

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

5:30 Rose Carbone  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Jack Wall, First Anniversary  
11:30 Margaret & Thomas Tenney

### Monday, January 30, 2017

7:00 Peg & Pat Mulvihill (L)  
8:30 John Lorenz Lopez

### Tuesday January 31, 2017

7:00 Mary & Dennis Begley (L)  
8:30 Maria Luisa Delgado, 87 B<sup>o</sup>Day (L)

### Wednesday, February 1, 2017

7:00 Maureen Finnegan  
8:30 Mari Carmen Alvarez

### The Presentation of the Lord

### Thursday, February 2, 2017

7:00 Dean Theodore  
8:30 Mimi Scioli

### St. Blaise-Friday, February 3, 2017

7:00 Joey Vial  
8:30 Antotnetta Petrizzi

### Memorial

### Saturday, February 4, 2017

8:30 Helen Fazio, Eunice Saldanha,  
Marcela Zuniga  
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Luisa Garcia  
11:30 Henry Parow, First Anniversary

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

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

### **NO FIGURES AT TIME OF PRINTING**

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

### Readings for Sunday, February 5, 2017

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/  
Mt 5:13-16



Today we hear Jesus' **BEATITUDES**. I hope that we can all see that the beatitudes as we find them in today's Gospel contain the secret of happiness. They are the targets of every honest Christian's life and a way to judge how we are doing as followers of Jesus. They lead us to true humility to knowing ourselves as we really are before God and each other. For us they are **BE-ATTITUDES** that help us open our eyes and our hearts to where we should be, especially in our efforts toward being good stewards of God's bountiful gifts.

Those who are poor in spirit know that they live in a world where they must be open to entering into the lives of others. They are gentle with others, mourn with them, want what is just and right for them, are merciful towards those who need mercy, work for peace and are not afraid to stand up for what is right. The poor in spirit know they are not complete in themselves. They need God and they need others, and they live their lives being open to new possibilities.

Soon the **Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal** will begin throughout the Archdiocese. Cardinal Tobin asks us to make a sacrificial commitment to the Church of Newark so that he will have the necessary resources to fund, for an entire year, the offices which provide direct services to parishes (including ours). In addition, a host of other programs and Human Services are provided which no single parish could provide on its own. Our parish and the Archdiocese are one. Both need your sacrificial support.

Jesus challenges us to be **BE-ATTITUDE PEOPLE**, which reminds us that the need to give back a portion of the gifts God has given to each of us, far exceeds the needs of any parish, diocese or cause, important as they are. These donors, those who share a portion of what they have, are the first ones to benefit from their own sense of gratitude to God.

Cardinal Tobin has set our 2017 goal at **\$43,000.00**. Please, let's pray and work together, that with God's help, we can go over goal and maybe reach our stretch goal. Please, I ask, in all humility, that those who contributed so generously in the past continue to do so; and it is with great trust in God and in our parishioners that I ask every Ascension family to say 'yes' to our Annual Appeal by contributing, at the very least, a one-time donation of \$10.00 or more if your means allow.

Each and every day I thank God for YOU. Thank you for all you continue to do for your parish. May God continue to bless all at Ascension with generous hearts.

✠ We will bless throats at 7am and 8:30am Masses on Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, in memory of St. Blaise.

✠ Our Ascension Boy Scout Troop 291 will sponsor a Parish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to 1:00pm. Tickets will be on sale in the front vestibule after all Masses. Please support their efforts.

✠ Married Couples of Ascension Parish celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, 5 year multiples, and all married couples 50 years and more in 2017 are invited to celebrate our annual **Marriage Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30am Mass. A reception will follow in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room. Please fill out and return the response form in the bulletin as soon as possible. (Deadline to sign up is Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.)

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](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org). Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook.

#### PARISH TRIP TO THE OUTER BANKS, NC

Our Parish will be sponsoring a 4 day, 3 night trip to the Outer Banks, North Carolina from Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>. The price of \$550 ddb/\$675 single occ. Per person includes 4 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, guided tour of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Roanoke Island Festival Park, Roanoke Adventure Museum, Graveyard of the Atlantic, Wright Brothers National Memorial, Elizabethan Gardens, Bodie Island Lighthouse, Chicamacomico Life Saving Station, bus transportation, luggage handling, all taxes and gratuities. \$100 deposit will hold your reservation. For info. And reservations call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201) 387-2632.

**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.



#### Calendar:

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> to Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm in the Church

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</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 9:30am 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 will be a **Mandatory First Communion Parent** meeting on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 10:30 in the MPR. At least one parent must attend but both are more than welcome.

#### **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 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

JANUARY 29, 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*



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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

*a time to be healed..."*

Rose Dœufemia, 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



**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 it is for the intention of your loved one.



**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.

**JANUARY**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 29, 2017**

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

**Monday, January 30, 2017**

Religious Education (7) ó 7:30pm ó School  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

No event

**Wednesday, February 1, 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, February 2, 2017\*Groundhog Day**

The Presentation of the Lord

**First Friday, February 3, 2017**

St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats  
at 7:00am & 8:30am Masses  
Communion Visits to Homebound  
Finance Council Meeting ó 7:30pm - Rectory

**First Saturday, February 4, 2017**

Confessions ó 11:00am  
Childrenœ Choir ó 4:15pm - Church

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2017**

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

Pancake Breakfast ó 8:00am-Noon ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.  
Childrenœ Liturgy of the Word ó 9:30am -Church  
Religious Education, Pre K-6 ó 10:30am ó School  
Baptism Prep ó 1:00pm ó Gathering Room



**FINANCE COUNCIL**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD AT 7:30PM  
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

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



**JUNE 24 & 25, 2017**

*\*additional information will follow\**

**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

Blessing  
of  
Throats  
**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

On Friday, February 3rd, we will commemorate the Feast of St. Blaise with the traditional blessing of throats at our 7:00 & 8:30 morning Masses.  
*"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other evil."*



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017  
 8:00AM – 12 NOON  
 FR. BENEDICT CENTER  
 ALL YOU CAN EAT  
 Pancakes\*Eggs\*Bacon\*Sausage\*  
 Coffee\*Tea\*Juice\*Hot Chocolate  
 \$8.00 per person  
 Children 4 and under Free  
 Reservations preferred  
 Please call 551-486-5814  
 Tickets will also be available at the door

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

**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**

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**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUPS:**  
 "It's true there's no such thing as "Catholic Divorce" ...but millions of Catholics DO get civilly divorced. And it affects and hurts us all. Maybe you or someone you know has suffered the breakdown of the marriage and family, or maybe they are going through it right now. No matter how long it's been, the Church IS HERE to help. Here is a list of parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark who offer a support group for the divorced and/or separated:

- Notre Dame Church, North Caldwell  
973-226-0979
- Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament, Roseland  
973-226-7288
- Little Flower Berkeley Heights  
908-464-1585
- St. Peter the Apostle River Edge  
201-261-3366
- Presentation, Upper Saddle River  
201-327-1313
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ridgewood  
201-447-2043

**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**



**GARDEN STATE AUTO BODY**  
**201-385-5155**