

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week



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

5:30 All  
7:30 Mother's  
9:00 Living  
10:30 and  
12:00 Deceased

### Monday, May 11, 2015

7:00 Encarnacion Fineza  
8:30 Mike & Carmella Petrizzi

### Tuesday, May 12, 2015

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 Sarah & Christopher McKenna

### Wednesday, May 13, 2015

7:00 Thanksgiving, Dona Viduya (living)  
8:30 Dorothy & Margaret Meyer

### The Ascension of the Lord,

### Thursday, May 14, 2015

7:00 Robert Heykoop  
8:30 John DeGasperis  
7:30 Desamparados Hontanosas

### Friday, May 15, 2015

7:00 Marge Bruno (healing)  
8:30 Santiago Sunga

### Saturday, May 16, 2015

8:30 Thanksgiving from Litlit Ruiz  
5:30 Leonardo Diaz

### Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2015

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans  
9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
10:30 Lourdes Cruz  
12:00 Margaret Betetti, First Anniversary

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### Readings for the Week of May 10, 2015

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 or Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Is there anything new we can say about love? Everyone thinks they're an expert on love or what passes for love.

There is only one Source of love. John says: let us love one another, because love is of God. Only one problem. The word love has been distorted: it's used by porn films and cooking shows alike! **Fact: We cannot know God, unless we love like God.** So St. John says the definition of love is not that we have loved God, but that God first loved us. Then, because of God's love for us, God acted by sending Jesus to accomplish and fulfill whatever was required, that we might be one with God in eternity.

Two weeks ago Jesus told His disciples about the shepherd laying down his life for his friends. Love is not always felt, but is expressed in deeds especially the generous surrendering of greeds, envies, demands, expectations. Always, this loving is easier to talk about than execute. It begins with being loved as a gift and not earned. The disciples were asked to receive their being loved by Jesus as the Father loves Him. Remaining in that love will result in remaining as sent and loved sacraments. Many books have been written about love and how to be loved and express love. Each of us is writing that book by how we lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers, but not destructively to ourselves.

This weekend we recognize a great gift of God's special love in our lives **our Mothers.** On this Mother's Day may we take this opportunity to thank and pray, especially for our mothers, living and deceased, for the many ways they have sacrificed themselves for us. May God bless all our mothers. Motherhood takes on so many forms today. Let us affirm and remember in our prayers all women who take on a mothering role in our lives: religious sisters, teachers, aunts, sisters, best friends, counselors, advisors, mentors, neighbors. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers for the month of May. **Happy Mother's Day to all MOMS!**

✠ This Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, a holyday of obligation, our parish Feast Day. We will celebrate Mass at 7:00 and 8:30am. At 7:30pm we will celebrate our solemn Feast Day Mass which will be followed by our Make your own Ice Cream Sundae reception on Ascension Plaza. Please join us.

✠ On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, we begin our **Novena for Pentecost** nine days of prayer asking God to renew us, our parish, and our world with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will pray the Novena prayer, which is inserted in the back cover of our hymnals, at all daily and weekend Masses after the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions).

✠ 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** next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> during 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.

✠ **Ascension Ministers**--Altar servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers--please get your vacation dates to Fr. David for the summer schedule as soon as possible.

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

*Fr. David*



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!  
You Are Cordially Invited**

**May 17, 2015**

**SPRING TRANSFIGURATION EXPERIENCE & EXPO**

All parent and guardians of school age children in grades Pre-Kindergarten 2 Plus through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us and explore the benefits of sending your children to one of if not the finest elementary school in the Archdiocese of Newark TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY.

Join the faculty and staff for a pancake breakfast and school exposition on May 17, 2015 at Conlon Hall, 35 Williams St. Bergenfield, NJ, between Main Street and Bradley Ave. You can meet with faculty and staff, tour the facilities and learn more about Transfigurations outstanding curriculum, extra-curricular activities and sports programs. The school also offers Before-Care beginning at 6:30 AM and After-Care, until 7:00 PM.

We hope to see you there, but if you are unable to join us, call 201-384-3627 for a private tour or visit our website:

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

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 17 FROM 9:00AM-1:00PM**

For more information

please call us at: 201-384-3627

or visit us at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, NJ

öBegin the Transformationö



Dear Father David and my parish family,  
Thank you for your prayers, support and concern for my health during the past several months. Your visits, calls and cards helped me during a difficult journey. I am happy to share that I am done with my treatments and can expect a full recovery.  
I feel so fortunate and blessed to be part of such a loving and caring community of people. Please know that you are in my prayers and I am sincerely grateful for all of you.  
God Bless,  
Peggy Evans



*Alleluia, Alleluia He is Risen*

**Calendar:**

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> ö 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> ö 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades meet at 7 pm MPR, then will go to Mass at 7:30pm Church

Childrenø Liturgy of the Word will resume in October. Please look for the Childrenø Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Childrenø 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 childø 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 ö 2016 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085 during office hours.

Childrenø 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 ö Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm ö in the Rectory

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

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

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Communal Anointing of the Sick  
within Sunday Mass

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2015



Church of the Ascension  
will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick  
at 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 17, 2015.

If you wish to celebrate this Mass with us and  
receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick,  
please fill out and return the form below to the Rectory  
no later than Friday, May 15, 2015.



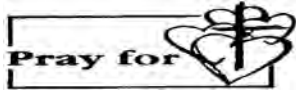
Church of the Ascension  
Communal Anointing of the Sick  
Sunday, May 17, 2015  
12:00 Noon Mass

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to be anointed

Please return this response no later than Friday, May 15, 2015.



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

*"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.

*"a time to die..."*

**Miguel Portillo**

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of **Jose U. Ruiz, Jr. (healing)**



**BREAD and WINE** this week are in loving memory of **Luisa Garcia**



**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.**



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

**Communicating God's Word**

Blessing of Motherø at all Masses

**Monday, May 11, 2015**

Childrenø Choir ó 3:45pm - Church

Religious Education Grades 7 & 8 ó 7:00pm ó School

Combined Choirø ó 7:30pm - Church

CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Parish Events ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

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

BS Troop 291 Committeeó7:30pmóMulti-Purpose Rm

Filipino Core Mtg. ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

**The Ascension of the Lord, Thursday, May 14, 2015**

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 & 8:30am & 7:30pm

**Holy Day of Obligation-Parish Feast Day**

Ice cream Social after 7:30pm Mass on Ascension Plaza

**Friday, May 15, 2015**

No events



**Saturday, May 16, 2015**

Confession ó 11:00am- Church

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2015**

Food Pantry Sunday

Anointing of the Sick at 12 Noon Mass

Baptism ó 1:30pm - Church



**PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**



**SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND**

Our Needs are: Facial Tissue, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Napkins, Razors, Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Conditioner and Bath Soap.

Your donations are much appreciated.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND  
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN  
PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS  
YOUR MEANS ALLOW**

**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)

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| <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 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**



**Ascension  
Of the Lord**

**Thursday, May 14, 2015  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass Schedule  
7:00am, 8:30am & 7:30pm**



**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.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION IN AID OF  
VICTIMS OF NEPAL EARTHQUAKE**

In recent days we all have heard reports and seen images of the devastation following a powerful earthquake that struck Nepal and that continues to cause concern because of aftershocks and challenges to reach people and communities cut off from rescue. It is fortunate that both Catholic Relief Services and Caritas International have been in Nepal and northern India for many years and are already involved in the initial relief now underway. On May 23-24 our parish will have a special collection to help with the relief effort. We ask you to remember the victims of this disaster with your prayers and to please consider making a donation to this cause.

**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.

**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.



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