

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass for the Intentions for the Week

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 27, 2015

5:30 Zbigniew Solarz

8:00 Juan Redoblado

10:00 People of Ascension Parish

12:00 Agata & Michelangelo Sberna

**Monday, December 28, 2015**

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 Members of the Brunck Family

**Tuesday, December 29, 2015**

7:00 Bernard Mallon

8:30 Jim Dela Rosa

**Wednesday, December 30, 2015**

7:00 Patrick Mallon

8:30 Fallorina & Guieb Families

**New Year's Eve**

**Thursday, December 31, 2015**

8:30 Rose Walsh

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Friday, January 1, 2016**

8:30 Bernard Mallon

10:30 Ruby Alcaraz, healing

**Saturday, January 2, 2016**

**Memorial Mass**

8:30 Matthew Camerlengo

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 3, 2016**

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

9:00 John Coringrato

10:30 People of Ascension Parish

12:00 Macaria Maglaqui

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

**Sunday, December 21, 2014: \$6,810.00**

**Sunday, December 20, 2015: \$6,135.00**

**Food Pantry: \$1,565.00**

We thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

## Readings for Next Sunday January 3, 2016

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



A family isn't one person; it takes more than one to form community. Then, as families grow, they give continuity and stability to a much larger community; the decisions made in a family eventually affect a village, a city, a province, a country. Families give these places their very identity, by passing on certain values from generation to generation. Of course, today people are questioning what the word "family" should mean. But even if family definition seems to be changing all around us, in some ways it doesn't matter...the dynamics are going to end up being the same.

Whether you live together under the same roof, or you drive 100 miles to be together, you still have to figure out how to share and deal with all of the challenges and problems of life. Family dynamics take place day by day. That's where we have to keep alert to conflicts, to keep things respectful and kind. Saint Pope John Paul II said that the vocation of Catholic families is to reflect a "culture of life." That is, to live as if you value human life, respect human intrinsic dignity, and protect the God-given rights of all human persons from conception to natural death. That is the fullest meaning of the phrase, "pro-life."

Saint Pope John Paul II believed that this "culture of life" should also express itself in popular art, music literature, and media; as well as in our laws, schools, and political positions. A family is naturally the "cocoon" where the culture of life is nurtured. Many parents do what it takes to be good role models: sacrifice their own comfort, set firm rules and give up being popular with their children, in order to teach them discipline.

How can we overcome selfishness? On this feast of the Holy Family, let's start with these words from our Holy Father, Pope Francis: "To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others."

✠ Please remember to make your final payments for the **2015 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal** in order that our parish may get the proper credit toward our goal. To date we are \$4,961.30 short of our pledges.

✠ **Italian Treasures** await you! Our parish will travel to the cities of Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome in **October of 2016**. Please see brochures at doors of church or stop by the rectory. Anyone planning to make this pilgrimage should submit a \$400.00 deposit to Nuovo Tours at this time.

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

Thank you to all who participated in and attended Transfiguration Academy's annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 22.



The students, faculty and staff wish everyone a healthy and blessed New Year. The school and school office is closed until Monday, January 4 for the Christmas recess.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school please call (201)384-3627 or email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org). Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook.

**Thank  
You**

Thank you to all those who set up, served, and donated baked items for our Hackensack Walk-In dinner. We appreciate your continued dedication to this important ministry. You helped 115 guests enjoy a great dinner. We wish you a very Merry, Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, peace and love!

**Sharing God's Blessings Appeal**

Just a reminder for those who made a pledge to the Sharing God's Blessings Appeal for 2015. If you have not fulfilled your pledge please do so. Every fulfilled Pledge Counts! Thank you.



**Calendar:**

Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup> -- No Religious Education  
Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> -- No Religious Education  
Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> -- No Religious Education  
Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> -- Happy New Year's Day  
Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word 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.

No Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on Sunday January 3, 2016.



We in the Religious Education Office wish everyone  
**A Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year**

**Volunteers Needed:**

- We are in need of Catechists for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade program. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 8:45 pm, anyone interested is asked to call the Religious Education Office during the week.
- We are in need of Class Parents for ALL GRADES in our Religious Education Program for the 2015-2016 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085.
- 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 & Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm  
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm  
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon  
Closed: Thursday & Saturday  
Other times by appointment

## New Year Blessings

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist,  
your gastro-enterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist,  
your psychiatrist, your plumber and the I.R.S.

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs and your stocks not fall;  
and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol,  
your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.

May New Year's Eve find you seated around the table,  
together with your beloved family and cherished friends.

May you find the food better, the environment quieter, the cost much cheaper,  
and the pleasure much more fulfilling than anything else you might ordinarily do that night.

May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them.  
May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes,  
and tell the world about your virtues.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner.  
May the commercials on TV not be louder than the program you have been watching,  
and may your check book and your budget balance -  
and include generous amounts for charity.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child,  
your parent, your siblings; but not to your secretary, your nurse, your masseuse,  
your hairdresser or your tennis instructor.

And may we live in a world at peace and with the awareness of God's love  
in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, every lover's kiss,  
and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart.

A Happy and Holy 2016 to All!

*Theresa Carbone  
Perraine Montecucollo  
Dena Sedlak*

*Fr. David  
Fr. Ernie  
Elizabeth Delgado  
Christopher Cudina*

*Glenn Gordon  
Serina Sharkey  
Brendan Puler*



## THE HOLY FAMILY



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

*"a time to be born..."*  
Arielle Irene Gaillard

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

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Ann & Jack Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Anthony Triggiano,  
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..."*

Robert Barratt, Amantina Almonte

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



### Holy Family Sunday, December 27, 2015

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 Noon

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO Religious Education

### Monday, December 28, 2015

NO Religious Education

### Tuesday, December 29, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

### Wednesday, December 30, 2015

NO Religious Education

Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

### New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31, 2015

Mass at 8:30am

Parish Offices Closed

5:30pm Vigil Mass, Mary, Holy Mother of God

### New Year's Day, First Friday, January 1, 2016

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

### Masses at 8:30am & 10:30am

Parish Offices Closed

### First Saturday, January 2, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

### Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 3, 2016

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00am ó Church/Gathering Room

Religious Ed. ó 10:15am ó School

Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

### 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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

*Thank You*

### GIVING TREE ONCE AGAIN A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who so generously donated to our Giving Tree this Christmas. Please know that your gift of kindness helped to make this Christmas a little happier for those in great need. May God continue to bless those who so generously showed their caring spirit!



St Joseph Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring its local Council Championship. All boys and girls age 9 to 14 are invited to participate. All participants will be recognized for their participation. The event will take place on Saturday January 23 at St. Joseph School Gym. Registration begins at 2:30PM Competition begins at 3:00PM. For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201 370 3404 or visit our website at [kofc3814.org](http://kofc3814.org)

# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**  
(Holyday with Obligation to attend Mass)

**New Year's Eve**  
Thursday, December 31, 2015  
5:30pm Vigil Mass

**New Year's Day**  
Friday, January 1, 2016  
8:30am and 10:30am

**Solemnity of the Epiphany**  
Saturday, January 2, 2016  
5:30pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday, January 3, 2016  
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 Noon

**A Happy and Holy New Year to all!**



THE PARISH OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2015 &  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST., 2016



## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

You are invited to make a donation toward the Christmas trees, wreaths and flowers which will be used to decorate our church throughout this festive season.

**Please print clearly on all requests.**

**Donation \$15.00 for Each Intention**  
**One intention for each donation will be listed on the Christmas Flower Donations bulletin insert**

Please put your donation and intention in the **Christmas Flower Envelope** that you received in the mail or pick one up at doors of church and drop it in the collection basket or in the black mail box outside the rectory door.

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
or the Intention of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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