

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### First Sunday of Lent, February 14, 2016

5:30 Angelo & Vito Cucco  
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
 10:30 John DeGasperis, First Anniversary  
 12:00 Augusta Varrett

### Monday, February 15, 2016

7:00 Apple Clarisse & Mycah Gallevo  
 8:30 John F. Coringrato

### Tuesday, February 16, 2016

7:00 Aniano B. Yabut  
 8:30 Robert Barratt

### Wednesday, February 17, 2016

7:00 Jack Wall  
 8:30 Ralph Fernandez

### Thursday, February 18, 2016

7:00 Rev. Joseph Galardo  
 8:30 Jack Wall

### Friday, February 19, 2016

7:00 Marge Bruno, Healing  
 8:30 Thomas Kuriako  
 7:30 Herbert & Dorothy Cole

### Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:30 Barbara & Bill Williams  
 5:30 Andrew Comer

### Second Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 9:00 Francis & Thomas Meyer  
 10:30 Evelyn Abruzzo, First Anniversary  
 12:00 Cathy Trimarchi

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

<b>Sunday, February 8, 2015:</b>	<b>\$5,967.00</b>
<b>Sunday, February 7, 2016:</b>	<b>\$6,109.00</b>
<b>January ParishPay:</b>	<b>\$3,343.04</b>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs:</b>	<b>\$3,612.00</b>

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 February 21, 2016

**Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/  
 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/  
 Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/  
 Lk 9:28b-36**

Temptations are now a topic you don't read about very often anymore. One Catholic website advertised their booklet on temptations this way: "Sloth, Lust, and Gluttony are now available for direct download for only \$3.00. Wow! what a bargain! And so easy, too! I bet Jesus never imagined we'd be downloading temptations someday. Turns out Jesus didn't even need to download these same three temptations came and found him in the gospel today.

Does it surprise you to know that Jesus really experienced the same things that tempt us? That is because Jesus truly lived a human life in the flesh. And his temptations, just like ours, were tailored to hit him in the very places where he would feel weakness. Take gluttony. Jesus had just finished weeks of retreat in the desert, so the evil voice says, "Go ahead; do it the easy way! turn these stones into bread." But Jesus' commitment is to live the human life fully, to feel all the same limitations of time and fatigue and energy that we feel. So he resists the easy way out, and stays true to God's call in his life.

When we are tempted to use our money, power or sexual appeal the wrong way, do we stay true to God's call in our life? That call is not to take advantage of another person, to give up some of our power, to be compassionate and humble instead of powerful and righteous? Sure, it may hurt our ego but it will feed our souls to do what Jesus would have done. Think about it, as you start your Lenten journey this year. You'll find out that Jesus was right! we really can't live just by bread alone!

✠ **LENT** is all around us in the colors, the absence of flowers, the silence, and the symbols. Our Entrance and Penitential Act during Lent take on a new form and on **Fridays in Lent** we have added a Mass at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Lenten regulations and a complete schedule for **Lent 2016** and our **Parish Lenten Calendar of Good Deeds** are available at the doors of the church. Please keep them handy so that you can take advantage of the many grace-filled opportunities our parish offers during this holy season of Lent. Also, we have placed "**Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2016**" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend.

✠ **Italian Treasures** await you! During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, our parish will travel from October 4 to 13, 2016 to the cities of Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome. What a wonderful time for our pilgrimage with opportunities to enter many Holy Doors of Mercy during our travels. Please see brochures at the doors of the church or stop by the rectory.

✠ On Sunday, St. Valentine's Day, we celebrate **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**. We congratulate all married couples of our parish. Thank you for your marriage commitment to each other and your witness to us and to the world of the freedom you experience in choosing to "**love one another.**"

Married Couples celebrating anniversaries this year will gather at our annual **Marriage Anniversary Mass** at the 12 Noon Mass. A reception will follow in the Fr. Benedict Center.

✠ Don't forget to purchase your tickets this weekend and next for our **Parish Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner** on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Fr. Benedict Center. This will be hosted by our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates. Remember, tickets (\$8.00) must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available from our Confirmation Candidates, in the front vestibule of the church, or from the Rectory Office. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

### ✠ Lenten Fasting and Feasting...

Let us...

- ...**fast** from complaining and **feast** on gratitude
- ...**fast** from harsh judgments and **feast** on kind thoughts
- ...**fast** from worry and **feast** on trust in God to provide
- ...**fast** from discouragement and **feast** upon hope
- ...**fast** from bitterness and **feast** on forgiveness
- ...**fast** from hatred and **feast** upon returning good for evil
- ...**fast** from anger and **feast** on patience
- ...**fast** from pettiness and **feast** on becoming mature
- ...**fast** from jealousy and **feast** on praying for trust
- ...**fast** from gossiping and **feast** on controlling your tongue
- ...**fast** from sin and **feast** on virtue
- ...**fast** from giving up and **feast** on perseverance

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

*Fr. David*



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Transfiguration Academy News**

A Paint/Wine Party, sponsored by the Home/School Association, will be held on Saturday, February 13 from 7:30 ó 10:00 PM in Conlon Hall. Admission is \$25 per person and includes the canvas, paint, brushes and a glass of wine. Tickets can be purchased at the door.



International Night will be held on Saturday, February 27 at 6:30 PM in Conlon Hall. Come out and support Transfiguration Academy and enjoy an array of food and entertainment that represents the diverse population of our school and community. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children (age 4-13) and seniors. Tickets are available at the school office. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please call 201-384-3627 for more information or to purchase tickets.

The school and school office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, February 15-16 for the President's Day weekend.

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, February 14<sup>th</sup> ó No Religious Education  
Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> ó No Religious Education  
Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> ó 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Sunday, February 21<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. There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet again on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Important Information:**

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> will be the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat all 8<sup>th</sup> graders are to report at 1 pm in the Fr. Benedict Center, at 5:20 pm parents are to pick us their child and take them to 5:30 pm Mass. This is a requirement for our Confirmation Program.



**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 ó 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



**HACKENSACK WALK-IN DINNER**



Thank you to all who donated to our Hackensack Walk-In dinner last Thursday. Because of your generosity we were able to provide dessert to the many in need.

We appreciate your continued help and support.



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WE ARE  
LIVING  
STONES

Church of the  
Ascension  
February  
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

## ***Have You RSVP'd?*** ***Please Respond Today!***

To date, we have seen **30+** households show their interest and support for the goals and plans of Church of the Ascension by indicating their intent to join us at a campaign reception. The receptions are your opportunity to learn firsthand about the exciting future for our community and ask specific questions, all while gathering with your fellow parish families. Please join us for one of the following dates:

***Wednesday • February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Fr. Benedict Center***

***Friday • February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the Gathering Room***

***Tuesday • February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Fr. Benedict Center***

***\* Refreshments will be served at all receptions***

Invitations have been mailed out so please promptly RSVP.

*You may RSVP by signing up at the Campaign Table after Mass, returning your*

*Reply Card via mail/offertory basket or by*

*calling the Parish Office at (201) 836-8961.*

Your response is appreciated as it will save dedicated volunteers time and effort.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Ann 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, Ana Tumang, and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

*"a time to serve..."*

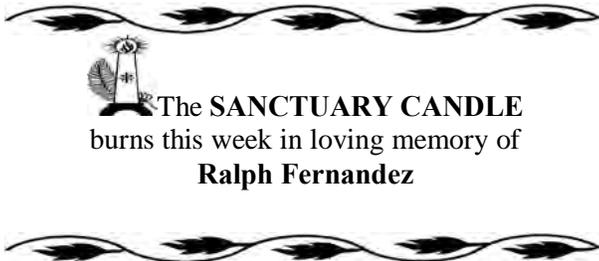
Cpt. Jack Massingale, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan  
All Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

*"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



### IN MEMORY OF...

We have just purchased six new Communion Cups. If you would like to memorialize one in memory of a loved one please speak to Father David or contact the rectory office for more information.

### AVAILABILITY

SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.



**Sunday, February 14, 2016**

Fuel Collection

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School

Marriage Anniversary Liturgy ó Noon

Followed by reception in Fr. Benedict Ctr.



**Monday, February 15, 2016**

NO Religious Education grade 8

CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

Religious Education ó 7:00pm - School

Novena 7:30 pm - Church

We Are Living Stones Reception ó 7:30pm

In the Father Benedict Center

**Thursday, February 18, 2016**

Ministry of Service ó 7:00pm ó Gathering Room

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

**Friday, February 19, 2016**

We Are Living Stones Reception ó 2:00pm

In the Gathering Room

Mass/Stations of the Cross ó 7:30pm

**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

Confirmation Retreat ó 1:00-6:30pm ó FBCtr.

Children's Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church

**Second Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2016**

Food Pantry Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am

Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School



**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016 AT 7:00PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**



**NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20-21, 2016**

The Church of the Ascension Food Pantry needs the following items: Apple Juice, Cranberry Juice, Apple Cranberry Juice, Grape Juice, Tomato Juice, Hot Cocoa, Paper Towels and facial tissues. Your generosity enables the Service Ministry to assist those in need.

**ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR  
5th\*25th or 50th**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?**

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating Christian marriage Anniversaries this year.

The Anniversary Liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

**May 1, 2016 at 3:00pm  
For Fifty Years**

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**April 24, 2016 at 3:00pm  
For Twenty-Five and Five Years**

Please notify the parish office no later than April 4 if you would like to attend one of the celebrations.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



**REMEMBER DURING LENT**

Evening Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

Also, we have placed "Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2016" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend



**Attention All Confirmed Teens of the Parish**

Mrs. Montecullo is in need of older teens to help with the 8th grade retreat. The retreat will take place on Saturday, February 20th from 1 to 5. We will have on practice the week of the retreat. Please help the future confirmation class get off to a good start and share your faith and experience. Please call the Ascension Religious Ed office, 201-836-3085 and leave your name and cell number with Mrs. Carbone. Mrs. Montecullo will call and confirm your attendance. Thank you for your help.

**LENTEN WORD SEARCH**

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