

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Third Sunday of Easter, April 10, 2016

5:30 Boylan & Cudina Families
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 John Trimarchi
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Ciro & Arminia Marra & Family

Monday, April 11, 2016

7:00 Roberto Caparas, Jr.
8:30 The Oates Family (L)

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

7:00 Paul Prior
8:30 Msgr. Francis A. Fox

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

7:00 Jovita Balagot
8:30 Joseph & Thomas Meyer

Thursday, April 14, 2016

7:00 Marge Bruno
8:30 Dolores Cabonelas

Friday, April 15, 2016

7:00 Robert Jr. & Robert Sr.
8:30 John McKeon

Saturday, April 16, 2016

8:30 James Zadroga
5:30 Theodore Froonjian

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 17, 2016

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 John Trimarchi
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Ciro & Arminia Marra & Family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Additional Easter:	\$1,195.00
April 12, 2015:	\$5,535.00
April 3, 2016:	\$5,899.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,232.00

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

Readings for Sunday, April 17

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/
Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/
Jn 10:27-30



We need to seek out experiences with the risen Christ, in our prayer and in our community of faith, because being with Christ is what transforms our past and our future – the encounter with Christ forgives our sins of the past, and gives us courage and hope to face the reality of our future.

The apostles were not perfect people; they deserted their Lord, were frightened and jealous. So the concrete symbol for us, and for the forgiveness we seek, is Peter. The man who three times denied Jesus, today transforms himself three times, "Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus is saying to Peter and to us, "Don't just talk about my love in endless committees – don't just be the 'frozen chosen' – 'Show me.' Notice that each time Jesus asks, 'Do you love me?' he connects the answer to the words, 'Then tend my lambs, feed my sheep.'"

Today, as we see Jesus giving them the grilled fish and bread, we feel an echo of the Last Supper, their most intimate dinner recently shared with Jesus just before his Crucifixion. Well, this is the same mission – to feed my sheep – that Jesus gives us at each Mass, too. In this Easter season, can we take this to heart?

Today's story shows us that the risen Christ has not gone "up there" somewhere... Jesus is just as present to us while cooking our meals, doing the laundry, walking the dog, going to work or school, playing sports, or caring for each other, as he was to the apostles that day. We might not always feel him there during those times of human intimacy, pain, or suffering. But on reflection and in prayer, we can often look back and see that there was "something more" to our gathering or meeting than we could see at the time. This is why we need to remember – tell the stories – and re-live those important human moments.

✠ Jesus, our Risen Lord, is so close to us, especially, in times of illness and suffering. Jesus always reached out to the sick to bring them to wholeness. In this Easter season He reaches out to touch all who are sick and infirm through our parish celebration of **Anointing of the Sick** on Sunday, April 17th at the 12:00 noon Mass. If you wish to celebrate this Mass with us and receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please fill out the form included in the bulletin and return it to the Rectory as soon as possible.

✠ We are well into the **We Are Living Stones** Archdiocesan Capital Campaign. Jesus' words to Peter in today's gospel, "Tend my lambs, feed my sheep," are as much a challenge to us as to Peter, especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. I pray that every parish family will take Jesus' challenge to heart and participate, pray and work together. With God's help may we do our very best.

Please, **give a little; give a lot; but please give something!**

✠ We are invited to participate in a Farewell Mass for Archbishop Bernard Hebda to be celebrated on Friday, April 29th at 7pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Mass will be followed by light refreshments. Any parishioners who are interested in attending, please see Fr. David.

✠ Because so many parishioners have commented positively about the Five Minutes with the Word Lenten booklets, **Five Minutes with the Word for Easter** are available for you in the book rack in the back of the church. Please take one for yourself and feel free to take a couple to share with your friends. They'll appreciate the thought!

✠ Any Ascension liturgical minister (Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister) who has a family member receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time and/or the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to serve in the liturgy, please call Fr. David at the Rectory as soon as possible.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

Mulan, Jr.

April 15th and 16th ~ 7pm Conlon Hall

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! It's the perfect opportunity to introduce young children to live theater. We hope to see you all there. Advance tickets are available at the school office.

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. The drawing will be held on April 15 after the 7 PM performance of *Mulan, Jr.*

Save the Date: The annual HSA Tricky Tray/Pasta Dinner will be held on Friday, May 13 in Conlon Hall. Tickets are \$18 before May 6th, \$20 after May 6th and at the door, and \$10 for children (dinner only) if purchased before May 6th, \$12 after May 6th or at the door. Please come out for a night of great prizes and delicious food to support our school. For more information please contact Ann Gangi at 201-349-3870.

"Tiger for a Day" during spring break: Find out about our Tiger for a Day program - let your child spend a day with us during the upcoming spring break 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.

Altar Servers

We are in need of several Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the Rectory (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.

**Rectory & Religious Education Office
Will Be Closed
Friday, April 15th
Staff Development Day**



Calendar:

Sunday, April 10th -- No Religious Education
Monday, April 11th & No Religious Education
Wednesday, April 13th & No Religious Education
Sunday, April 17th -- 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:

Religious Education resumes on Sunday April 17, 2016

Confirmation Candidates: Service Hours and Service Hours Report were due, Wednesday April 6, 2016 if you have not handed this or any other missing paperwork, please do so as soon as possible

First Eucharist: There will be a MANDATORY Rehearsal Tuesday April 19, 2016 in the Church at 7 pm. All First Eucharist candidates and one parent are to meet at 6:50 pm so we can start on time.

Registration for 2016-2017: Registration forms the 2016-2017 School year will be distributed to all students today please look for them in your child's backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30th. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.



Volunteers Needed:

- 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.
- 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

APRIL 10, 2016

Communal Anointing of the Sick
within Sunday Mass
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2016



Church of the Ascension
will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
at 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 17, 2015.

If you wish to celebrate this Mass with us and
receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick,
please fill out and return the form below to the Rectory
no later than Friday, April 15, 2016.



Church of the Ascension
Communal Anointing of the Sick
Sunday, April 17, 2015
12:00 Noon Mass

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ I wish to be anointed

Please return this response no later than Friday, April 15, 2016.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



"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, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
Agnes Oclarit



Third Sunday of Easter, April 10, 2016

Catholic Home Missions
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
NO Religious Education

Monday, April 11, 2016

No Religious Education
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm
Parish Events ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

NO Religious Education
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center
Contemporary Choir ó 8:00pm ó Church
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Traditional Choir ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, April 15, 2016

No event

Saturday, April 16, 2016

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 17, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School
Noon Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Baptism ó 1:30pm

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.

NIAGARA FALLS TRIP

Cancellation Insurance is available and is strongly recommended. Forms are available for pickup at the rectory or call Anna, 201-387-2632 or Josie 201-265-0485. Forms must be submitted asap for pre-existing conditions. Balance of payment due, May 1st. If you are interested in going on this trip and have not submitted a deposit, you may put your name on the waiting list by calling Josie or Anna.



PARISH EVENTS MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12 AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM



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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

WE ARE LIVING STONES

Happy Easter to All! Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.

Our Parish Goal: \$592,239.00

Number of Pledges to date: 100+

Remember our plan is to use the We Are Living Stones proceeds to address the following needs for our parish.

- *Entrance Vestibule Enlargement with ADA Restroom
- *Main Chiller Compressor Replacement (Church)
- *Five-Ton Air Handler in Church
- *Replace windows in Rectory

Our goal is within reach! With each additional sacrifice, our goal becomes that much more attainable. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.



The Easter season is upon us and the universal Church is rejoicing. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) to the bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

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: _____



EASTER FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:

- Victoria Eloppe
- Romeo De La Victoria
- James & Theresa Lacey
- Brandon Family
- Aquinas Alumna
- St. Mary's Alumna
- James & AnnieKate Cassidy
- Mary & James Zadroga
- Brian & Regina McCann
- Sarah & Christopher McKenna
- McCann & McKenna Families
- Maryellen & Jerry Blake
- Elias & Simeona Capistrano
- Ernesto Capistrano
- Peter & Romulo Capistrano
- Margherita (Margie) Bruno
- Comille V. Zampino
- Doris, Danny & Rosemaire Piro
- J & J Lostoski & Family
- Lori Thompson
- Daniel & Doris Piro
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- Carl Piro
- John & Rose Dulgres
- Vincent & Filomena Piro
- Margherita Bruno
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- Tababan Family
- Block & Setzer Families
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