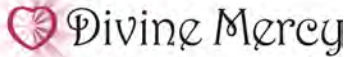


CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2015

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:00 John Trimarchi
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
 12:00 Msgr. Francis A. Fox

Monday, April 13, 2015

7:00 Jovita Balagot
 8:30 Joseph & Thomas Meyer

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

7:00 Mary, Jack, Jackie, Gregg, Milissa (living)
 8:30 Robert Sr. & Robert Jr.

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

7:00 Elorde Barlas
 8:30 Lillian Brandon

Thursday, April 16, 2015

7:00 Kathleen Kennedy
 8:30 Hedwig & Pop Burkhardt

Friday, April 17, 2015

7:00 Kathleen Kennedy
 8:30 John DeGasperis

Saturday, April 18, 2015

8:30 Joseph Hartney
 5:30 John Carbone

Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2015

7:30 Steven LePage
 9:00 Michael Alfis
 10:30 Anna Ettl-Thomas (healing)
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH **\$**TEWARDSHIP
 REPORT
 WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015: \$23,523.00
Easter Flowers: \$ 2,145.00
Good Friday: \$ 2,096.00

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 April 12, 2015

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-11/Lk 24:35-48

The Apostle Thomas in today's gospel, like many of us, is a bottom-line realist: "Unless I see the wounds, I will not believe." So, how dramatic it must have been for Jesus suddenly to appear in the locked room, and invite Thomas to touch his wounded hands and side. Jesus challenges him directly: "Do not doubt but believe."

If I took a survey right now, how many of us would be willing to admit that we have doubts about God, Jesus, and our faith. Belief in God IS difficult, once we have suffered enough in life. After we have lived through deception, loss of employment and income, violence, war, illnesses, deaths—isn't our experience of God's presence more often an experience of God's absence? Certainly all of the great saints have said this was true for them.

Jesus' first words are usually "Peace be with you!" because he totally understands our fears and doubts. Jesus doesn't want fear and doubts about the future to destroy our belief in life itself. This seems to be happening, for example, in the case of abortion. It is often easier to think of ending a life for which we cannot see a future. But God has an eternal vision for each beloved life, which we cannot see. Remember the old saying, "Seeing is believing?" Not true for Jesus. He says, "Believing is seeing."

Our faith shouts to the world that, thank God, there is a sacred beginning, a blessed middle, and a joyful end to every life! We should not let our doubts drag us into the mud of inaction. Through loving our selves and one another, even in our doubts, we will move even deeper into relationship and unity with God.

Together in faith and hope we have journeyed and rejoiced at the empty tomb. As we celebrate this Second Sunday of Easter, may the Risen Jesus meet us, invite us closer to him and increase our faith so that with Easter ears we can readily hear him say to us:

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

✠ Today, on this eighth and last day of the Octave of Easter, we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Based on the revelations from Jesus to St. Maria Faustina, the focus of this feast is on God's unbounded love and mercy for us shown so visibly in Jesus' Paschal Mystery and continually poured out upon us through the sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist, and Reconciliation.

As we bring mercy to others, we will experience the Divine Mercy that our loving God wishes us to receive with open and grateful hearts. **Ask for Mercy. Receive Mercy. Be Merciful!**

✠ **THANK YOU...** to all who helped to make our Triduum and Easter celebrations so very special! Fr. Ernie, our pastoral staff, and our many ministers. Special thanks to our choirs and to all who again "Eastered" our church, especially to all who so generously donated for the Easter flowers that proudly adorn our church. What can I say! It is absolutely magnificent!! That's just some of the ways that make our parish such a visible sign of God's love! a faith-filled community working together for the Lord! May God bless our Ascension community as we continue together building HIS kingdom.

✠ **CONGRATULATIONS to Miriam Karimov** who was fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil receiving Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide her in a faith-filled life.

✠ Next Sunday **Elizabeth Candelario** will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:30am Mass. Please keep her in special prayer this week.

✠ Because so many parishioners have commented positively about the Five Minutes with the Word Lenten booklets, **Five Minutes with the Word for Easter** are available for you in the book rack in the back of the church. Please take one for yourself and feel free to take a couple to share with your friends. They'll appreciate the thought!

✠ Any Ascension liturgical minister (Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister) who has a family member receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time and/or the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to serve in the liturgy, please call Fr. David at the Rectory as soon as possible.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations comes to Transfiguration.

One of Transfiguration's strengths is its diversity. We have often commented that if people wanted to learn how to act with one another, the UN should come here - and so it has, in a manner of speaking.

On March 27, our Middle School students attended a presentation given by Olivia Contratto, the sister of one of our students, and a junior at B.C.A. on developing a Model UN.

The students learned the inner workings and procedures used to debate and bring a resolution to the Assembly for adoption.

On April 21, our 8th grade will actually hold a Model UN to draft and adopt a resolution on the topic: "Prevention of Highly Contagious Diseases (i.e., Ebola virus)."

The students will:

- *Conduct roll call
- *Deliver speeches / debate the topic
- *Come to a resolution

Transfiguration Academy is the only elementary school in the area we know of, to have a Model UN. It is our intention to incorporate it into the Social Studies curriculum as yet another way of fulfilling our mission to develop our students to face the challenges of a changing society, be worthwhile contributors to the community, and become the leaders of tomorrow.

*Transfiguration Academy
Strengthening Faith, Enlightening minds,
Transforming hearts...One Student at a Time*

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

Altar Servers

We are in need of several Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the Rectory (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.



Alleluia, Alleluia He is Risen

Calendar:

Sunday, April 12th ó Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, April 13th 6th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, April 15th ó 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, April 19th ó Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday April 12th. Remember this is a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Religious Education resumes on Sunday April 12, 2015.

Confirmation Class of 2015-Please BRING IN ALL OUTSTANDING PAPER WORK this week.

First Eucharist: There will be a MANDATORY Rehearsal Tuesday April 21, 2015 in the Church at 7 pm. All First Eucharist candidates and one parent are to meet at 6:50 pm so we can start on time.

Registration for 2015-2016:

Registration forms the 2015-2016 School year will be distributed to all students today please look for them in your child's backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30th. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of **Catechists, Aides and Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2015 ó 2016 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.

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

Did you know?

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God ó our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, contact our parish Local Safe Environment Coordinator, Serina Sharkey.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*We welcome you all to our celebration of **Easter 2015** here at Ascension.*

We especially welcome those who have been away from Ascension due to school, illness or living elsewhere for whatever reason. It is good to have you home again. Welcome to all visitors.

Thank you for choosing to celebrate your Easter with us.

Easter is the most beautiful and holiest time of year, when we celebrate Jesus' new life shared with us at Easter and all throughout the year – the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of each other.

We invite you to share in many important celebrations of Jesus' new life shared with us during the seven weeks of the Easter Season and beyond.

*On the weekend of April 26, we will celebrate **First Holy Communion** at specific weekend Masses.*

*On Saturday, May 2nd at 11am, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of our young men and women in the **sacrament of Confirmation**.*

*On Sunday, May 3rd, during the 9am Mass we will celebrate our **Crowning of our Blessed Mother**.*

*We will observe **Mother's Day** on May 10th and we will celebrate the **Blessing of Mothers** at all weekend Masses.*

*We will celebrate our **Parish Feast Day, Ascension Thursday**, May 14th with great fanfare as we celebrate the 7:30pm Mass,*

*which is followed by our **"Make your own Ice Cream Sundae."***

What a special day for us!

*On the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17th, we will celebrate **Communal Anointing of the Sick** during Mass at 12:00 Noon.*

*On May 24th, the **Solemnity of Pentecost**, we celebrate the special presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.*

We end the Easter Season

*on the weekend of May 31st, **Most Holy Trinity Sunday**.*

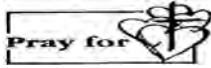
*On Sunday, June 7th, we will celebrate **Corpus Christi** at 12:00 Noon Mass followed by our annual Corpus Christi Procession.*

*We will observe **Father's Day** on this weekend of June 21st with the **Blessing of Fathers** at all weekend Masses.*

I encourage you to immerse yourself in the spirit and graces of the season by participating in these special celebrations and I ask that you bring someone you love with you.

My prayer is that Christ, whose resurrection we now celebrate, may dwell in your hearts and in your homes throughout this season of joy.

A Most Blessed Easter!



"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.

"a time to die..."

Michael Reilly, Raymond Wolfle, Beatriz Joven Santos

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris

BREAD and WINE this week are in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Our beautiful Evangelium Paschal Candle this year is donated in loving memory of Bernard Lombardelli requested by the Sedlak Family.

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 204 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$38,470.50 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



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2015

Catholic Home Missions

Parish Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy bus departs at 7:00am
Children's Liturgy of the Word 6 9:00am
Religious Education, Grades K-6 6 10:15am- School
Baptism Preparation 6 1:15pm 6 Gathering Room

Monday, April 13, 2015

Pastoral Staff Meeting 6 9:00am 6 Rectory Mtg. Room
Religious Education Grade 7 6 7:00pm - School
CFM 6 7:30pm 6 Gathering Room

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Rosary 6 2:30pm
Parish Events 6 7:30pm 6 Gathering Room

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Religious Education Grade 9 6 7:00pm 6 School
Novena 6 7:30pm 6 Church
BS Troop 291 6 7:30pm 6 Fr. Benedict Center
BS Troop 291 Committee 6 7:30pm 6 Multi-Purpose Rm

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Children's Choir 6 3:45pm 6 Church
Combined Choirs 6 7:30pm - Church

Friday, April 17, 2015

Buildings & Grounds Committee 6 7:30pm - Rectory

Saturday, April 18 2015

Confessions 6 11:00am - Church

Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2015

Parish Maintenance & Repairs
Children's Liturgy of the Word 6 9:00am
Religious Education, Grades K-6 6 10:15am- School
Baptism 6 1:30pm 6 Church



**PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015
7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015
7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**



With my deepest gratitude for Father David, the staff of Ascension Church and my parish family I would like to thank you for your prayers and concern for my health during the last seven months. I am on the road to recovery and hope for a full recovery soon. There is nothing like a parish family that cares, and Ascension Church is the most caring.

Please keep me in your prayers as you are in mine.

Sincerely,
Margherita Bruno

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 12, 2015

MEMORIALS

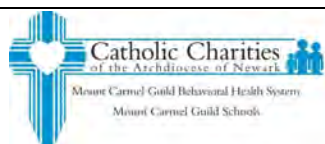
THANK YOU to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. 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

MEMORIAL FUND

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



In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it are some of the lyrics to a very popular song which reflects the joys of the Easter season. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing to the bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus 50/50 Cash Raffle For 8th Grade Scholarships

St. Joseph Council No. 3814 of Oradell/New Milford is sponsoring a **50/50 Cash Raffle to raise \$2,000 for our 8th Grade Scholarship Program**. With your help we can reach our fundraising goals and you will have a chance to win one of three cash prizes. Raffle tickets are \$20 each. The Raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at 9:00pm during our Beefsteak Dinner at the Columbian Club hall at 199 River Road, New Milford, NJ. Winner need not be present to win. Contact Jeff Walters at (201)925-7174, or leave a message on the Council phone at (201)262-9722.



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EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will be used to decorate our Church throughout the Easter Season. 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:** _____



In Memory of:

Requested by:

	Domingo Gutiza
	Mr Gerard Harty
	Mr & Mrs Mark Able Misluhani
	Mr & Mrs Jose-Medell Manahan
Santiago & Fidela Sunga	Ed & Sophie Flores
Alfonso & Rosario Flores	Ed & Sophie Flores
Marlene Hellriegel	Don Hellriegel
Stephen Hellriegel	Don Hellriegel
My daughter Laura	Joan M. Rippe
Jacinta & Simon Medina	Mr & Mrs Jimmy Medina
Gregg & Gloria Redablado	Marlon Tuazon
Mary Zadroga/James & Annie Cassidy	Ms Catherine Zadroga
Gertrude ODea	Edward ODea
Jean & Michael Sapunarich	Ms Jeannie Sapunarich
Gertrude ODea	Fehnel Family
Pedro & Cresciana Guerra	Velma & Nandy Caringal
Gerard Patrick Lee	The Lee Family
The Lee Family	The Lee Family
OConnor Family	The Lee Family
Foran Family	The Lee Family
Elizabeth Morris	Marguerite Morris
Grace Morris	Marguerite Morris
William Morris	Marguerite Morris
Alta Milliken	Marguerite Morris
Arthur Milliken	Marguerite Morris

BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY

Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:



TAJ MAHAL
Monday, May 18, 2015

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am. Tickets are available for \$27.00/per person (rebate of \$35.00). Make your checks payable to: Church of the Ascension, and drop off at the rectory in an envelope marked "Atlantic City Trip." Any questions, please call Marge at (201)265-5675.