

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Dionisia Raguindin  
11:30 Chacko Joseph

### Monday, January 16, 2017

7:00 Consuelo Mendoza  
8:30 Grace Casabuena

### Tuesday January 17, 2017

7:00 Judith & Ester Nional, Birthday (L)  
8:30 Kyle Divuya, Thanksgiving (L)

### Wednesday, January 18, 2017

7:00 Eileen O'Flarthy  
8:30 Jovita & Agnes Balacot

### Thursday, January 19, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 Jose Garcia

### Friday, January 20, 2017

7:00 Hildegard Faderugao  
8:30 Rev. John P. McGovern

### Saturday, January 21, 2017

8:30 Theresa Guido  
5:30 Catherine Butler, First Anniversary

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### January 22, 2017

7:30 Timothy V. Cronin  
9:30 Enrique & Mary Blanco, Anniv. (L)  
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, January 10, 2016: \$6,188.00  
Sunday, January 8, 2017: \$5,641.00

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

### Readings for Sunday, January 22, 2017

Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/  
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Have you ever had trouble recognizing someone on the street whom you actually know very well? Well, today is about recognizing the authentic Son of God. We can't imagine how eagerly, anxiously, the many generations the Chosen People, the Jews, had been waiting for their Messiah to make his appearance. When is the Messiah coming? Who will he be? How long must we wait, O Lord?

Today, John tells us (twice!) that even he didn't recognize Jesus! God had to tell him, "When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit." Once John saw the dove descending on Jesus' head, he could say with conviction, "Now I have seen for myself and have testified, This is God's chosen One."

It is crucial that we imitate John, because if we are really Christians, we will want to show the authentic Jesus to the world not some imitation that comes from our own ego or desire to be appreciated. It is easy to call ourselves Christian. But authenticity is what makes a relationship real.

We must also guard against treating religion as our private club, as the Pharisees did. Sadly, many Christians act as if faith in Jesus Christ takes away their sins only. But the Lamb of God takes away the sin OF THE WORLD. That is why the revelation of Jesus shocked the Jews: God says, "It's not enough for Jesus to restore Israel; I'm giving Jesus as a light to all the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Let us have pure humility and a quiet spirit of service, so that the light that shines from us is not our own, but is the authentic light of Jesus to all the nations!

✠ Thank you so much to our parishioners who helped to take down the Christmas decorations. Your help is always much appreciated. Again, thank you to all who made the Christmas Season at Ascension so special!

**Remember...while we have taken down these special reminders of Christmas, may we keep the spirit of this beautiful season alive in our hearts and in our lives all year long!**

✠ This week we welcome Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu as he joins our Ascension pastoral staff. Let us give Msgr. Anselm our usual warm welcome to Ascension! We are certainly glad to have him with us.

✠ Next weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a very expensive item on our budget and we don't know how many more storms we will have so I ask that each parishioner family be as generous as your means allow.

✠ **Help Give Sight to the Needy.** Our New Milford Knights of Columbus are collecting used eyeglasses during the month of January. Please donate your old prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, and non-prescription reading glasses (even if they're broken). Donation boxes are in the rear of church and in the rectory office.

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

Transfiguration Academy is collecting donations of hats, scarves, gloves, and socks for Catholic Relief Services during the month of January. If you would like to participate items can be dropped off at the school main office.

**Catholic Schools Week: January 29 – February 4**

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Partner with parents in the faith formation of their children."

Activities for the week at Conlon Hall include:

- Monday, January 30: 1:00 - Senior Prom
- Tuesday, January 31: 7:00PM-Deanery 3 Catholic Challenge
- Thursday, February 2: 6:00 PM - Family Fun Night
- Saturday, February 4: 9:00AM to 12:00 - Pre-K/K Showcase

Our Pre-K/K Showcase on February 4 is an excellent way to learn more about our Pre-school and elementary school programs. All are invited to celebrate our children's accomplishments and learn more about Transfiguration Academy.

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.



The Lobo family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the priests and parishioners of Ascension parish for their prayers and support during the illness of Edward Lobo. Your words of encouragement and kindness are much appreciated as his recovery continues.

**AN INVITATION TO A NEW YEAR'S GATHERING FOR PEACE**

St. Peter the Apostle Church in River Edge is hosting a special presentation by the Rev. John Dear, Nobel Peace Prize nominee, and internationally known voice for peace and nonviolence, on Sunday, January 15, 2017, 3:00-5:00 pm. Entitled "God's Way of Nonviolence in a Violent World," the presentation will be followed by questions and discussion, as well as by prayer and fellowship. In this time of escalating world violence, we invite you to explore the feasibility of another way to peace.



**FATHER DAVID!**



**Calendar:**

- Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> to Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)
- Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> No Religious Education
- Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to 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.**

There is a Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student meeting on **January 23, 2017** at 7:00 pm in the Church. All students and parents are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2018.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- 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
- 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 to 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

**ATTENTION: SINGLE, CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT MEN! YOU ARE INVITED TO**

**An Evening of Discernment**  
**With the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers**  
**at our Province Center, Elizabeth, NJ. Tuesday, February 7, 2017. To request details and to register call or text 815-272-7742 or e-mail bromaccfc@yahoo.com**

JANUARY 15, 2017

# Marriage Anniversary Liturgy

## 2017



*Church of the Ascension  
will once again honor couples in our parish  
who celebrate*

*a Wedding Anniversary  
in a multiple of 5 years in 2017*

*(1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., and  
any anniversary 50 years and over).*

*A special Marriage Anniversary Mass  
will be celebrated on*

*Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 11:30am.*

*A reception will follow  
in the Fr. Benedict Center.*



*If you wish to celebrate with us, please fill out and return the form below  
to the Rectory no later than Monday, February 6, 2017*



*Church of the Ascension  
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy  
Sunday, February 12, 2017*



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary celebrated in 2017: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending reception: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to the Rectory no later than Monday, February 6, 2017*

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"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, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Elnora Gordon, Thomas Gonzalas, Don Hellrigel, Al Suter, John Thomas, 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., 29 Palms, CA, and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

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

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**

**BREAD and WINE** this week are in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



### 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.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, January 16th



### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 15, 2017

#### **Food Pantry Sunday**

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:30am -Church  
Religious Education, Pre K-6 ó 10:30am ó School  
Sto. Nino Mass ó 11:30am  
Baptism ó 1:00pm ó Church

### Monday, January 16, 2017\***Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Food Pantry Distribution  
NO Religious Education (7) ó 7:30pm ó School  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

### Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Parish Events ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

### Wednesday, January 18, 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 19, 2017

No events

### Friday, January 20, 2017

No events

### Saturday, January 21, 2017

Confessions ó 11:00am  
Children's Choir ó 4:15pm - Church

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 22, 2017

#### **Snow Removal Collection**

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:30am -Church  
Religious Education, Pre K-6 ó 10:30am ó School



**PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH AT 7:30PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if for the intention of your loved one.

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

Happy Anniversary



SAVE THE DATE

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

11:30am MASS

Reception Follows in the Fr. Benedict Center



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR

SNOW REMOVAL – JANUARY 21 & 22

Next Weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of Snow Removal on our parish grounds. This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. So far our cost for snow removal and salting of lots & walk-ways is over \$5,000.00. So we ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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



JUNE 24 & 25, 2017

\*additional information will follow\*



HELP US TO REPLENISH OUR FOOD PANTRY

Our stock in the food pantry has been greatly depleted. We would appreciate any items off the following list that you may be able to donate to help us re-stock:

- Hot Cocoa\*Vegetable Juice\*Grape Juice
- Asparagus\*Mushrooms\*Spinach
- Apple Sauce\*Raisins\*All Canned Fruit
- Frosted Flakes\*Rice Krispies\*Corn Flakes
- Egg Noodles\*Grated Cheese\*Tomato Paste
- Peanut Butter\*Crackers\*Cookies\*Flour
- Ketchup\*Mustard\*Cornd Beef\*Tissues

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2016

In Memory of:

- Beloved Family
- J & J Lostoski
- Elizabeth Morris
- Grace Morris
- William Morris
- Alta Milliken
- Arthur Milliken
- Mary & Bill Springmeyer
- Edgar Estela
- Alexander Tallis & Rose Pena
- Raymond Wolfle

Donated by:

- Nelly Portillo
- Their Loving Family
- Marguerite Morris
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- Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Miletta
- Violeta A. Estela
- Rose Tallis
- Rose Wolfle

Flower Offering Donated by:

- Ed & Luz Macaraeg
- Ted Raymundo
- Marlyn Raymundo
- Mrs Eileen McCann
- Victor Urgiles

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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