

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Mass Intentions for the Week

Second Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2016

5:30 Andrew Comer
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Francis & Thomas Meyer
 10:30 Evelyn Abruzzo, First Anniversary
 12:00 Cathy Trimarchi

Monday, February 22, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Patria Miranda

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

7:00 Antonia & Federico Avena
 8:30 Florence Dolotina

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

7:00 Aleyamma Abraham
 8:30 John, Trisha, Ty & Bren (living)

Thursday, February 25, 2016

7:00 Rose D'Eufermia, Birthday & healing
 8:30 Anna John

Friday, February 26, 2016

7:00 Reparada Fernandez
 8:30 Joseph Meyer
 7:30 Gerard Rohrbeck

Saturday, February 27, 2016

8:30 John & Jennie Ochs
 5:30 Michael Bruno

Third Sunday of Lent, February 28, 2016

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish
 10:30 Gus & Viola Bell
 12:00 Fortunata & Romana Tababan

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, February 15, 2015:	\$5,084.00
Sunday, February 14, 2016:	\$4,609.00
Retired Religious:	\$2,118.00
Fuel:	\$1,629.00

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 February 28, 2016

**Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/
 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42**

In today's gospel, it's easy to focus only on the image of Jesus while he prayed. It says "his face changed in appearance, and his clothing became dazzling white." Moses and Elijah also "appeared in glory," meaning that they, too, glowed and shone with a brilliant, almost unbearable light.

But probably the last thing we are thinking is that that brilliant light has anything to do with us. We are the opposite of light, aren't we? We are called jars of clay, or earthen vessels. We are certainly reminded often enough each day that we're limited, morally and physically. Even when we're trying our best, we fail so often, so easily. We know why we have "feet of clay": we are dust, and into dust we shall return.

So, now that we're down here in the dust, we are going to have to make a quantum leap to get a clear vision of reality. Yes, sin is real. Evil is here among us, and causes us to have inclinations that go against all of God's hopes for us.

But the story of the Resurrection, which we are speeding toward week by week, is that God's hopes are the ultimate solution. God's hopes WILL be fulfilled. Can you believe that? And the full effect of Jesus' saving death on the cross will result in every one of us shining just as brightly as Jesus and Moses and Elijah are shining today.

THEIR transfiguration is OUR transfiguration! That is the hard-to-believe truth! That is the shimmering, amazing image of our future that God wants us to carry in our hearts: the glorified faces of Jesus and Moses and Elijah – not the downtrodden, miserable face of grief, bitterness, depression, defeat.

✠ Remember, during Lent we have added on Fridays a Mass 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.

✠ Our pool of **funeral servers and readers** is dwindling. Perhaps you can volunteer to become a server or reader for our parish funerals. This ministry is so comforting to families in their time of loss. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please consider this Corporal Work of Mercy. Please see Fr. David for details and training. Also, we need some volunteers just one hour every other week to **distribute Holy Communion to residents of Woodcrest Center**. What a blessing and privilege it is to help these residents experience God's love.

✠ Don't forget to purchase your tickets this weekend and next for our **Parish Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner** on Friday, March 4th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Fr. Benedict Center. This will be hosted by our 9th 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.**

✠ **Italian Treasures** await you! Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy walking as pilgrims through the Doors of Mercy. Enjoy great times together, great food, and great sights. Come home with many great memories. 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.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.

God Love You!



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

Congratulations to Transfiguration Academy students Chacko Jacob and Connor Stapleton who won 1st and 2nd place respectively and Visitation Academy student Francesca Mignano who won 3rd place in the Deanery 3 Catholic Challenge competition hosted by Transfiguration Academy during Catholic Schools Week. Thank you to all faculty, staff, students, and parents who helped make the annual Pre-K/Kindergarten showcase a success.

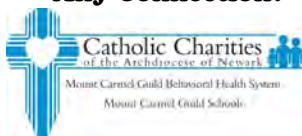


International Night will be held on Saturday, February 27 at 6:30 PM in Conlon Hall. Come out and support Transfiguration Academy and enjoy an array of food and entertainment that represents the diverse population of our school and community. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children (age 4-13) 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.

Registration for the 2016-17 school year is now open. Call the school for more information and to secure a seat for your child.

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. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook.

Lent – Sacrifice - Clothing Bins - Any Connection?



Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) for the Catholic Charities clothing bin? If you do, you have made the connection.



Calendar:

- Sunday, February 21st -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
- Monday, February 22nd 6th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm Church
- Wednesday, February 24th 6th 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, February 28th -- K thru 6th 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 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

Important Information:

Friday, March 4, 2016 the 9th Grade Confirmation Class will host the Parish Fish and Chip Lenten dinner. All 9th grader **MUST** attend and the money for your tickets is due Wednesday, March 2nd.

Volunteers Needed:

- Ä We are in need of Catechists for our 7th and 8th Grade program. The 7th and 8th 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

RITE OF ELECTION

Congratulations to CherieAmour Payne, who was declared a member of the elect this past weekend by the Most Reverend John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Cherie will be initiated into the sacred mysteries at our Easter Vigil.



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WE ARE
LIVING
STONES

Church of the
Ascension
February
20th & 21st

Have You RSVP'd?
Please Respond Today!

To date, we have seen 100+ 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 at our final reception. Archbishop Bernard Hebda is scheduled to be with us.

Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm
in the Fr. Benedict Center
****Refreshments will be served***

Invitations have been mailed out so please promptly RSVP.

*You may RSVP by 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 SECOND 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.

"a time to die..."

James Zadroga, Richard Reilly

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**
burns this week in loving memory of
Fortunata & Romana Tababan



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

Monday, February 22, 2016

Deanery Meeting ó 3:00pm ó Gathering Room
Religious Education grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm
We Are Living Stones Reception ó 7:30pm
In the Father Benedict Center

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

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

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, February 26, 2016

Mass/Stations of the Cross ó 7:30pm

Saturday, February 27, 2016

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

Third Sunday of Lent, February 28, 2016

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School
RCIA Scrutiny 1 ó 10:30

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

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.

PLACES TO VISIT IN



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 to pick one up for complete information.



THIS 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.



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



ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR FIFTH TWENTY-FIFTH OR FIFTIETH 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**

**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.

Holiday Dinner Favorite

Shop Rite is offering a free "Holiday Dinner Favorite" when \$400 is spent using a Shop Rite Price Plus Card. The offer period starts on Sunday, February 14 and ends on Saturday, March 26. If you would like to donate your Holiday Dinner Favorite to the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry we will gladly accept it. The items that are offered for free are: Shank Half Ham (up to 12 lbs), Frozen Turkey Breast (6-9 lb average), Shop Rite Turkey (10-14 lb Average) as well as Stouffer Lasagna(90-96 oz). Also if you would like someone from the Service Ministry to pick up your donation at Shop Rite, please leave your Shop Rite Price Plus number at the Rectory.

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: _____

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

- PHILATE GALILEE KILLED
- SACRIFICES SINNERS SILOAM
- WORSE TREE GARDENER

B O U S T H T O M S
 G A L I L E E I J A
 A D S L A O L D T C
 R H W O R S E A H R
 D G E A V T N P O I
 E R D M S R T I R F
 N K I L L E D L S I
 E O M P F E O A M C
 R G A L T B K T I E
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Mission for the Week

When you get into trouble, ask God to help you change so that you do not do it again.



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