

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 1, 2016

5:30 John Carbone  
7:30 Marge Bruno  
9:00 John Coringrato  
10:30 Ethel Holder  
12:00 People of Ascension Parish

### Monday, May 2, 2016

7:00 Susan Rendano  
8:30 Joseph Delaney

### Tuesday, May 3, 2016

7:00 Wilfredo Acio  
8:30 Rolondo Viduya, Thanksgiving (L)

### Wednesday, May 4, 2016

7:00 Helen Masen  
8:30 Mr. & Mrs. Coringrato

### Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

### Thursday, May 5, 2016

7:00 All Parishioners  
8:30 of Ascension Parish  
7:30 Living & Deceased

### Friday, May 6, 2016

7:00 Monica Nunez  
8:30 Rebecca Tababan, (L)

### Saturday, May 7, 2016

#### Memorial Mass

8:30 John F. Coringrato, Monica Nunez  
5:30 All Mother's Living & Deceased

### Mother's Day, May 8, 2016

7:30 All Mother's  
9:00 Living  
10:30 and  
12:00 Deceased

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

May 3, 2015: \$6,299.00  
April 24, 2016: \$6,673.00

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

### Readings for Sunday, May 8, 2016

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



With the upcoming celebrations of our parish Feastday and the sacrament of Confirmation let's take a brief look at two realities that we all must deal with - fear and peace. Just as we often choose the wrong foods to nourish ourselves with, so we often choose those things, which can lead to fear. This is so because fear is most often associated with losing things. If our looks, our name, our security, our finances are the most important things in our life, then when we perceive that any of them are threatened, then fear arises within us. None of us would choose fear, and yet our choices often take us down the fearful road.

The risen Jesus offers us peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Choices have consequences. Our food choices bring specific results, and our life choices also bring specific results. If we continually choose the wrong foods, we will suffer physically and if we continually make the wrong life choices, we will suffer spiritually.

As Christians, we are challenged to put on the mind and heart of Christ - we are challenged to make the choices that bring peace rather than fear. It is only when we are able to fully welcome our Lord into our lives that we will know what peace really means. Prayer is an absolutely necessary road we need to take if we are to imitate Jesus Christ. Nothing external, nothing materialistic can give us the peace we so desire. Jesus has been making this offer of a peace that the world cannot give for a long time now. May each of us have the willingness and courage to accept it.

✠ Our prayers and best wishes to the children in our parish family who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion last weekend. May our children and their families always be eager to receive Jesus at his Table of Life. Special thanks to Theresa Carbone, Dena Sedlak and the catechists who have shared their faith so joyously with these children, and to all who helped to make our parish's First Communion celebrations so joyous.

✠ **May is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** This Sunday at the 9am Mass we will celebrate our annual **Parish May Crowning**. Our First Communicants will help us to give special honor to our Blessed Mother. Also, please remember that we pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church.

✠ Remember, **Mother's Day** is next Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers, living and deceased, for the month of May.

✠ As we continue the **We Are Living Stones** Archdiocesan Capital Campaign. Our parish goal is \$592,239.00. To date 135 parishioner families have pledged \$252,917.00. \$35,000.00 has been received toward our \$50,000.00 Works of Mercy goal. I pray that every parish family will take Jesus's 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!**

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Transfiguration Academy News**

**Clothing Drive:** The Home School Association is sponsoring a clothing drive. Donations of clothing, shoes and coats can be dropped off at the school office or Conlon Hall, Monday-Friday during school hours.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, \$20 after May 6<sup>th</sup> and at the door, and \$10 for children (dinner only) if purchased before May 6<sup>th</sup>, \$12 after May 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**You're Invited** to join us on **Sunday, June 12, 2016** to celebrate the **retirement of Sr. Madeline Hanson.** The celebration will begin with Mass at 3:00 PM at St. John's followed by dinner in Conlon Hall. Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. More information will be coming soon.

**Registration is Ongoing:** Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school 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. May and early June are excellent times to take advantage of this. Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook to learn more about our academic, athletic and extracurricular offering. **For more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school, located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield, please email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or call the school office at 201-384-3627.**

**Knights of Columbus  
2016 Scholarship Program**

St. Joseph Council No 3814 is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2016. Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell or Ascension Parish in New Milford. Selection will be based on criteria focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the Knights of Columbus principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and postmarked no later than Monday, May 9, 2016. Winners will be notified in June. Applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.kofcstjoseph.org](http://www.kofcstjoseph.org). For additional information contact Jeff Walters at [201-925-7174](tel:201-925-7174).



Congratulations to the 2016 First Communion candidates who received Jesus for the first of many times last weekend.

**Catalina Martinez ,Valentina Martinez , Marianne Cabrera, Jaden Dimacali, Santino Ermita, Danica Libanan, Chazmin Mui, Ericka Nerona, Christian Dionisio, Jason Enrile , Ryan Enrile , Samantha Dipad, Noah Gabriel Ngojo, Juslyn Salazar, Shane Sincioco, Dolly Reyes-Gonzalez, Ashley Reyes- Gonzalez Noriel Bravo, Thomas Bravo, Cadence Golomb, Nina Narvaez, Savannah Best, Joseph Nithin Tijo.** We welcome you and invite you to share with us every week.

**Calendar:**

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)  
Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> ó 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> ó 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades meet at 7 pm in School and we will be going to Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in October, please look for the Children's Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Children's Liturgy of the Word, anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.

**Important Information:**

**Confirmation Class of 2016:**

- Ä Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> ó Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm in Church- Candidates Only - Mandatory
- Ä Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> ó Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm in Church- Candidates and Sponsors óMandatory for BOTH
- Ä Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Mass at 11 am- Candidates and Sponsors are to meet in the Fr. Benedict Center (gym) at 10:30 am SHARP

**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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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:**

- 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 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.

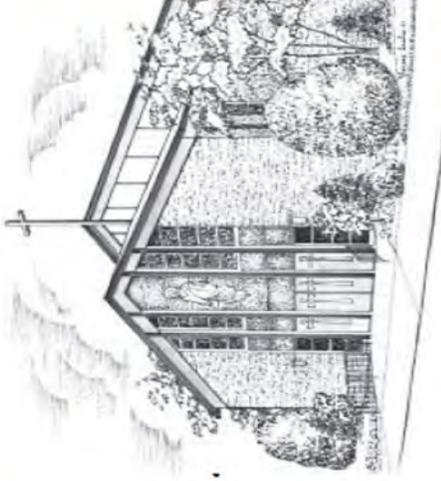
**Religious Education Office Hours:**

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

*Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford, New Jersey*

*Invites You to Gather Together and Share...*



*Our Parish Feast Day*

*May 5, 2016*

*Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*

*...7:30pm Feast Day Solemn Eucharistic Liturgy*

*...8:30pm \*\*Make your own Ice Cream Sundae\*\*  
(Ascension Plaza)*

*Please...Come...Join Us !*

## SIXTH 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, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Marcella Sweeney, Jean Francisco, 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..."*

Anna Gallo, Claire DeSantis

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE  
burns this week in loving memory of  
Monica Nunez

### 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.



MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER  
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016  
DURING THE 9:00AM MASS

### 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.



### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 1, 2016

Maintenance & Repairs  
Crowning of Blessed Mother during 9:00 Mass  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Last Class Rel. Ed. Grade K-6 ó 10:15am ó School  
Baptism Preparation ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

### Monday, May 2, 2016

Religious Education Grade 8 ó 7:00pm - School  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

### Tuesday, May 3, 2016

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

### Wednesday, May 4, 2016

NO Confirmation Class  
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church  
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center  
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room



### Thursday, May 5, 2016

Ascension of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 & 8:30am & 7:30pm

Ice cream social after 7:30pm Mass on Ascension Plaza

### First Friday, May 6, 2016

Communion Visits to homebound

### First Saturday, May 7, 2016

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



### Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 8, 2016

Blessing of Mother's at all Masses



PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2016 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

## 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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

**WE ARE LIVING STONES**

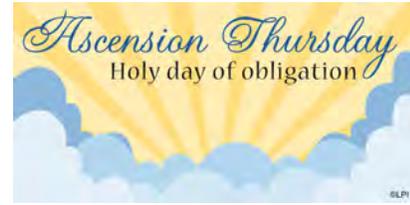
Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.

**Our Parish Goal:** \$592,239.00  
**Number of Pledges to date:** 135+

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.



**Masses will be celebrated  
 On Our Parish Feast Day at  
 7:00am, 8:00am & 7:30pm  
 Make your own Ice Cream Sundae  
 At 8:30pm on Ascension Plaza**



**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy after Mass or in the rectory office.**

As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Motherø, living and deceased, of parishioners on Motherø Day. If you would like a card for your mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who has been like a mother to you please pick one up at the rectory office during business hours (9am-4pm Monday-Friday). The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Offering for each card is \$10.00.**

**BUS TRIP – TO ATLANTIC CITY  
 Saturday, May 14, 2016**



Come Ride with Us To



The Filipino Community of Ascension Church is sponsoring a Fundraising trip, leaving Ascension parking lot at 8:15am. The cost of the trip is \$35.00/per person with casino voucher back of \$15.00. Make your check payable to: Church of the Ascension. For further information, please call Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817

**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**

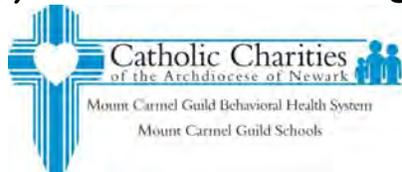
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**Mary, The Mother of Compassion**



Mary has a special love and sensitivity for all Godø children. This was manifested on many occasions but was most pronounced at the wedding feast of Cana in which she interceded for the bride and groom when the supply of wine was depleted at their celebration. We can imitate sensitivity to the needs of others by donating any unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) to Catholic Charities. The bin is located in the Churchø vicinity. Thank you.