

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Sunday, January 1, 2017

5:30 Louis A. DeEufemia  
8:00 Rev. Msgr. Thomas Ivory, healing  
10:00 **People of Ascension Parish**  
12:00 Ethel Rivera

### Monday, January 2, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 Matthew Camerlengo

### Tuesday January 3, 2017

7:00 Bibiana Durano  
8:30 Lubin Zuniga

### Wednesday, January 4, 2017

7:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evans  
8:30 Bronislaw Mienkowski

### Thursday, January 5, 2017

7:00 Albina T. Glennon  
8:30 Jolly & Janet (L)

### Friday, January 6, 2017

7:00 Con & Rose Lynch  
8:30 Fay Scotto

### Saturday, January 7, 2017

#### Memorial

8:30 James Barrentine  
5:30 James Ochs

### The Epiphany of the Lord

#### Sunday, January 8, 2017

7:30 Peggy Lacey  
9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
11:30 Lisa Polisen

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### **WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

<b>Sunday, December 27, 2015:</b>	<b>\$ 6,956.00</b>
<b>Sunday, December 25, 2016:</b>	<b>\$ 6,904.00</b>
<b>Total Christmas 2015:</b>	<b>\$30,977.00</b>
<b>Christmas 2016:</b>	<b>\$22,836.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers:</b>	<b>\$ 2,734.00</b>

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

### Readings for Sunday, January 8, 2017

**Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12**



Stop, look, listen!

Ready, set, go!

Stop, drop, roll!

We all have heard those words of advice.

If we cross a road or railroad track, we are warned to come to a stop, to carefully look both ways, to listen for any oncoming traffic or warning sounds, and only then to proceed.

If we are in a competitive game, we are told to get ready, to set our body in the correct position, and then go. Run the race. Play the game.

If we are in a situation where our clothing has caught fire, we are taught not to run in panic, but to come to a complete stop, drop to the ground, and then roll in order to smother the flames.

All good advice, that comes in just three words.

This Sunday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. It is also the start of the New Year of 2017. The Gospel today offers us advice that could be summarized in three words. Follow, share, reflect!

In that Gospel we learn how the shepherds followed the instructions given them by the angels. They went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. The shepherds then shared the good news of the Savior's birth with others and all who heard it were amazed. While all this was happening, Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Like the shepherds, we are to follow the advice and words of instruction that we receive, not from angelic messengers, but from the scriptures and the teachings of the Church.

Like those shepherds, we are to share with others the amazing news of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ and to let people know of the joy and peace we find in our relationship with Him and His Church.

Like Mary, we are to reflect on what is happening in our personal life and in our world, for it is by taking time to stop and reflect that we recognize the action and presence of God.

Follow, share, reflect! Those three words offer good advice for this New Year. If we heed that advice, we will truly have a Happy New Year. A year in which we grow in our relationship with the Lord!

✱ **Please remember that, beginning next weekend, our Sunday Mass schedule will change. Our Sunday Mass times will be 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am.**

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

The students, faculty and staff wish everyone a healthy and blessed New Year. The school and school office is closed until Tuesday, January 3 for the Christmas recess.



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.

**Please Notice This**



**BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

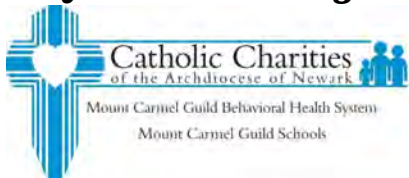
**OUR SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE WILL CHANGE**  
**WE WILL CELEBRATE MASS AT**  
**7:30AM, 9:30AM, AND 11:30AM**

*Thank You*

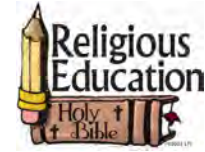
**GIVING TREE ONCE AGAIN A GREAT SUCCESS!**

Thank you to all who so generously donated to our Giving Tree this Christmas. Please know that your gift of kindness helped to make this Christmas a little happier for those in need. May God continue to bless those who so generously showed their caring spirit!

**“Every end is a new beginning.”**



These words are very hopeful and encouraging as we begin the New Year. For some who lack physical necessities and struggle with numerous problems on a daily basis, hope is a fleeting word. The many programs of Catholic Charities aim to restore hope and dignity. Please help us by contributing to the donation bin in the parish. We also need children's books. God Bless.



**Calendar:**

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 6 Happy New Year  
Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 No Religious Education  
Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 6 9th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 6 Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**Reminder that the Sunday, Religious Education is from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. It is important that all students are on time for class. Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:30 am. Please be on time for pick-up.**

**Please remember that the Parish Mass Schedule will be changing on Sunday, January 8, 2017. The new Mass Schedule will be Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am.**

**Volunteers Needed:**

- Ä We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2016-2017 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 in Rectory:**

Monday 6 Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm  
Thursday: 9 am to 12 Noon  
Friday: 9 am to 4 pm  
During Religious Education in School:  
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm  
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 11:45 am  
Other times by appointment

## New Year Blessings

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist,  
your gastro-enterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist,  
your psychiatrist, your plumber and the I.R.S.

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs and your stocks not fall;  
and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol,  
your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.

May New Year's Eve find you seated around the table,  
together with your beloved family and cherished friends.  
May you find the food better, the environment quieter, the cost much cheaper,  
and the pleasure much more fulfilling  
than anything else you might ordinarily do that night.

May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them.  
May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes,  
and tell the world about your virtues.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner.  
May the commercials on TV not be louder than the program you have been watching,  
and may your check book and your budget balance -  
and include generous amounts for charity.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child,  
your parent, your siblings; but not to your secretary, your nurse, your masseuse,  
your hairdresser or your tennis instructor.

And may we live in a world at peace and with the awareness of God's love  
in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, every lover's kiss,  
and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart.

A Happy and Holy 2017 to All!

*Fr. David*

*Fr. Ernie*

*Fr. Teo*

*Elizabeth Delgado*

*Christopher Cudina*

*Glenn Gordon*  
*Perina Sharkey*  
*Brendan Suter*

*Theresa Carbone*  
*Lorraine Montecucollo*  
*Dena Sedlak*

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



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

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

Rose Dæufemia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, 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, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Elnora Gordon, Thomas Gonzalas, Don Hellrigel, 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, Private Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Camp Gieger, NC, and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders  
and all World Leaders.

*"a time to die..."*

**Jeremiah Nolan, Marcella Sweeney, Felicia Aita**

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

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
burns this week in loving memory of the  
**Robert Barratt**



**BREAD and WINE** this week  
are in loving memory of  
**Luisa & Manuel Garcia**



### **New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2017**

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

**Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12 Noon**

Parish Offices Closed

No Religious Education classes

### **Monday, January 2, 2017**

No Religious Education

### **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

Woodcrest Center, Mass - 2:30pm

### **Wednesday, January 4, 2017**

Confirmation Prep ó 7:00pm ó 8:45pm

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.

Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Combined Choirs ó 8:15pm - Church

### **Thursday, January 5, 2017**

No events

### **First Friday, January 6, 2017**

Communion Visits to homebound

Installation of Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R as 6<sup>th</sup>

Archbishop of Newark at the Cathedral

Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

### **First Saturday, January 7, 2017**

Confessions ó 11:00am

Children's Choir ó 4:15pm - Church

### **Sunday, January 8, 2017**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**New Sunday Mass Schedule Begins**

**7:30 am, 9:30am and 11:30am**

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:30am -Church

Religious Education, Pre K-6 ó 10:30am ó School

First Grade Parent Mtg. ó 10:30am ó School

Baptism Prep. ó 1:00pm ó Gathering Room

### **HARRISON HOUSE**

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2016!

**Help is needed for 2017...**We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2017. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or May Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.



### **AVAILABILITY**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week**, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The search is underway for

Longest Married Couple in the U.S.

Do you think you know who they are?

Maybe it's your parents... grandparents...

That nice couple who live down the street...

Nominating a couple is easy! Just send their names, wedding date and where they live and your contact information to:

[wwmelmc2017@gmail.com](mailto:wwmelmc2017@gmail.com)

Nominations accepted until January 8, 2017.

Winners will be announced February 2017 to celebrate World Marriage Day.

Nominate a couple you know today!

**WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners**

The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the rectory office. Thank You!

I would like....

- \_\_\_\_\_ to become a Registered Parishioner
- \_\_\_\_\_ to change my address
- \_\_\_\_\_ to advise you that I am moving out of the area
- \_\_\_\_\_ to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS  
 FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saint Joseph's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the Local Council Championship on Saturday January 14, 2017. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Council Level competition.

All participants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Each respective age division winner will proceed to the District competition.

All participants are required to provide proof of age (copy of birth cert.) and written parental consent. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2017. For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201-370-3404. [rosterlof@optonline.net](mailto:rosterlof@optonline.net)

Date: Saturday January 14, 2017

Time: 2:30 P.M. Registration, 3:00 P.M. START

Place: St. Joseph School Gym, Elm Street Oradell New Jersey.  
 GIVE IT A SHOT!

**The Archdiocese Reports all Allegations of Abuse**

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse also to reach out to the Prosecutor.

Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

The phone numbers for the County Prosecutors within the Archdiocese are: Bergen - (201) 226-5689

**FATHER DAVID'S  
 40<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY  
 CELEBRATION WEEKEND**



**JUNE 24 & 25, 2017**

*\*additional information will follow\**



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