

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday January 11, 2015

5:30 O'Hara & McCaffrey Families
 7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
 9:00 Rose Caruso
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
 12:00 Nellie & Tomas Heavey (living)

Monday, January 12, 2015

7:00 John Patrick Cullen
 8:30 Michael Alfis

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

7:00 Dong T. Vo
 8:30 Rosa Bolanos

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

7:00 Val Joseph Laya
 8:30 Remedios M. Mavul

Thursday, January 15, 2015

7:00 Joseph Ricciardone
 8:30 Francisco Verrett

Friday, January 16, 2015

7:00 Mary Clarke
 8:30 Patrick J. Delaney

Saturday, January 17, 2015

8:30 Consuelo Mendoza
 5:30 Rose Carbone

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18, 2015

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Timothy Cronin
 10:30 Jovita & Agnes Balagot
 12:00 Juana Sisom

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Solemnity of Mary, 2015:	\$3,228.00
Sunday, January 4, 2015:	\$5,872.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,677.00
Additional Christmas 2014:	\$2,336.00

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 January 11, 2015

Sunday: Is 55:1-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/1 Jn 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Saint John Paul II once said that what was important about him was not the fact that he was the pope. What was more important was the fact that he was baptized.

It is through our Baptism that we come to know who we are and who we are to become. Baptism is the Sacrament that actually defines who we are. Baptism is about the present, not about the past. Baptism gives us our most basic identity.

Through Baptism we affirm that we are sons and daughters of a loving God and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. We also become a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. This is who we really are and throughout the rest of our lives, we live in such a way that this basic identity becomes stronger and stronger. If we are faithful to our Baptism, then everything we do grows out of the fact that we are baptized people.

We all have other identities besides our basic identity as a Baptized person? This is where we have to learn how to live both as a son or daughter of God and also one who is deeply immersed in the things of this world. Our life's work must be done within the framework of our Baptism. So our Baptism envelops our life in the world, and gives it shape and focus.

Today's **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** reminds us strongly that our own Baptism has called us to a life of holiness and stewardship in the Church. Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus, we are all on mission to reveal the power of love through service.

I hope and pray that, even though the Christmas Season ends today, we may remain a constant and strong, warm and bright light for the world by the way we live our baptism every day of our lives.

Lord, this incredible season comes to an end today but not the joy I have discovered in these weeks. I can sense it ô your summons in my life and the response I feel growing in my heart. I want to take up the mission you are calling me to and follow in your path of service.

Thank you for making me one of your children born in water and your Spirit. Help me to listen to your voice in my life and remember each day the happiness of sharing the bond of baptism with you.

With your help, I can stay faithful to your calling and celebrate my mission as your follower. Thank you for this great gift! May I be a light in the world for you.

✠ Our Christmas Collection to date amounts to \$35,902.20. Your donations toward Christmas Flowers totaled to date \$2,721.00. Our collection for New Year's Day amounted to \$3,228.00. Thank you for your generous stewardship.

✠ As our Christmas Season ends, our decorations come down. Thanks to all who donated toward our decorations and thanks to all who gave of their time to make our church look so beautiful once again!

We will take down our decorations on Monday, January 12th after the 8:30am Mass. As always, our parishioners are welcome to come and lend a hand. Many hands make for less work for all.

Again, thank you to all who made the Christmas Season at Ascension so special!

✠ **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 the church vestibule after all Masses next weekend.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Three Things to Know About the U.S. Bishops' Recent Discussions on Catholic Schools Alliance for Catholic Education on Tuesday, 09 December 2014.

Catholic schools are succeeding in vital missions. They are providers of quality education and character formation to students from all backgrounds, and catalysts for quality engagement in parish and civic life.

Clergy and laypeople share a responsibility to champion America's Catholic school tradition and boost today's successes.

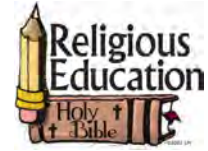
The Most Rev. Daniel Flores, Bishop of Brownsville and chair of the USCCB Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church stated that for generations Catholic schools have offered a high quality education and character formation. Clergy and lay people should partner to ensure that Catholic schools continue to grow, succeed and offer a quality education to children from diverse backgrounds. The Church's outreach to minority families because they are crucial to the future of the Church and the nation. Catholic schools provide a path out of poverty for Latinos and other minorities and help close the achievement gap for students. All students, including minority students experience the benefits of Catholic schools, such as 87% high school graduation rates.

The Bishops could have been speaking about Transfiguration, whose mission it has been to offer the finest quality education to a diverse student body. Strengthening Faith, Enlightening Minds and Transforming Hearts. One Student at a Time.

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www.transfigurationacademy.org
201-384-3627



We sincerely thank **Michael Mittenzwei of Boulevard Funeral Home, New Milford** and **Claire Beaugard of Beaugard Funeral Home, River Edge** for the beautiful parish calendars that were recently distributed. We are very appreciative of their generosity to Ascension parish.



Calendar:

- Sunday, January 11th 6-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
- Monday, January 12th 6th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, January 14th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, January 18th 6-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume today, Sunday January 11, 2015. All students in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together as a family

There will be a 1st Grade Parents Meeting on Sunday, January 25th at 10:15am 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**

*Boy Scouts Troop 291
Fundraiser*

*Please join us for a
Pasta Dinner*

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2015

Time: serving 6:45pm to 8pm

*Place: Church of the Ascension
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, NJ
(Located in the Gym)*

Contact: Jeanine 551-486-5814 for more information

*Includes: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread,
Water, Soda*

*\$8.00 Adults
\$6.00 Children*





"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Roger Carr, Rev. John McGovern, Andrew Comer, Janet Sweeney, Ann & 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, Peggy Evans, Jose Diaz, Justine White, 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



Christmas Flower Offering

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The Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 11, 2015

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
12 Noon Mass for Santo Nino
Reception follows Fr. Benedict Center
Baptism ó 1:30pm - Church

Monday, January 12, 2015

Christmas decorations taken down after 8:30am mass
Religious Education, Grade 7 ó 7:00pm- School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Religious Education, Grade 9 ó 7:00pm - School
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
BS Troop 291 - 7:30pm - Fr. Benedict Center
Contemporary Choir ó 8:00pm - Church

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Children's Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church
Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Choir

Friday, January 16, 2015

No Events

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 18, 2015

Food Pantry Sunday
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
NO Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School



SUNDAY
JANUARY 17TH & 18TH

Our Food collection for this month will take place next weekend. Needs: Paper Products: Paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissues, napkins. Personal hygiene products: toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo, canned vegetables/fruits and fruit juices Your continued support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated. May God Bless you!



FATHER DAVID!

**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!

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

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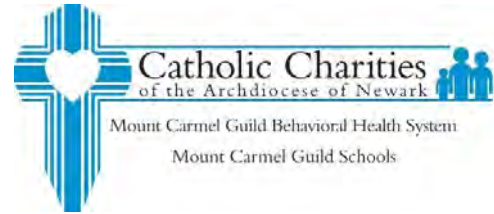
MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

12 NOON MASS

Reception Follows in the Fr. Benedict Center

ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received \$345 as a result of your clothing donations from September 27th to November 30th. These funds, combined with monies from other participating parishes throughout the Archdiocese, alleviated the sufferings of the needy who sought relief through the many operations of Catholic Charities. The shelters at St. Lucy's in Jersey City and St. Bridget's in Newark provide food, accommodations and overall care for the homeless during these harsh winter months. Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

'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

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Just a reminder for those who made a pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2014. If you have not fulfilled your pledge please do so. Every fulfilled Pledge Counts! Thank you.