

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 28, 2014**

5:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
8:00 Juan Redoblado
10:00 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Peter Buckley, Fifty-First Anniversary

Monday, December 29, 2014

7:00 Esperanza Cordon
8:30 Arlene Villordon (living)

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

7:00 John P. Calamari
8:30 Joselito DeLeon

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 2014

8:30 Louis A. DeEufemia
5:30 Rose Walsh

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 1, 2015

8:30 Rose Caruso
10:30 Nan Rooney

Friday, January 2, 2015

7:00 Matthew Camerlengo
8:30 Macaria Maglaqui

Saturday, January 3, 2015

Memorial Mass

8:30 Maria Mertola, Thresamma Kurian,
Jose Ignacio Zuniga
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 4, 2015

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Alfred Carbone, First Anniversary
10:30 Artemio Gervacio
12:00 Terry Rencarge

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



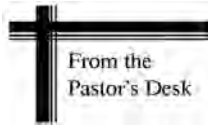
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, December 21, 2014: \$6,810.00
Food Pantry: \$1,131.00

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
December 28, 2014**

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Many Christmases ago, a poor woman named Eva received a gift of plump, beautiful grapes from the grocer. Eva's first thought was of her son, Edward. "This is his favorite! I can't wait to give them to him tonight." At home, Edward's eyes widened, and his mouth did begin to water when he saw the grapes. But he thought immediately of his little sister, Gracie.

Times were hard and Edward pictured just how much Gracie would love the grapes, as she'd had few treats in recent years. Little Grace shrieked when she received the rare treat. But just then she heard her father, Robert, coming in after a long day of searching for work. These grapes would make him smile, she thought! So Grace rushed in and offered him the grapes before he could even take off his coat. "Here, Daddy, here is a gift for you, from me!"

Robert was so tired, and the very sight of the juicy grapes given to him by his little girl did make him smile. But then he smiled even wider, just thinking of what a wonderful surprise these would make for his wife, Eva. She had given up so much, she deserved something special. He hurried to find her, and put the beautiful bunch of grapes into her hands with a kiss.

So, the gift of beauty, and nourishment, and self-giving love came full circle. Everyone received, and everyone gave. Clearly, marriage, and family, and human relationships are holy and sacramental. But they are not ends in themselves; they point us to the Most Sacred God Who loved us first. So, our "family ties" in God are meant to FREE us, to let our love burst out and fly beyond all boundaries, to those most in need.

May the miracle of Christmas inspire you to bring the delight of true love to your family and to others; just as you are receiving it every day from the God who loves you so deeply and dearly!

✠ We have inserted in the bulletin the schedule of Masses for the Christmas Season. We welcome all of you, those who celebrate with us daily and weekly, and those who have been away for a while. We invite each of you to celebrate with us, and we ask that you please bring a friend or loved one to celebrate with us as well.

✠ I remind you that Ascension Parish offers many ministries and programs. Our parish relies heavily on your generosity, especially in our Christmas collection, to help support the many needs of our parish. I ask that you seek God's guidance in deciding what you can give for your special Christmas gift to your parish and I pray that you will be as generous as your means allow.

✠ Please remember to make your final payments for the **2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal** in order that our parish may get the proper credit toward our goal.

✠ **MARDI GRAS 2015 / VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE is coming!!!** Mark your calendars! Save this date! Saturday, February 14th 7:30pm to 11:30pm! Tickets will be available in January in the church vestibule after all weekend Masses.

✠ Thank you to all who continue to participate in our Memorial Brick Campaign. While we may purchase a brick to remember deceased loved ones, we may also remember ourselves as the "living stones" of Ascension. It is also a wonderful way to commemorate baptisms, first communions, confirmations, birthdays, graduations, weddings, and anniversaries. If anyone would like to give a brick for a special occasion, we will supply a gift card for your use. Together we help to keep our parish safe and beautiful. If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider participating in this parish project. We still have bricks of all categories available. Brick Campaign Forms are available in the Rectory or in the Book Rack in the back of the church.

A truly Merry Christmas Season and a Grace-filled New Year to All!
Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too. God love You!

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

**A HAPPY & FAITH FILLED NEW YEAR!
FROM
TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**



*This week we celebrate new beginnings!
Let us ask Our Blessed Mother, to continue to
watch over and bless all our families and the
Academy as she watched over Jesus and as we
continue on our
Faith-filled journey through life.*

'Each of us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation.'

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Office and the Pro-Life Commission will host a Pro-Life Mass at noon on January 18, 2015 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark. January 22, 2015 marks the 42nd anniversary of the legalization of abortion in this country. By attending this special Mass, those who wish to stand up for life but cannot attend the March for Life in Washington DC or the rally in Trenton can still show their support and defend those who cannot defend themselves. For more information, please contact Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 or at rileyche@rcan.org



Calendar:

Sunday, December 28th ó No Religious Education
Monday, December 29th ó No Religious Education
Wednesday, December 31st ó New Year's Eve ó No Religious Education
Thursday, January 1st ó Happy New Year's
Sunday, January 4th ó-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)



**We in the Religious Education Office wish everyone a
Happy Healthy New Year**

Religious Education will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2015. For-K to 6th, Monday, January 5th for 8th grade and Wednesday, January 7th for 9th grades.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There will be a 1st Grade Parents Meeting on Sunday, January 25th at 10:15 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room. This is a Mandatory Meeting and at least one parent must attend.

There is a **Mandatory** Eight Grade Parents/ Student meeting on **January 28, 2015** 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 2016.**

Religious Education Office Location & Hours:

New Location: 356 Azalea Drive

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Location: 1092 Carnation Drive

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

FULL TIME / PART-TIME CHURCH BUSINESS MANAGER

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Dumont is in need of a full time/part-time Business Manager. Accounting or Bookkeeping experience is a must. Knowledge of Quick Books, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Deposits, and Bank Reconciliations preferred. If interested in this position, mail resume to 280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ, 07628 attention Dory Weiss or email at info@stmarysdumont.org by Jan. 12.

New Year Blessings

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist,
your gastro-enterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist,
your psychiatrist, your plumber and the I.R.S.

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs and your stocks not fall;
and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol,
your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.

May New Year's Eve find you seated around the table,
together with your beloved family and cherished friends.

May you find the food better, the environment quieter, the cost much cheaper,
and the pleasure much more fulfilling than anything else you might ordinarily do that night.

May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them.
May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes,
and tell the world about your virtues.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner.
May the commercials on TV not be louder than the program you have been watching,
and may your check book and your budget balance -
and include generous amounts for charity.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child,
your parent, your siblings; but not to your secretary, your nurse, your masseuse,
your hairdresser or your tennis instructor.

And may we live in a world at peace and with the awareness of God's love
in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, every lover's kiss,
and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart.

A Happy and Holy 2015 to All!

*Theresa Carbone
Lorraine Montecucollo
Dena Sedlak*

*Fr. David
Fr. Ernie
Elizabeth Delgado
Christopher Cudina*

*Glenn Gordon
Serina Sharkey
Brendan Suter*



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

Nicholas Aidan Pollock

"a time to be healed..."

Charles Brown, Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Frank Mottola, Shirley Busby, Roger Carr, Rev. John McGovern, Andrew Comer, Janet Sweeney, Jack Wall, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, 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, 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.

"...a time to die..."

Norman Mintz

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week
in loving memory of
Patrick Mangosing



Holy Family Sunday, December 28, 2014

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 Noon

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO Religious Education

Monday, December 29, 2014

NO Religious Education

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 2014

Mass at 8:30am

Parish Offices Closed

5:30pm Vigil Mass, Mary, Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 8:30am & 10:30am

Parish Offices Closed

First Friday, January 2, 2015

Communion Visits to homebound

First Saturday, January 3, 2015

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 4, 2015

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School

Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room



GIVING TREE ONCE AGAIN A GREAT SUCCESS!
Thank you to all who so generously donated to our Giving Tree this Christmas. Please know that your gift of kindness helped to make this Christmas a little happier for those in great need. May God continue to bless those who so generously showed their caring spirit!



Thank you to all who served and to those who donated an abundance of very festive desserts for 120 guests at the recent Hackensack Walk-In dinner. Your help and contributions are always greatly appreciated by all. The Service Ministry wishes you a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year!



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THE HOLY FAMILY



Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
(Holyday with Obligation to attend Mass)

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

5:30pm Vigil Mass

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2015

8:30am and 10:30am

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 3, 2015

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 4, 2015

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 Noon

A Happy and Holy New Year to all!

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saint Joseph's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the Local Council Championship on Saturday January 17, 2015.

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Council Level competition.

All participants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Each respective age division winner will proceed to the District competition.

All participants are required to provide proof of age and written parental consent. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2015.

For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201-370-3404.

Date: Saturday January 17, 2015

Time: 2:30 P.M. Registration, 3:00 P.M. START

Place: St. Joseph School Gym, Elm Street Oradell New Jersey.

GIVE IT A SHOT!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation toward the Christmas trees, wreaths and flowers which will continue to be used to decorate our church throughout this festive season.

Please print clearly on all requests.

Donation \$15.00 for Each Intention

One intention for each donation will be listed on the Christmas Flower Donations bulletin insert

Please put your donation and intention in the **Christmas Flower Envelope** that you received in the mail or pick one up at doors of church and drop it in the collection basket or in the black mail box outside the rectory door.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of: _____

_____ or the Intention of: _____

Donated by: _____

Phone: _____

PARISH TRIP

A Trip is being planned to the Amishlands, Pennsylvania for 3 days from April 15-17, 2015. The price of \$399 per person/\$468 single includes 2 nights lodging, 2 full breakfasts, 2 dinners, ðMosesö at the Millennium Theatre, ðInspireö at the American Music Theatre, guided tour of the Amish Countryside, guided tour of Hershey, with Founders Hall and Tram ride. Bus transportation, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities are included. Cancellation insurance is available upon request and is recommended. A \$50 deposit will hold your reservation and is due by January 31st, 2015. For reservations and info. Call Josie, (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201) 387-2632. Please fill in the coupon below and deposit it at the rectory mailbox with your deposit.

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Please make all checks payable to Ascension Church



THE RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2014,
THURSDAY JANUARY 1, 2015