

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

5:30 People of Ascension Parish  
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
9:00 Timothy Cronin  
10:30 Rev. John P. McGovern  
12:00 Christina & Francisco Tababan

### Monday, January 25, 2016

7:00 Marcial S. Quijano  
8:30 Delfina Duarte

### Tuesday, January 26, 2016

7:00 Julieta Adaya  
8:30 John M. Chaffiotte

### Wednesday, January 27, 2016

7:00 Catherine Butler  
8:30 John M. Scanlan

### Thursday, January 28, 2016

7:00 Peggy Evans, healing  
8:30 Marge Bruno, healing

### Friday, January 29, 2016

7:00 Grace Morris  
8:30 Francisco Vidal

### Saturday, January 30, 2016

8:30 Annamama Varghese  
5:30 Rose Carbone

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:00 Margret & Thomas Tenney  
10:30 Joseph Hartney, First Anniversary  
12:00 Maria Luisa Delgado, 86 Birthday (L)

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT *WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*

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

**Sunday, January 18, 2015: \$4,588.00**  
**Sunday, January 17, 2016: \$5,966.00**  
**Food Pantry: \$ 753.00**

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 31, 2016

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1  
Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/  
Lk 4:21-30



Herein lies the heart of our gospel today. In Jesus' words, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."

This is the Spirit that energizes each one of us. Whether we are a health professional, a teacher, a parent, an aunt or uncle or a good friend, it starts with our feeling the Spirit's desire in our heart to proclaim liberty to the captive people around us.

When we see suffering, we feel compassion whether it's a child, neighbor, or friend. Like Jesus, we genuinely want to help the blind recover sight and the oppressed go free. That is the Holy Spirit's effect upon us. But then often we feel overwhelmed by the size of the task. In trying to be "all things to all people," in doing our best to help our mothers, grandmothers, husbands, students, we face burn-out at alarming rates these days. Then we feel guilty for letting up, even a little.

Did you notice that in our reading today? Once the people knew the law, and came to their senses about just how much suffering there was, the prophet said, "Don't fall apart grieving. You don't have to wipe out all evil single-handedly; the Lord MUST be your strength, so start rejoicing!"

St. Paul gives us the blueprint for how to rejoice always. We are to realize that it takes the whole body to do God's work. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, don't see yourself as just one person, which leads to arrogance, pride, and separation from others. Instead, see yourself as a working member of the body and see whatever small or large talents you can bring to the body as part of the healing of our whole Body of Christ.

✠ Last weekend I introduced our parish to the ongoing Archdiocesan Capital Campaign, "We Are Living Stones." This weekend I am asking members of our parish to volunteer for the various tasks which have to be done to assure a great effort is made for the Capital Campaign. We need people to make phone calls, help with receptions, hospitality, and bulletin and mail stuffing. Please, be the good stewards you always are and let God guide you in offering your time and efforts to the Campaign.

✠ I invite all of our parishioners, especially during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, to become a vital part of **Open Our Hearts**, our 2016 Lenten program which offers opportunities for parishioners to meet Jesus more personally through the Lenten Scriptures, our Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, and activities. In addition to the usual Adult Sharing Groups, Family and Teen Groups are also available. I hope and pray that we will respond to Jesus' call and take an active part in this process. Together, may we let the light of Christ shine even more brightly in our parish! Sign up flyers are available in the front vestibule of the church.

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**



**Catholic Schools Week \* January 31 – March 6**

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

**Free Children's Activities Hosted By Transfiguration Academy**

Looking for interesting things to do with your children? Want to get out of the house on a winter weekend? Transfiguration Academy invites all families to bring their children to for a morning of free activities and demonstrations on Sunday, January 31. A range of fun, educational activities will be available throughout the morning: technology for ages 6-13 at 10:00 am; drama/improv for 5th thru 8th graders at 10:30 am; story time for ages 3-4 at 10:30 am; photography for 4th thru 8th graders at 11:00 am; and Mondo math blocks for ages 3-6 at 11:30 am.

While your child is enjoying participating in and/or observing these activities and demonstrations, parents can learn more about why students attending Transfiguration Academy excel both inside and outside of the classroom. Speak directly with teachers, administrators and school parents to see why so many families choose Transfiguration for their child's education. We believe that testing isn't the only measure of a child's ability and success. Our students represent diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds and we celebrate those cultural differences.

Make a morning of it and join us for a delicious and reasonably priced pancake breakfast between 9 am and 2:00 pm! Just \$5 per person/\$10 per family.

**Other activities for the week include:**

Monday, February 1: 1:00

Senior Prom

Tuesday, February 2: 7:00 PM

Deanery 3 Catholic Challenge, Conlon Hall

Thursday, February 4: 7:00 PM

Family Fun Night, Conlon Hall

Saturday, February 6: 9:00 to 12:00

Pre-K/K Showcase, Conlon Hall

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.



**Calendar:**

Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm Church

Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</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.



**Important Information:**

There is a Mandatory Eighth Grade Parents & Students meeting on **Monday, January 25, 2016** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2017.**

There will be a Mandatory First Communion Parent meeting on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 10:15 in the MPR. At least one parent must attend but both are more than welcome.

**Volunteers Needed:**

Ä 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.

Ä 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

Ä 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

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



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WE ARE  
LIVING  
STONES

Church of the  
Ascension  
January  
23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

### Volunteer Sign-Up Card

### Church of the Ascension

*Please fill out the information below and place this form in the offertory or send it to the parish office. A member of our Campaign Committee will personally contact you once your volunteer card has been submitted.*

Name

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Phone #

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Email

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*Please check all that apply:*

- Willing to help with receptions
- Willing to help with mailings
- Willing to help with phone calls

### This Is

### Volunteer Weekend!

*We need your time and talent*

As you heard during Mass today, we are recruiting volunteers to assist with our effort for the **We are Living Stones** Capital Campaign.

It is very important that everyone in the **Church of the Ascension** family understands how this campaign will strengthen our Catholic community as a whole and also aid our parish's specific needs. Over the next few months, we will be reaching out to every single one of our parishioners with information about this important project and **we need your help!**

#### **We need help with:**

-Mailings      -Phone Calls      -Receptions

The more people involved, the easier our task will be! Please realize, no volunteer will be asked to solicit for donations.

This is an opportunity to not only assist with the campaign, but to meet and spend time with your fellow parishioners. Fr. Milliken is asking that each parishioner consider donating a few hours of his/her time during the next couple of months. If you didn't turn in a card today, please consider stopping by the parish office this week to drop one off.

Thank you for your support and consideration. Please keep this entire effort in your prayers.





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

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

Rose D'Eufermia, 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..."*

Catherine Butler, Annmarie Saati

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE  
burns this week in loving memory of  
The Scanlan & Langan Families



Altar Flowers for this week are  
in loving Memory of  
Isagani Reyes

# JANUARY

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 24, 2016

Snow Removal Collection  
Sign-up for Open Our Hearts  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
9:00am ó Church/Gathering Room  
Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School

## Monday, January 25, 2016

Religious Education grade 8, 7:00pm ó School  
Eighth Grade Parent Meeting for Confirmation  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

## Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

## Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Religious Education ó 7:00pm - School  
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church  
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center  
Filipino Core Mtg. ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

## Thursday, January 28, 2016

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

## Friday, January 29, 2016

No events

## Saturday, January 30, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church  
Children's Choir ó 4:00pm - Church

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Children's Liturgy of the Word  
9:00am ó Church/Gathering Room  
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### 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 availability.



### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL – THIS WEEKEND

This Weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. So we ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **Thank you!**



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Happy Anniversary



SAVE THE DATE

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

12 NOON MASS

Please pick up flyer in rectory office or on website

Reception Follows in the Fr. Benedict Center

Please register to attend

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

**Birth Parents Must Take Action to Preserve Their Privacy**

For well over a century, the Catholic Church in New Jersey has provided adoption services. Throughout all those years, the Church promised to honor the privacy of birth parents and adoptees. That promise of privacy also was assured by law and affirmed by the State Superior Court. Those promises can no longer be kept. On May 27, 2014, a new law took effect that will allow adoptees and certain relatives to request and obtain the names of their biological parents beginning **January 1, 2017**.

Any birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a **Redaction Request Form** to the New Jersey Department of Health no later than **December 31, 2016**. By filing this form, birth parents will be able to keep their names off any documents provided by the State to adoptees or anyone else. The State made the **Redaction Request Form** public on August 3, 2015. The form can be downloaded at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf>

If you know a person who placed a child in adoption, please tell them that if they do not file a **Redaction Request Form**, their name and other information could be given to the adoptee. Anyone needing assistance can call a HELPLINE AT **609-989-4809**.

**BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY**

Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:



**TAJ MAHAL**

**Monday, February 8, 2016**

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am. Tickets are available for \$30.00/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.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter,**

**Valentine's Day**

Looking for the perfect Valentine's gift for your husband or wife? Why not a romantic weekend away from home falling more in love? A **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** is exactly that kind of getaway. If you would like to find out more or to receive a registration brochure, contact: Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 or 609 335 6880 [njwwme@peoplepc.com](mailto:njwwme@peoplepc.com)

**We Are All Hurt By Child Sexual Abuse**

When someone commits an act of abuse against a child or youth whether within the Church or in public schools, town organizations or in homes all of society suffers. For that reason, the Archdiocese requires everyone who works with children or youth to be trained in sexual abuse awareness and to undergo a background check. By participating in this effort, we all say "We do not condone abuse within the Church, and are taking steps to ensure that it does not." The Protecting God's Children program is a requirement for those working with children, but it is open to all adult parishioners or school parents who wish to learn more about how to ensure safe environments for children and youth in our society.

To see a listing of the current sessions of Protecting God's Children, or to learn more about the Archdiocese's policies and procedures, visit the Archdiocese of Newark website at <http://rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/child-youth-protection>.

**CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY**

Are you 65 years of age or older? A Charitable Gift Annuity may be right for you. It not only benefits you, it also benefits your loved ones and the Church. Find out today how to establish a gift annuity by contacting Theresa Lynch in the Planned Giving Department at (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at [lynchthe@rcan.org](mailto:lynchthe@rcan.org).

Below are our current gift annuity rates:

Age	Rate
65	4.7%
70	5.1%
75	5.8%
80	6.8%
85	7.8%
90 + up	9.0%