

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Mass Intentions for the Week

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 13, 2016

5:30 Carmen Perez
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 Rosemarie Piro
10:30 Bryan Fitz Patrick
12:00 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, March 14, 2016

7:00 Elsa Garcia
8:30 Jasmine Mattappilli, Birthday (L)

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

7:00 Roberto Caparas Jr.
8:30 John F. Coringrato

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Leonardo Diaz

Thursday, March 17, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Thomas Meyer

Friday, March 18, 2016

7:00 James Zadroga
8:30 Rosaria Costanzo, Twenty-Fifth Anniv
7:30 Bonifacio Tababan

Saturday, March 19, 2016

8:30 Frenandez-Pena Family
5:30 Theresa Johnston

Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord March 20, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Jeffrey Cronin
10:30 Mary Buckley
12:00 Joseph Plog

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, March 8, 2015:	\$7,083.00
Sunday, March 6, 2016:	\$6,231.00
Peter's Pence:	\$1,169.00

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 Palm Sunday March 20, 2016

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

In today's Gospel, the scribes and Pharisees, who were the so-called religious professionals of their time, had no real interest in the woman who was caught in adultery. While acting very indignant that a law had been broken, they actually seemed to take far more pleasure in the fact that the woman was caught. This gave them the chance to parade their righteousness and moral superiority.

Acting like a self-righteous moral authority is always a very dangerous stance. It easily blinds us to others, because we then see the other on a lower level than ourselves. When we put on the robe of superiority, we separate ourselves from others. The Pharisees showed absolutely no interest in the woman as a person. They ignored the whole person, and focused only on her sin. The Pharisees missed seeing her beauty, her struggles, her possibilities.

Sad to say, but ordinary, everyday gossip is actually the way that many of us resemble the scribes and Pharisees. And when we're telling our stories about other people, don't we often do it with a laugh or in a rudely joking manner? Gossip has no place in a Christian's heart or conversations, because it is clearly a lie. When we gossip we subtly imply, "I am on a higher levelô I would never do that!ô I may have my faults, but at least I am not as bad as that person!" This attempt of one person to claim higher moral ground than another is always a lie.

Everyone is wounded from sin, hurting, and crying out for healing. Henri Nouwen has called us "wounded healers": Christians do not point fingers to reject and isolate other sinners. We are a community of wounded people hoping in God's promises together, healing each others' wounds together.

Jesus offers mercy and a new beginning for this woman. He shows her the face of God. Mercy opens up new possibilities for her and for us. When we experience the understanding and forgiveness of God we receive new hope for ourselves.

✠ Our parish **Holy Week and Easter schedule** has been inserted in the bulletin. Please note the additional times for confession. I hope that, like the woman in the gospel, all of us at Ascensionô adults and childrenô will experience God's forgiveness, healing and strength through these special opportunities for God's amazing grace in sacramental Reconciliation. I pray that you and your family will participate in the liturgies of this holiest week of the year. We are blessed when you are present. **Please plan on joining us in our celebrations — and bring someone you love with you.**

✠ Please join the priests and parishioners of St. John's, Bergenfield and St. Mary's, Dumont as we will celebrate our **Tri-Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions** at St. John's, Bergenfield on Saturday, March 19th at 1pm. What a wonderful way for us to prepare for the holiest week of the year. We will not hear confessions at 11am on this day.

✠ Please remember to pick up your **Palm Crosses** in the front vestibule of the church after Mass today.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

SAVE THE DATE!!!

April 15th and 16th ~ 7pm Conlon Hall

The **Transfiguration Academy Drama Club** presents **Mulan, Jr.** Based on Disney's Oscar-nominated film, *Mulan Jr.* is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor and the fighting spirit. Come see the wonderful talent of our actors, musicians and dancers! We hope to see you all there. It's the perfect opportunity to introduce young children to live theater. Advance tickets coming soon!

The annual **Transfiguration Academy Science Fair** will be held on Tuesday, March 22 at 6 PM in Conlon Hall. Please join us and learn more about our exciting science curriculum.

Tuition Raffle: Do you or someone you know have tuition bills to pay? Buy a raffle ticket - you could win a prize to help pay that tuition bill. First prize is \$2500, 2nd prize is \$1500 and 3rd prize is \$1000 - payable to any accredited school/institution of the winner's choice. Each ticket is \$5 and can be purchased at the school office during school hours.

Registration is Ongoing: Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. Find out about our Tiger for a Day program - let your child spend a day with us and experience all that we have to offer. For more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school please call (201)384-3627 or email us at principal@transfigurationacademy.org. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook.



Calendar:

Sunday, March 13th -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
Monday, March 14th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Wednesday, March 16th & 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, March 20th -- No Religious Education & Palm Sunday

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:

Confirmation Students: Please remember that your Confirmation Name and Letter to Bishop Marconi are **DUE WEDNESDAY, March 16, 2016.**

Wednesday March 30, 2016 : 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat will start at 4pm til 10 pm.. All candidates are to report to the Fr. Benedict Center by 4 pm. This is a Mandatory retreat and all must be here. No one will be excused.

Sunday, April 3, 2016: First Communion Retreat- starting with 9 am Mass - This is a Mandatory Retreat. After Mass all First Communion Candidates will go to class and parents will return at 11:45 am to continue with the retreat. At least one parent must attend.

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

**ASCENSION PARISH'S 16TH PILGRIMAGE
TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
THE DIVINE MERCY**

**WHEN: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 3, 2016**

**WHERE: STOCKBRIDGE, MA
COST: \$35.00 PER PERSON**

**PLEASE PICK UP
REGISTRATION FORM
IN CHURCH VESTIBULE OR RECTORY**

Registration Deadline is March 21, 2016



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.



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WE ARE
LIVING
STONES

Church of the
Ascension
March
12th & 13th

COMMITMENT WEEKEND!!

A major element of the *We Are Living Stones* Campaign focuses on helping each of our parishes provide for their local needs. Through this case element, each parish will receive 50 cents of every dollar raised above the *Works of Mercy* target and 60 cents on every dollar raised above and beyond the overall goal. This means a large portion of the money raised in parishes – *potentially \$40 million or more of the \$90 million total!* – will be dedicated to addressing individual parish projects.

Our goal for Ascension is \$592,239. By working together to achieve our campaign goal, our parish family will receive \$269,620. Our plan is to use ***We Are Living Stones*** proceeds to address the following identified needs.

- Entrance Vestibule Enlargement with ADA Restroom. - \$58,875
- Main Chiller Compressor Replacement (Church). - \$11,110
- Five-Ton Air Handler in Church. - \$12,350
- Replace windows in Rectory. - \$28,000

By the Numbers

Our Parish Goal:	\$592,239
Number of Pledges:	33
Total Pledged:	\$84,000.
Percentage of Goal:	14%

HOW CAN WE GET TO TARGET! Participation Breakout

If 102 more families gave an avg. gift of \$5,000.....
OUR parish hits GOAL!

If 127 more families gave an avg. gift of \$4,000.....
OUR parish hits GOAL!

If 170 more families gave an avg. gift of
\$3,000.....OUR parish hits GOAL!

**With each additional sacrifice our goal
becomes that much more attainable!**

THE TIME IS NOW:

This is COMMITMENT WEEKEND!

At Ascension, we have always been a community of steadfast servants of the Lord, coming together in communion with one another to grow in our faith, nurture our children, and progress toward the greater good. Together, we must affirm our commitment to our Catholic faith, parish, and Archdiocesan community. We need everyone to prayerfully consider what they can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.

Pledge envelopes are available in the pews if you did not bring your personalized pledge card. If you have not already made your pledge to *We Are Living Stones*, please complete and submit your pledge today and join the 33 families who have helped us achieve 14% of goal to date.

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THE FIFTH 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, Ana Tumang, Marcella Sweeney, Tom Crispino, 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..."

Anthony Triggiano

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Gerard Patrick Lee

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 13, 2016

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Parish Maintenance and Repairs
Distribute Palm Crosses
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School
RCIA ó Scrutiny 3 ó 10:30am Mass

Monday, March 14, 2016

Confessions at Transfiguration Academy
Religious Education grade 8 ó 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

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

St. Patrick ♣ Thursday, March 17, 2016

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, March 19, 2016

Lenten Evening of Recollection
Mass/Stations of the Cross ó 7:00pm
7:30 Mass with Exposition, Holy Hour with
Individual Confession
9:00pm Benediction

Solemnity of St. Joseph * Saturday, March 19, 2016

NO Confessions at Ascension
Tri-Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service
At St. John's, Bergenfield at 1:00pm
Children's Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church

Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday
Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am, 12:00 Noon
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
NO Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School
Noon Principal Mass with Procession with Palms
Family Stations of the Cross Practice ó 7:00pm

TRI-PARISH LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Ascension, St. John's, Bergenfield and St. Mary's, Dumont will celebrate our **Tri-Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions** at St. John's, Bergenfield on Saturday, March 19th at 1pm.



REMEMBER DURING LENT

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

A PARISH LENTEN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

This Friday, March 18, 2016

7:00pm...Stations of the Cross

7:30pm...Mass followed by

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Holy Hour**

**Opportunity for sacramental Reconciliation
9:00pm...Benediction**

PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER

St. Marys, Dumont, is in need of a part-time housekeeper. Hours are 12-14 a week, times are flexible. If interested please email your resume: financial@stmarysdumont.org or mail: 280 Washington Ave., Dumont, 07628, attn.: Rudy Asistin by Monday, March 21.



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.



Thursday March 17th



EASTER FLOWERS



You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will be used to decorate our Church. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or a special intention. **Each intention donation is \$15.00** please place form & donation in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" & drop off at the rectory.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

In Memory of: _____

_____, _____

For the Intention of: _____

_____, _____

Requested By: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Holiday Dinner Favorite

Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday

Shop Rite is offering a free "Holiday Dinner Favorite" when \$400 is spent using a *Shop Rite Price Plus Card*. The offer period 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

ōTHANK YOUö 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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