Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man.

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” Joseph it means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. As a just person he was joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in quiet faith, moral strength, and courage.

Transfiguration strives to develop these same virtues of quite faith, moral and ethical behavior, and respect in each of our young boys and girls. We call it Transfigurations 3R’s: Reverence, Respect and Responsibility.

Begin the Transformation. Make an appointment to tour our school and discuss Transfiguration’s excellent academic programs as well as experience the 3R’s for yourself. Call us at 201-384-3627, or visit us on the web at [www.transfigurationacademy.org](http://www.transfigurationacademy.org) Registration for the 2014/2015 school year is now open

### EASTER DINNER PROMOTION AT SHOP RITE

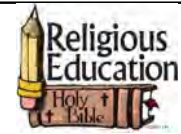
To All, Shop Rite has a promotion that runs from March 9th, through April 19th. The promotion is as follows: If you spend \$400 in this promotional time frame you become eligible for a "Easter Dinner Favorite" such as a Ham, Turkey or Lasagna. If you would like to donate your "Easter Dinner Favorite" to the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry, we will gladly accept it. You can leave your price plus card number (no name) with the Business Manager at Ascension (phone # 201 836-8961/e-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)). The Food Pantry volunteers will determine what dinner item is most needed. The Food Pantry volunteers will pick up the item for you. There is no need to bring your donated item to the church at specific times/date. Thank you for your generous stewardship.



“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.”

JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True satisfaction only comes when we follow Jesus.



### CALENDAR:

Sunday, March 23rd – Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)  
Monday, March 24th – 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Wednesday, March 26th –9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Sunday, March 30th – Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is during the 9 am Mass for the children in Pre-K to 5th grades. Remember this is a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Sunday – March 30, 2014 First Communion Retreat- starting with 9 am Mass—This is a Mandatory Retreat. After Mass all First Communion Candidates will go to class and parents will return at 11:45 am to continue with the retreat. At least one parent must attend. If you are in need of Child Care PLEASE call the Religious Education Office by Tuesday March 25, 2014, so we can arrange for help.

### CONFIRMATION:

**2014 Confirmation Students and Parents-The following paper work is due or past due:**

April 2, 2014

Sponsor Form due w/Parish seal—NO FAXES, Why you chose your Sponsor, Service Hours Due, and Service Hours Report Due.

Past due: Confirmation Name, Why you chose this name, and Letter to Bishop Marconi.

Any questions please call the Religious Education office.

### Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Catechists, Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2014 – 2015 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085 during office hours.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call 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



# Church of the Ascension



## Palm Crosses



- Fashioned from Palms •
- Purple, Red or Yellow Bow •
- \$10.00 per cross •

### Orders Taken

**Weekend of March 29/30, 2014**  
**in the church vestibule after all Masses**



### Crosses Distributed



**in the church vestibule after all Masses**  
**Weekend of April 5/6, 2014**

*Detach and return Form below*



### PALM CROSSES

PRE-SALE ORDER FORM



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Crosses at \$10.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Bow: Purple \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill out and return this response form after Mass on March 29 or 30.*





*"To everything there is a season..."*

*"a time to be healed..."*

Florence Lobasky, Bernard Lombardelli, Andrew Comer, Marcella Sweeney, Matthew Sammon, Peggy Evans, Janet Sweeney, Anna Gorgone, Frances Lanzilotti, Anita Zucconi, Jack Wall, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, John Burke, Sue Figalora, Bob Stasi, Peggy Funesti, Patricia Burke, Eleanor Pompeo, Alyssa Brady, Dolores DeMatteo, Barbara Riley, Alex Kuhr, 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.

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  
Patrick Mangosing



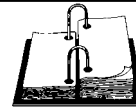
**ASCENSION PARISH'S 14TH  
PILGRIMAGE  
TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF  
THE DIVINE MERCY**

**WHEN: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 27, 2014**

**WHERE: STOCKBRIDGE, MA  
COST: \$35.00 PER PERSON**

**PLEASE PICK UP  
REGISTRATION FORM  
IN CHURCH VESTIBULE**

**Registration Deadline is April 23, 2014**



**The  
Week  
Ahead**

**Third Sunday of Lent, March 23, 2014**

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00am  
Church/Gathering Room  
Religious Education - 10:15am – School  
CFC-FFL – 1:30pm – Multi-Purpose Room

**Monday, March 24, 2014**

Religious Education Grade 7 - 7:00pm - School

**Tuesday, March 25, 2014 – Solemnity of the Annunciation**

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

**Wednesday, March 26, 2014**

Harrison House  
Religious Education Grade 9 - 7:00pm - School  
Novena - 7:30pm - Church

**Thursday, March 27, 2014**

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

**Friday, March 28, 2014**

Set up FBC for First Eucharist Retreat Day  
Mass with Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm - Church

**Saturday, March 29, 2014**

Confessions - 11:00am – Church  
Set up FBC for First Eucharist Retreat Day  
Orders for Palm Crosses

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2014**

Orders for Palm Crosses  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00am  
Church/Gathering Room  
First Eucharist Retreat Day  
Religious Education - 10:15am - School  
Living Stations Practice, All characters – 7:00pm

**LENTEN JOURNEY & BEYOND**

The Parish of St Mary's in Dumont is hosting Michael Ferris Potter, Evangelist, Motivational Speaker. This moving and life changing presentation will prepare you for your Lenten journey and beyond. Please tell a friend and join us on March 30th at 3:00 pm in Szelest Hall (GYM) Free Will Offering. Light refreshment to follow.



**REMEMBER DURING LENT**

Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm  
followed by Stations of the Cross.  
Also, we have placed **"Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2014"** in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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)

<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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Lenten Fasting and Feasting...

Let us...

- ...**fast** from complaining and **feast** on gratitude
- ...**fast** from harsh judgments and **feast** on kind thoughts
- ...**fast** from worry and **feast** on trust in God to provide
- ...**fast** from discouragement and **feast** upon hope
- ...**fast** from bitterness and **feast** on forgiveness
- ...**fast** from hatred and **feast** upon returning good for evil
- ...**fast** from anger and **feast** on patience
- ...**fast** from pettiness and **feast** on becoming mature
- ...**fast** from jealousy and **feast** on praying for trust
- ...**fast** from gossiping and **feast** on controlling your tongue
- ...**fast** from sin and **feast** on virtue
- ...**fast** from giving up and **feast** on perseverance

**St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program**  
 St. Joseph Council No 3814 is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2014. Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell, NJ or Ascension Parish in New Milford, NJ. Selection will be based on criteria including extracurricular activities focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the Knights of Columbus principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity** and **Patriotism**.

Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and postmarked no later than **Monday, April 28, 2014**. Winners will be notified in May. Applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.kofcstjoseph.org](http://www.kofcstjoseph.org). For additional information contact Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174.



Please remember to patronize,  
**LACY Construction**  
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& all those who help make this bulletin possible



### 2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2014

**"When I called, you answered"**

**Thank you to the 249 parishioners who have made pledges amounting to \$46,875.00 to the 2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. With your help, we can reach and hopefully surpass our goal of \$53,400.00.**

**If you have not done so, please remember to return your completed pledge envelope for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the office. For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your support.**

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EXPO

Is your child currently in grades 6 or 7? Is your child currently in high school and looking for a change? The Catholic high schools of the Archdiocese of Newark are sponsoring a High School Admissions Fair called High School Expo. This event is conducted in a college fair style. School staff and student representatives will be on hand to share information with your family: academics, financial aid, extra-curricular activities, and more. Our schools have a near 100% graduation rate with 97% of seniors attending college.

The event will be in two locations each with plenty of parking:

Visitation Academy  
 222 Farview Ave., Paramus,

April 2 7:00-8:30 pm

Archdiocese of Newark

171 Clifton Avenue, Newark

April 3 7:00-8:30 pm

No pre-registration or fee is required, and younger siblings are welcome. For directions and further information visit our website at [www.catholicschoolsnj.org](http://www.catholicschoolsnj.org) or call Laura Cristiano (973) 497-4258.



### **ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS JOINS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES**

Once again, the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual celebration honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five or fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2014. These liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers and held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

**April 6, 2014**

**3:00pm - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

**All Counties**

**May 4, 2014**

**3:00pm -- 25<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

**All Counties**

It is our desire to have every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

If you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries, contact the rectory at (201) 836-8961 for registration.

**Deadline for reservations: Monday, March 24, 2014**