

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2015**

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris  
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
 10:30 Joseph P. Delaney  
 12:00 Philomena Petrizzi

### **Monday, May 4, 2015**

7:00 Inday Troping Ruiz  
 8:30 Laura Abdelghafar

### **Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

7:00 Soledad Esporlas  
 8:30 John & Antoinette Petrizzi

### **Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

7:00 Carla Dascoli Almeida  
 8:30 Manuel Regis

### **Thursday, May 7, 2015**

7:00 James McGoldrick  
 8:30 Jose U. Ruiz, Jr. (healing)

### **Friday, May 8, 2015**

7:00 Rolly & Dona Viduya  
 8:30 Mr & Mrs Joseph Coringrato

### **Saturday, May 9, 2015**

8:30 Jose Ignacio Zuniga  
 5:30 **All Mother's Living & Deceased**

### **Mother's Day, May 10, 2015**

7:30 **All Mother's**  
 9:00 **Living**  
 10:30 **and**  
 12:00 **Deceased**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

**Sunday, April 26, 2015: \$6,879.00**  
**Food Pantry: \$1,159.00**

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 May 3, 2015

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



The home and garden magazines are bursting with advice and techniques for pruning. Today's gospel has Jesus also discussing the spiritual pruning process. Do you see any parallels?

First, the gardener has to time it right - too soon cuts off new growth; but too late, and the plant grows wild. Also, a plant must grow to a certain maturity, to survive the trauma of pruning.

If a rose is grown in bad soil or has not been watered enough, the gardener has to be very gentle and prune carefully, as the plant needs more care.

Finally, the gardener steps back and views the whole plant, to see what dead or diseased stalks need removing - branches growing up the wrong way, or any that are diseased and whatever is dead already. See the comparisons to us?

We need the pain of pruning, because "Every branch that bears fruit, (God) prunes to make it bear more fruit." In other words, if we are really trying to love God and our neighbor, then we will be pruned, or purified further. God shows us how we can love even more, and that always requires some kind of change on our part.

Maybe we get a new awareness of some selfishness in us; are we control-freaks? Do we love for the right motives? God knows our deep places where change is needed. But as we get closer in friendship to Jesus, we see how un-Christlike we often are. It's uncomfortable, but things don't end there. This new knowledge opens the door for us to make significant change. It brings us closer than ever to living as Christ would have us live. Then we're blooming!

✠ Congratulations to our young men and women who received the Holy Spirit this weekend in the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide us together as Jesus' disciples to do what Jesus did, being bearers of peace, love, and forgiveness.

✠ **May is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** Today at the 9am Mass we celebrate our annual **Parish May Crowning**. Our First Communicants will help us to give special honor to our Blessed Mother. Also, please remember that we pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church and we celebrate the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesday at 7:30pm. Please, join us!

✠ As we end another year of Religious Education in our parish, I take this opportunity to thank those who coordinate our Programs and the many catechists, ministers of children's Liturgy of the Word, and aides who so faithfully share their faith in Jesus with the children entrusted to their care. My thanks, also, to the parents who are so supportive of the programs we offer to our youngsters and their families.

✠ Remember, **Mother's Day** is next Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available at the doors of the church to remember our mothers, living and deceased, for the month of May.

✠ Jesus, our Risen Lord, is so close to us, especially, in times of illness and suffering. Jesus always reached out to the sick to bring them to wholeness. In this Easter season He reaches out to touch all who are sick and infirm through our parish celebration of **Anointing of the Sick** on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the 12:00 noon Mass. If you wish to celebrate this Mass with us and receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please fill out the form included in the bulletin and return it to the Rectory as soon as possible.

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

*Fr. David*



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**



**TRICKY TRAY/PASTA DINNER**

Transfiguration Academy's H.S.A. is holding our 9th annual Tricky Tray with a Pasta Dinner on Friday, May 8, 2015 at St. John's Conlon Hall - 19 N. William Street Bergenfield, NJ. Doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:30, prizes pulled at 7:30. The tickets are \$18.00 per person if purchased by May 4, 2015 and \$20.00 if purchase after that date. Included in the ticket price is 1 sheet of Level One Prize Tickets, a Pasta Dinner, soda (during dinner only), salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Children's ticket to the dinner only will be \$10.00, \$12.00 if purchased after May 4th and will **not** include Prize Tickets. Discount ticket packages are also available, as well as individual tickets. For more information please contact Ann-201-349-3870 or RJ-201-637-5604. Table Reservations will only be accepted for 8 more people. Tickets will be available at the school office, Monday to Friday during school hours-201-384-3627.

**Tuition Raffle**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize- 2500.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- 1500.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- 1000.00**

Good to any accredited school/institution. No cash.  
Tickets are \$5.00 Drawing: Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00

**ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR 2015/2016**

For more information, or to arrange a tour of the Academy or to register, please call us at: 201-384-3627 or visit us at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, NJ  
"Begin the Transformation"

**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 or call the rectory office to check date availability.



*Alleluia, Alleluia He is Risen*

**Calendar:**

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 am Mass May Crowning  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)  
Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades meet at 7 pm MPR, then will go to Mass at 7:30pm Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in October. Please look for the Children's Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 to 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 to Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm in the Rectory  
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm in the School  
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon in the School  
Closed: Thursday & Saturday  
Other times by appointment

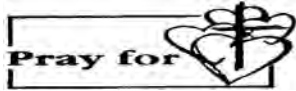


# *Ascension Parish*

*offers our prayers and best wishes to  
our Confirmandi 2015*

<i>Marco Marcellus Aranas</i>	<i>Michael Paul Marmolejos</i>
<i>Kaitlin Flora Batac</i>	<i>Christian Martinex</i>
<i>Michael Bravo</i>	<i>Matthew Sebastian McElroy</i>
<i>Derek Peter Cabrera</i>	<i>Melissa Faith Ortix</i>
<i>Andre George Cantu</i>	<i>Jessica Agnes Ng</i>
<i>Shanaylene Dorothy Fuentes</i>	<i>Marex Lorenzo Perex</i>
<i>Samantha Anne Gangi</i>	<i>Christian Real, Jr.</i>
<i>Jessica Therese Ganxon</i>	<i>Shaun Joseph Shaji</i>
<i>Samantha Felicity Gordon</i>	<i>Samantha Diana Speights</i>
<i>Charisse Faith Guce</i>	<i>Vanessa Clare Toledo</i>
<i>Christopher Gregory Hartung</i>	<i>Brizette Tolentino</i>
<i>Nicholas Christopher Hroncich</i>	<i>Koleen Andre Isidore Tolentino</i>
<i>Franchesca Agnes Inay</i>	<i>Luke Raphael Tyler</i>
<i>Jonathan Brandan Lacey</i>	<i>Alyssa Alphonsa Unciano</i>
<i>Nicholas Francis Lenge</i>	<i>Travis Watson</i>
<i>Gus (Augustine) Lipata</i>	<i>Karl Matthew Wetzel</i>

*Grow in the Spirit!  
May God Bless You Always!  
Congratulations!*



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

*"a time to be born..."*

Jonah Jojy

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

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Ann & Jack Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Kay Harrington, 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 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



National Day of Prayer

MAY 7, 2015



**Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2015**

**Parish Maintenance and Repairs**

May Crowning at 9:00 Mass

Last Class for Religious Education

Grades K-6 ó 10:15am- School

Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

**Monday, May 4, 2015**

Pastoral Staff Meeting ó 9:00am ó Rectory Mtg. Rm.

Religious Education Grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School

CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room



**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

Woodcrest Center, Mass ó 2:30pm

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center

BS Troop 291 Committee ó 7:30pm ó Multi-Purpose Rm

Filipino Core Group ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

Children's Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

**Friday, May 8, 2015**

Buildings/Grounds Mtg. ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg. Rm

**Saturday, May 9, 2015**

Confirmation ó 11:00am - Church



**Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2015**

Communicating God's Word

Blessing of Mothers at all Masses



**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015 AT 7:30PM**

**IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

**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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available at the doors of church or in the rectory.** As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Mothers, living and deceased, of parishioners on Mother's Day. If you would like a card for your mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who has been like a mother to you. The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Offering for each card is \$10.00.**



**St. Joseph Council No 3814 is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2015.** Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell, NJ or Ascension Parish in New Milford, NJ. Selection will be based on criteria focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the Knights of Columbus principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.** Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and postmarked no later than **Monday, May 4, 2015.** Winners will be notified in June. Applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.kofcstjoseph.org](http://www.kofcstjoseph.org). For additional information contact Jeff Walters at (201)925-7174.



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**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.

**PILGRIMAGE THROUGH PORTUGAL & SPAIN**

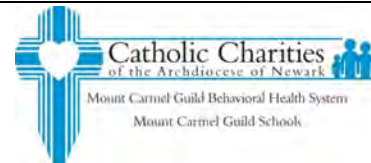
Father Roy Regaspi with Regina Tours offering a 10 day pilgrimage celebrating 500 years of St. Teresa of Avila. October 12-21, 2015. Including Salamanca, Madrid and Lourdes. Please contact Asian Pacific at (201)501-8388 for complete information.



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the **234** parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at **\$43,025.50** 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**



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.



**MAY 17TH, 2015**  
**NOON MASS**