

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

5:30 Theresa G. Menchise  
7:30 Peggy Lacey  
9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
11:30 Alphonse Giella

### Monday, February 13, 2017

7:00 Con & Rose Lynch  
8:30 John Roadarmel

### Tuesday February 14, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 Philomena Mullagan

### Wednesday, February 15, 2017

7:00 Percy & Erlinda Habana, Anniv. (L)  
8:30 Apple & Mycah Galleva

### Thursday, February 16, 2017

7:00 Patrick O'Shea  
8:30 James Jones

### Friday, February 17, 2017

7:00 Nellie O'Shea  
8:30 James Peter Jones

### Saturday, February 18, 2017

8:30 Marcela Zuniga  
5:30 Angelo & Vito Cucco

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

7:30 Peggy Lacey  
9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
11:30 Agata, Michelangelo & Rosalia Sberna

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, February 7, 2016:	\$6,109.00
Sunday, February 5, 2017:	\$5,695.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,405.00
January ParishPay:	\$3,749.80

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

### Readings for Sunday, February 19, 2017

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1  
Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48



There once were two brothers who worked the family farm, sharing costs and profits equally. One day, the single brother said to himself, "It's not fair to split the profits equally. My poor brother has a wife and children to care for." So, secretly, he crept across the field each night with sacks of grain for his brother's bin. Meanwhile, the married brother thought, "My single brother has no one to care for him in his future." So, the married brother took his grain each night secretly to his brother's bin.

One night, of course, the two brothers bumped into each other in the field, and realized what each was doing. They embraced each other, humbly and gratefully. Suddenly the dark sky lit up, and God's voice spoke: "Here at last is the place where I will build my Temple. For where brothers meet in love, there my Presence shall dwell." In today's gospel, Jesus uses many examples to make clear to his listeners the exact same point of this story. That is: unconditional love is the heart, and the soul, and the whole meaning of every one of God's laws.

We all know there is a staggering amount of sin, evil, and imperfection in the world, so laws and justice are very important to God, and us. But when Jesus healed sinful people, or forgave the guilty, the Pharisees called him a lawbreaker. Jesus replies, "I haven't come to abolish the laws but to fulfill them." The two brothers were already fulfilling the law. In each one's heart there was already so much compassion for the other, there was no need for a law requiring a sharing of goods.

What a wonderful life we could make in our community, if our love would rush out, and meet each other's needs first! "Here at last is the place where my Presence shall dwell."

✠ This weekend we celebrate **World Marriage Day**. We congratulate all married couples of Ascension Parish.

✠ There will be a meeting of all Altar Servers and their parents on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm in the Church. This is an important meeting with the newly appointed Altar Servers' Moderator, Msgr. Anselm.

✠ I invite all of our parishioners to become a vital part of our 2017 Lenten program which offers opportunities for parishioners to meet Jesus more personally through the Lenten Scriptures, our Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, and activities. In addition to the usual Adult Sharing Groups, Family and Teen Groups are also available. I hope and pray that we will respond to Jesus' call and take an active part in this process. Together, may we let the light of Christ shine even more brightly in our parish! Sign up flyers are in the bulletin.

✠ The Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference and Women's Commission Day of Reflection will take place on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (for men) and March 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 (for women) from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey. The theme for this year's Men's Conference is: "Be Not Afraid: Becoming Missionary Disciples!" and the theme for the Women's Conference is: "Alive in Christ as Missionary Disciples". We are encouraging all our parishioners to participate fully in this faith-filled event. The cost is \$25 which includes, Registration, Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Further details are in the bulletin. For more information, please contact Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, at the Rectory Office.

✠ Soon we will begin the **Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal for 2017**. 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. May God continue to bless all at Ascension with generous hearts.

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Wear Red Day**

On Friday, February 3rd, the students took part in National Wear Red Day. Transfiguration Academy raised over \$200 to benefit the American Heart Association.

**Mardi Gras Karaoke**

Save the date! On Saturday, February 25th the Home School Association is sponsoring a Mardi Gras Karaoke night.

**Registration for the 2017-18 school year has begun.** The best way to learn about our school is take a tour or for your child to be a otiger for a day, spending a whole day with us. Please call the school for more information.

Transfiguration Academy knows that testing isn't the only measure of your child's education. **Discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:**

- É Call to pick up registration materials and/or for a tour: **201-384-3627**
- É **Email: [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org)**
- É **Visit our website: [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org)**
- É **Visit us on Facebook** to experience how engaged our students and families are

Transfiguration Academy is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and serves students in Grades PreK 2+ through Grade 8.

**Valentine's Day**

Looking for the perfect Valentine's gift for your husband or wife? Why not a romantic weekend away from home falling more in love? A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is exactly that kind of getaway. If you would like to find out more or to receive a registration brochure, contact: Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 or 609 335 6880 [njwwme@peoplepc.com](mailto:njwwme@peoplepc.com) or check us out on FACEBOOK

**Military families**, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 or 609 335 6880 for more information.



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**Calendar:**

- Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> ó Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)
- Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> ó 7th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm in the Church
- Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> -- 9th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> ó **No Religious Education**

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.



**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.



- 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 ó 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



# “LET YOURSELF BE...”



## Ascension Parish Lenten Program

- + An invitation to embrace Jesus’ teaching that authentic love involves self-surrender using the Lenten Sunday Scriptures
- + Six weeks of Lent offering Faith-sharing groups (once a week; about 90 minutes)



- Week One...Let Yourself Be Led
- Week Two...Let Yourself Be Amazed
- Week Three...Let Yourself Be Known
- Week Four...Let Yourself Be Healed
- Week Five...Let Yourself Be Unbound
- Week Six...Let Yourself Be Loved



Please complete the form below and return it in the collection basket or to the Rectory office on or before Monday, February 19, 2017. For further information, call the Rectory at 201-836-8961.



On the form below, please indicate your first and second choices for meeting times and your group preference. We will try our best to accommodate you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Print clearly*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Day, Time and Group Preferences:

1st Choice    2nd Choice

- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday

1st Choice    2nd Choice

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening



I would like to be in:

- An intergenerational group
- A young adult group
- A teenage group
- A family, group ,
- A senior citizen group
- I want to stay in my last year’s group.



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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

Rose D'Eufermia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, 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, Al Suter, John Thomas, Robert McDonnell, 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 Donald John Trump, our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

*"a time to die..."*

**Michael Gonzalez**

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one of 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.

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

## FEBRUARY



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 12, 2017**

**Sign-up for Lenten Program**

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:30am - Church  
Religious Education, Pre K-6 ó 10:30am ó School  
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy 11:30am

Reception Fr. Benedict Center

**Monday, February 13, 2017**

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



**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

No events

**Wednesday, February 15, 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 16, 2017**

Altar Server & Parent Meeting ó 7:00pm - Church

**Friday, February 17, 2017**

No events

**Saturday, February 18, 2017**

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

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19, 2017**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

**Sign-up for Lenten Program**

**NO Religious Education**

Baptism ó 1:00pm - Church



**ALTAR SERVER AND PARENT MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 7:00PM  
IN THE CHURCH**

**FATHER DAVID'S  
40<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION WEEKEND  
JUNE 24 & 25, 2017**  
*Commemorative Journal Information  
flyer at doors of church or rectory office  
What a wonderful way to say  
Congratulations to our Pastor!*



**NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18-19, 2017  
HELP US TO KEEP OUR PANTRY STOCKED**

During these cold winter months, we have seen an increase in need in our community. Our shelves have been greatly depleted. Please help us to re-stock these items which we have little or no stock of. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. God Bless your stewardship!

- Tea, Raisins, Cookies/Crackers, Instant Pudding
- Apple Juice, Cake Mix, Vegetable Juice, Brownie mix
- Cranberry Juice, Icing, Grape Juice, Frosted Flakes
- Hot Cocoa, Corn Flakes, Canned Pineapple, Egg Noodles
- Canned Mandarin Oranges, Mayonnaise,
- Canned Fruit Cocktail
- Peanut Butter, Salad Dressings, Grated Cheese,
- Manhattan Clam Chowder, Chicken Gravy, Apple Sauce

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

**Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church**

St. Mary Parish, Dumont, presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

**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.

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



**ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR  
5th\*25th or 50th  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?**

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating Christian marriage Anniversaries this year. The Anniversary Liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

**April 30, 2017 at 3:00pm  
For Five and Twenty-Five Years**

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**May 7, 2017 at 3:00pm  
For Fifty Years**

Please notify the parish office no later than March 27 if you would like to attend one of the celebrations.