

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2015

5:30 Larry Figalora, Tenth Anniversary  
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
 9:00 Buddy Doll  
 10:30 Mary Buckley  
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

### Monday, March 23, 2015

7:00 John De Gasperis  
 8:30 Manuel Rogis

### Tuesday, March 24, 2015

7:00 George U. Ruiz (healing)  
 8:30 Pauline Sapper

### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

### Wednesday, March 25, 2015

7:00 Agnes Oclarit  
 8:30 Joseph Zmudzinski

### Thursday, March 26, 2015

7:00 Ana Cabuhat Daus  
 8:30 John De Gasperis

### Friday, March 27, 2015

7:00 Pauline Sapper  
 8:30 Dannie Miranda  
 7:30 Thanksgiving (the Ruiz family)

### Saturday, March 28, 2015

8:30 James Lacey  
 5:30 Marilyn Johns

### PALM SUNDAY, March 29, 2015

7:30 Bernard Lombardelli  
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
 10:30 James Lacey  
 12:00 Fred Mc Crea

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

**Sunday, March 15, 2015:                 \$7,497.00**  
**Food Pantry:                                 \$1,101.00**

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 22, 2015

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33  
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56  
 Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:16  
 15:47 or 15:1-39

When Jesus tells us that we must lose our life in order to gain it, he is not playing mind games with us. On the contrary, he is giving us words that could make the difference between life and death. If we ignore his words, we could find ourselves in a kind of living death. But if we take his words into ourselves and live by them, we could start to experience life as Jesus wished us to experience it.

There are many things we tend to cling to, but one thing that many of us cling to are **our ideas**— **right or wrong**. In our lives, many of us cling to destructive, or simply false, ideas that prevent us from really living healthy and full lives. Clinging to old and outworn ideas is the surest way to prevent growth in our lives, and, in fact, such clinging prevents growth in understanding of one another and of life, in general. It can also put a roadblock in our love for one another.

Clinging to old and outworn ideas can also prevent proper and life-giving respect for our environment. It can hinder progress and keep us enslaved to inefficient and backward ways of doing things. Actually it is hard to imagine the wide-ranging and devastating effect that such clinging can have in our lives and in our world.

If it is true that we carry around within us so many unexamined ideas about our lives, then why don't we just stop, examine our ideas and then change our lives accordingly? Why? Because the cost is too high. If we really looked closely at many of our ideas, we would soon see that our false ideas protect us. They protect us from being just, compassionate, kind, human, understanding and so forth. May we all have the wisdom to look closely at the many ideas which push us through life, and the courage to let die what needs dying, and to embrace what gives life.

✠ Thank you to our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates and to their catechists for hosting our annual **Parish Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner** last Friday. Bravo! job well done! Thank you, also, to all who supported this annual Lenten event.

✠ Please plan to be with us this Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> for our **Parish Lenten Evening of Recollection** which will include Stations of the Cross, Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, opportunity for individual sacramental Reconciliation, and Benediction. The full schedule is provided in the bulletin.

✠ Our **Holy Week and Easter Schedule** has been printed in this week's bulletin. Please keep it handy. Let it be an invitation and reminder for you and your family to participate in the liturgies of this holiest week of the year. We are blessed when you are present. **Please plan on joining us in our celebrations — and bring someone you love with you.**

✠ Our pool of **funeral servers and readers** is dwindling. Perhaps you can volunteer to become a server or reader for our parish funerals. This ministry is so comforting to families in their time of loss. Please consider this Corporal Work of Mercy. Please see Fr. David for details and training.

### ✠ SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL 2015

Thank you so much to our 178 parishioner families who have pledged \$33,975.50 to the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are in the pews and at the doors of the church. I pray that each parish family will step up and support this beautiful way to answer Jesus' invitation to offer His hope to the poor and needy. **Give a little...Give a lot... But, please, give something!** 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

### Another Championship Season

The Academy's basketball program continues to win Championships year after year. This season 3 teams went to the finals and 2 took away championships.

- The 3&4 boys' team completed an undefeated season going 16 wins 0 losses and a tournament championship.
- Both 7&8 boys' teams went to the finals with and came away with a championship.

Our special thanks to our coaches and our Athletic Director, Craig VonderOsten. They, as always, have gone above and beyond. This year we have 4 coaches whose children have graduated from Transfiguration, yet still give their time and talent to the program. We also have many dedicated school parents who coach teams, other than their own children's. This requires their presence for both their own team's practices and games, as well as their children's games! That's Dedication!

Regardless of whether you coach, or your children play, you can be part of the winning Transfiguration Academy team. Registration is now open to all children interested in attending Transfiguration Academy, Pre K 2 Plus through 7th grade, for the 2015/ 2016 school year. We will be happy to conduct tours of our facilities and discuss our outstanding curriculum and the latest technological advances which make Transfiguration Academy a leader in Educational Excellence. If you wish to arrange an appointment to tour the facilities and see the school in session, please call the school office: 201-834-3627. We invite you to visit our website:

[www.transfigurationacademy.org](http://www.transfigurationacademy.org)

## 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



Calendar:

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15am to 11:45am (SCH)

Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> ó 8th Grade from 7pm to 8:45pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> ó 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat 4pm to 10pm

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> ó Palm Sunday ó No Religious Education

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> or Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will resume on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**Wednesday March 25, 2015:** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat will start at 4pm til 10pm. All candidates are to report to the Fr. Benedict Center by 4pm. This is a Mandatory retreat and all must be here. No one will be excused.

There will be no Religious Education on Sunday March 29, 2015.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday ó Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm ó in the Rectory

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm ó in the School

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon ó in the School

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

## ASCENSION PARISH'S 15TH PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

WHEN: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 12, 2015

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

PLEASE PICK UP  
REGISTRATION FORM  
IN CHURCH VESTIBULE

Registration Deadline is March 28, 2015

### 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.

# *Church of the Ascension*

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

### **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015**

Masses: 5:30pm (Saturday Vigil)  
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am and  
12:00 Noon (Principal Mass with Procession)

### **MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015**

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark 8:00pm

### **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015**

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) 8:30am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00pm  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:00pm Mass until Midnight*  
Night Prayer 11:45pm

### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015**

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) 8:30am  
Good Friday Prayer Service 12:00 Noon  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm  
Family Stations of the Cross 8:00pm

### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015**

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) 8:30am  
The Easter Vigil 8:15pm

### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015**

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

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

### **Individual Celebrations**

Friday, April 11 – 8:00 to 8:45pm  
Saturday, April 12 – 11:00am to 11:30am  
Tuesday, April 15 – 7:00pm to 7:30pm  
Wednesday, April 16 – 7:00pm to 7:30pm

**NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON HOLY SATURDAY.**





*"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, 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 **ALTAR BREAD & WINE**  
for this week in loving memory of  
**Agnes Oclarit**



**Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2015**

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am  
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School

**Monday, March 23, 2015**

Religious Ed. ó Grade 8 - 7:00pm ó School  
Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, March 24, 2015**

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm  
Ministry of Worship/Liturgy ó 7:30pm ó Rectory

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

Harrison House  
Confirmation Retreat ó 4:00pm  
Novena ó 7:30pm - Church  
BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center  
BS Committee ó 7:30pm ó Multi-Purpose Room  
Filipino Core Mtg. - 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

**Thursday, March 26, 2015**

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

**Friday, March 27, 2015**

Lenten Evening of Recollection  
Stations of the Cross ó 7:00pm ó Church  
Mass with Exposition ó 7:30pm, Holy Hour  
With Individual Confession  
Benediction ó 9:00pm

**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

Confessions ó 11:00am - Church

**Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015**

**Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am, 12:00 Noon**  
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word  
NO Religious Education  
Noon Principal Mass with Procession with Palms



**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 7:30PM**  
**IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**



Feeling lucky? Come Ride with us to **CAESARS**, Atlantic City. Sponsored by The Filipino Community of Ascension Church. April 19, 2015 (Sunday), departure time 8:45am from Ascension Church Parking Lot. Cost \$35.00 (Casino Voucher back-\$20.00). For further information, please call: Sophie Flores (201)385-2817 or (201) 406-7741.

**EASTER DINNER PROMOTION AT SHOP RITE**

To All, Shop Rite has a promotion that runs through April 4th. 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). 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.

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### REMEMBER DURING LENT

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

### A PARISH LENTEN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

This Friday, March 27, 2015  
 7:00pm...Stations of the Cross  
 7:30pm...Mass followed by  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Holy Hour  
 Opportunity for sacramental Reconciliation  
 9:00pm...Benediction



### Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 178 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$33,975.50 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

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

### 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</b>
(per basket/per week)	
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

#### MEMORIAL FUND

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



### EASTER FLOWERS



You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will be used to decorate our Church. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or a special intention. **Each intention donation is \$10.00** please place form & donation in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" & drop off at the rectory.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Intention of: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



### 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 2015 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 19, 2015

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

May 3, 2015

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

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 30, 2015**



**WOODCREST, Health Care Center**  
**201-967-1700**

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