

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
February 15, 2015**

- 5:30 Eunice Saldanha
- 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
- 9:00 Apple & Mycah Gallevo
- 10:30 Ann Marie Lopresti, First Anniversary
- 12:00 Gertrude O'Dea, First Anniversary

**Monday, February 16, 2015**

- 7:00 Peg & Pat Mulvihill (living)
- 8:30 Gail Mott

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

- 7:00 Thomas O'Keefe
- 8:30 Simeona Espinosa

**Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

- 7:00 People of Ascension Parish
- 8:30 Ralph Fernandez
- 12:00 T.V. Varghese
- 4:00 Liturgy of the Word
- 7:30 Andrew T. comer

**Thursday, February 19, 2015**

- 7:00 Trinidad C. Javier
- 8:30 Ann Groy

**Friday, February 20, 2015**

- 7:00 T.K. Varghese
- 8:30 Bill & Barbara Miele
- 7:30 Joan Carney

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

- 8:30 Nelson Garais
- 5:30 Angelo & Vito Cucco

**First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2015**

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:00 Frank & Thomas Meyer
- 10:30 Silveria Herrero
- 12:00 Dorothy Hartney

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
*WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*



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

**Sunday, February 8, 2015:      \$5,967.00**

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 15, 2015**

- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45
- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Lepers in Jesus time were required to leave their homes, and be exiled to the hills or the caves, usually until their death. Jesus knew very well what healing would mean. The real miracle may have been that now the man could return from exile in the leper caves, and be reunited with his mother, his wife and children, his church community. Jesus always brings people back from isolation.

We see again how Jesus was not controlled by the religious laws which said "Do not touch lepers." Jesus actually reached out and touched the leper; he tried always to bring release to the captives and to set free those who are oppressed.

St. Paul says, "Never do anything offensive to anyone," yet we know we treat insiders and outsiders differently. The simple question for us is, "How do we relate to the outsiders each day?" Do we offer any degree of charity or patience to the "different ones"? Do we glare, look forbidding, or refuse to have eye contact?

If people seem like an annoyance in our lives, we need to picture Jesus touching us, as he touched the leper, freeing us from our disease of disgust and setting us free to BE the healing of Christ to others. We should be the first example of love and inclusion that anyone meets!

✠ Thank you to Josie McEwan, Anna Gorgone and Pauline Alfis for the beautiful **Marriage Anniversary Liturgy Reception** last Sunday. Everyone had a great time. It was truly special!

✠ This weekend we begin the **Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal for 2015**. Thank you to our parish families who contributed to the 2014 Appeal. Although we fell short of our goal, I am indeed proud of all who chose to help the neediest of our Archdiocese.

Archbishop Myers has set our 2015 goal at \$53,403.00. Please, let us all pray and work together, that, with God's help, we can reach and even surpass our goal. **Give a lot; give a little; but please give something!**

✠ This weekend we end Ordinary Time and enter into the penitential season of Lent. Let us bid farewell to the Easter word, **ALLELUIA**, as we sing it boldly in our songs this weekend until we sing it again joyfully at Easter.

✠ This Wednesday we begin the Holy Season of Lent as we celebrate **ASH WEDNESDAY**. We will distribute ashes during Mass at 7am, 8:30am, 12 Noon and 7:30pm and during a Word Service at 4pm. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for our complete **Lent 2015 Schedule**. We have also inserted our **2015 Lenten Calendar** which invites each of us to do a good deed every day in Lent. On the Book Rack in the back of church you will find **"Five Minutes with the Word for Lent."** Please take a copy and use it during this holy season.

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Congratulations - Future Alumni**

We are pleased to announce that once again our graduates were accepted to one or more of the Catholic high Schools of their choice.

In addition, we congratulate the following students accepted to the Academies of Englewood:

- Mateo Rendon - Bio-medicine Academy
- Jose Tovar - Law Academy
- Philip Pak - Engineering Academy

This month, we will hear from Bergen County Academies.  
Congratulations 8th Grade and their teachers.  
Go Get'em Tigers!

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**FORMER PRINCIPAL OF ASCENSION SCHOOL**

Dominican Sister Jeanne Marie Prince, OP-former Principal of Ascension School-died suddenly on Saturday evening, February 7, 2015. Her wake is on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 2-7pm with Dominican Prayers at 4pm. Funeral Mass is Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 10:30am. All services are at St. Catherine Convent, 7 Ryerson Avenue (on the campus of Caldwell University) in Caldwell, NJ 07006 Tel. 973-226-1577 ext 100.



**DONATION TOWARDS SNOW REMOVAL**

If you have not done so please consider making a donation to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds.

This is a very expensive item on our budget & we have already been serviced for fifteen snow removal and salting services this season amounting to over \$10,000.00.

This service provides for your safety throughout the winter months. **Thank you!**



**Calendar:**

- Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> ó NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> ó NO REGLIGIOUS EDUCATION
- Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> ó7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade meet at 7 pm in school
- Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
- Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> ó 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/ Student Meeting 7 pm in Church

Childrenø Liturgy of the Word has started at the 9 am Mass. All children in K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**No Religious Education on Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> or Monday February 16, 2015.**

**ALL 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders will meet in the school on Wednesday February 18, 2015 at 7 pm and then will attended the 7:30 pm Mass. Parents are encouraged to come to the Mass for Ash Wednesday. Students will be dismissed from the church to a parent.**

**There is a Mandatory Eighth Grade Parents/Student meeting on February 23, 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:**

- Location: 356 Azalea Drive
- Monday ó 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



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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ✠ ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18, 2015 ✠

✠ We will celebrate Mass at 7am, 8:30am, 12 Noon, 7:30pm and a Liturgy of the Word at 4pm. Ashes will be distributed ONLY during these liturgies.

A collection for the Fund for Retired Priests will be taken up at all the liturgies on Ash Wednesday. An envelope has been provided. Please be as generous as your means allow.

### ✠ LENTEN SEASON ✠

✠ We invite all parishioners to become part of **Open Our Hearts** which offers opportunities for parishioners to encounter Christ through integrating the Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, and family activities. It is another opportunity in Lent to meet other parishioners and to let Jesus enter your life more deeply, rekindle the fire of the faith we share, and let the light of Christ shine brightly in our parish!

✠ To remind us of the penitential nature of the season of Lent, the Entrance and **Penitential Act at Mass** will take on a new form for the five (5) Sundays of Lent:

There will be NO Entrance Song. The Celebrant and Ministers will enter in silence. The Sign of the Cross, Greeting and Introduction to the Penitential Rite follow. We will kneel for a brief examination of conscience and then together pray the "I Confess...". The Celebrant's conclusion will be followed by a sung "Kyrie", after which we will stand for the Collect.

✠ A **Lenten Calendar** has been inserted in the bulletin which suggests good deeds for each day of Lent.

✠ During Lent we offer an **additional Mass ONLY on Fridays at 7:30pm** after which we will pray the **Stations of the Cross**.

✠ On Friday, March 20 we are invited to our **Parish Fish and Chips Dinner**. Tickets: \$8.00 per person.

✠ On Saturday, March 21, we will celebrate a **Tri-Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service** at 1 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church in Bergenfield.

✠ On Friday, March 27, we will join together for our **Family Lenten Evening of Recollection** which will include Stations of the Cross, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, opportunity for sacramental Reconciliation, and Benediction.

### ✠ 2015 LENTEN REGULATIONS ✠

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.  
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.  
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2015 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2015.**

\*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year:*



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

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

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Roger Carr, 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, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Jose Diaz, Justine White, Joe Fazio, 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..."*

Joseph Zmudzinski, Sr. Jeanne Marie Prince, OP

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



**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 2015" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend

**AVAILABILITY**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week**, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 15, 2015**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

**Sign-up for Open Our Hearts**

**NO Children's Liturgy of the Word** ó 9:00am

**NO Religious Ed. K-6** ó 10:15am ó School

**Baptism** ó 1:30pm - Church

**Monday, February 16, 2015 \* President's Day**

**NO Religious Ed.** ó 7:00pm - School

**CFM** ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

**Combined Choirs** ó 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

**NO Woodcrest Center, Rosary** ó 2:30pm

**Ministry of Worship/Liturgy** ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg.



**ASH WEDNESDAY\*Day of Fast & Abstinence**

**Collection for Retired Priests Fund**

**Mass Celebrated at 7:00 & 8:30am**

**12 Noon & 7:30pm**

**Woodcrest Center** ó 2:30pm ó Service/Ashes

**Word Service – 4:00pm - Church**

**Religious Education grades 7, 8 & 9** meet in school & attend 7:30pm Mass

**NO Novena**

**Thursday, February 19, 2015**

**Children's Choir** ó 3:45pm ó Church

**Friday, February 20, 2015**

**Mass & Stations of the Cross** ó 7:30pm - Church

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

**Confessions** ó 11:00am ó Church

**First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2015**

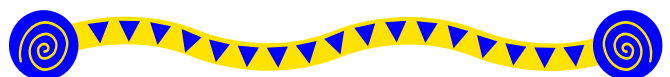
**Fuel Collection**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** ó 9:00am

**Religious Ed. K-6** ó 10:15am ó School

*Ministries*

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015  
7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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 Founderø 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF PERSON YOU ARE SHARING \_\_\_\_\_  
 A ROOM WITH \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make all checks payable to Ascension Church**



**THIS SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 15TH**

**NEEDS:** Canned meat and fish. Examples would be: Beef Stew, Corned Beef Hash, Spam, Canned Ham, Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Tuna, Sardines, Crab, Salmon. Your donations are much appreciated.

**MEMORIALS**

ðTHANK YOUö 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</b>
<b>(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: \_\_\_\_\_



**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS  
 2015 ANNUAL APPEAL 2015**

This yearø Appeal, *Sharing God's Blessings* is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on Godø generosity to us and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us.

This year, our Parish Goal is \$53,403.00

This yearø Annual Appeal will continue to support the many good works of the ministries throughout the Archdiocese. This yearø Appeal will continue to support the many good works of the ministries throughout the Archdiocese. We are often reminded by our Holy Father Pope Francis and sacred scripture that in order to love one another we must share the blessings which God has provided to us. We are called to similarly share what is granted to us by God and return it to Him so that not one of our brothers and sisters goes without; without the gift of faith, without the essential human needs, and without a personal relationship with Our Lord.

The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for the young; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; and most important, brings Christø Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. ***Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal.***

Thousands of people in the four counties served by the Archdiocese of Newark are assisted each year through various programs and ministries funded by the Appeal. Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal.

Please be sure to watch this yearø Annual Appeal video online at [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing) to see firsthand the impact that YOUR gift makes.

**CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY**

Are you 65 years of age or older? A Charitable Gift Annuity may be right for you. It not only benefits you, it also benefits your loved ones and the Church. Find out today how to establish a gift annuity by contacting Theresa Lynch in the Planned Giving Department at (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at [lynchthe@rcan.org](mailto:lynchthe@rcan.org).

Below are our current gift annuity rates:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
65	4.7%
70	5.1%
75	5.8%
80	6.8%
85	7.8%
90 + up	9.0%