



Mass  for the Intentions *Week*

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 John Trimarchi

11:30 Edward Delaney

Monday, April 3, 2017

7:00 Michael O'Connell

8:30 Maria Luisa Gutierrez

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

7:00 Vimala Joshy, Third Anniversary

8:30 John Ochs, Jr.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

7:00 Percy Habana, Birthday (L)

8:30 Al Giella

Thursday, April 6, 2017

7:00 Daisy&Lukosc Mattappillil, Aniv(L)

8:30 Dolores Cabonelas

Friday, April 7, 2017

7:00 Virginia Thompson, Birthday (L)

8:30 Rose Rufo

7:30 Marishiel Bantug

Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:30 Robert Czechowski

5:30 Camilo C. Libaban

Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord

April 9, 2017

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:30 Dolores Allegue

11:30 Ciro & Arminia Marra

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

March 26, 2017: \$6,629.00

ParishPay February: \$3,014.80

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

Readings for Next Sunday

Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord

April 9, 2017

Holy Week Begins

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Today the gospel contains a phrase that is famous for being the shortest sentence in the gospels. Do you know what it is? Three words—"And Jesus wept." But it's a hard topic to preach on! We all know tears are still mostly associated with women; some of you men were probably told by your fathers, "Real men don't cry," because it used to be seen as weakness instead of a healthy response to grief or joy.

A study at the University of Minnesota found that men cry an average of 1.4 times per month, versus women crying over 5 times per month. Is it embarrassing, then, that the Savior of the World would be found crying?

Do we find it hard to believe that Jesus would have experienced such deep human emotion? If he's God, maybe we think he should somehow be "above it all," unmoved by what happens on earth?

Jesus not only cried, but was "deeply troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions." Jesus had come face to face with the Enemy—he personally experienced the terrible despair of Mary and Martha's grief, the loss, sadness, and anguish that the evil of illness and physical death causes. And he wept.

But even in the midst of his tears, Jesus did what he had come to do — he kept his focus on God's will for him. Jesus says, "Untie Lazarus, and let him go." We are bound by our own small deaths which accumulate in our lives; if we fail to reach out as Christ to others, we become the walking dead... with no life to give ourselves or anyone else.

Let us move towards the Resurrection by feeling Jesus' Passion through the love he has poured out for us in his tears.

✠ On Sunday, March 26th, we celebrated a Retreat Day for the children of our parish who will be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time on the weekend of April 28/29. What a delightful and fun time for the children, their families, and especially for me, as I witnessed the enthusiastic faith of these little ones. Thank you so much to Dena Sedlak, our coordinator of the First Eucharist program, to Theresa Carbone, our CRE, to Msgr. Anselm, and to all who helped, especially, our Confirmation candidates for making this day such a wonderful experience for our children and their families. Please, let us continue to pray for these children and for our candidates for Confirmation.

✠ Please plan ahead to be with us on Friday, April 7th. We will join together for our **Parish Lenten Evening of Recollection** which will begin at 7pm with Stations of the Cross followed by Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, the opportunity for individual sacramental Reconciliation, and end at 9pm with Benediction What a beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the holiest week of the year!

✠ Our **Holy Week and Easter Schedule** has been inserted in this week's bulletin. Please keep it handy. Let it be an invitation and reminder for you and your family to participate in the liturgies of this holiest week of the year. We are blessed when you are present. **Please plan on joining us in our celebrations — and bring someone you love with you.**

✠ Lent is a very good time for us to participate in the **Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal for 2017**. Our 2017 goal is **\$43,000.00**. To date we have received \$18,829.00 in pledges from 85 donors. Consider making this part of our Lenten sacrifice. Please, let's pray and work together, that with God's help, we can again surpass our goal.

There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are at the doors of the church. Please consider making a pledge and pray about it. I pray that each parish family will step up and support this beautiful way to "Serve God by Serving Others." 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!

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Congratulations! The following Transfiguration Academy students achieved Principal's List honors for the 2nd trimester:

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| JC Abella | Aleena Kuriakose |
| Alexis Ching | Layla Libanan |
| Kyle Esteban | Joshua Naviamos |
| Cynthia Jacob | Sheila Omondi |

Tuition Raffle: Do you or someone you know have tuition bills to pay? Buy a raffle ticket— you could win a prize to help pay that tuition bill. First prize is \$2500, 2nd prize is \$1500 and 3rd prize is \$1000 – payable to any accredited school/institution of the winner's choice. Each ticket is \$5 and can be purchased at the school office during school hours.

TIGER FOR A DAY - Transfiguration Academy invites you to see why our students excel both in and outside of the classroom. On April 10th and 11th, your child has an opportunity to experience Transfiguration Academy firsthand by being a "Tiger for a Day."

Students in grades K – 8 can spend one of those two days at Transfiguration Academy when the local public schools are closed for the spring break. Each student visitor will be partnered with a student ambassador from the Academy, attend all classes for his or her grade level, receive a complimentary lunch and take home a small gift in remembrance of their "Tiger for a Day" experience. Attendees will get to meet and interact with our students and faculty on a one-to-one basis.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call (201)384-3627.

Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook.

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)

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| 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: _____



Calendar:

- Sunday, April 2nd – Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
- Monday, April 3rd – 7th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, April 5th -- 9th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, April 9th – No Children's Liturgy or Religious Education

There will be NO Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday April 9th or April 16th. Our Last Children's Liturgy for this school year will be April 23, 2017.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Confirmation Candidates: Service Hours and Service Hours Report are due, Wednesday April 5, 2017 and any other paperwork, please bring in to class.

First Eucharist: There will be a MANDATORY Rehearsal Tuesday April 25, 2017 in the Church at 7 pm. All First Eucharist candidates and one parent are to meet at 6:50 pm so we can start on time.

Registration for 2017-2018:

Registration forms the 2017-2018 School year have been distributed to all students, 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 30th. 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.

Reminder that the Sunday, Religious Education is from 10:30 am to 11:45 am. It is important that all students are on time for class. Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3rd grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:45 am. Please be on time for pick-up.

Volunteers Needed:

† 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 – 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: 9:30 am to 12:00 noon
- Other times by appointment



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Church of the Ascension
New Milford, New Jersey



Invites You to Gather Together and Share...

A Parish Lenten
Evening of Recollection

Friday, April 7, 2017

7:00pm...Stations of the Cross

7:30pm..Mass followed by

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

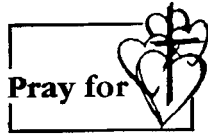
Holy Hour

Opportunity for
sacramental Reconciliation

9:00pm...Benediction



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Pray for

"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose D'Eufemia, 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, Philip Santore, John Donohue, Jose Caylao Jr., 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



BREAD and WINE for last week
were offered in loving memory of
Estelita Garcia



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



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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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2, 2017

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:30am

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:30am – School

Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

Monday, April 3, 2017

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory

TA Confessions – 1:00pm

Religious Education Grade (7) – 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Woodcrest Center Mass – 2:30pm

Ministry of Word – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Confirmation Prep 7:00-8:45pm

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, April 6, 2017

Ministry of Service – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

First Friday, April 7, 2017

Communion Visits to Homebound

Eucharistic Holy Hour – 1:00pm – Church

Lenten Evening of Recollection -7:00pm

Mass with Exposition – 7:30pm

Holy Hour with Individual Confession

Benediction -9:00pm

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

PALM SUNDAY



April 9, 2017

Food Pantry Sunday

Masses: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am

NO Religious Education

11:30 Principal Mass with Procession with Palms

Family Stations Practice, Characters&Readers– 7:00pm



MINISTRY OF WORD
TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

MINISTRY OF SERVICE
THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH AT 7:00PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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 Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.



REMEMBER DURING LENT

Evening Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

Also, we have placed "Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2017" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend

ADORATION

Our church is committed to providing many opportunities for us to enhance our lenten experience. On Friday's throughout Lent we will have an adoration hour with exposition from 1:00-2:00pm. It is a special hour of encounter with the Lord. we encourage all who can to please do so.

Please Notice This



PARISH "GARAGE" SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

TIME TO START YOUR SPRING CLEANING!

See Flyer in Today's Bulletin for Information

Holiday Dinner Favorite

Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday

If anyone would like to donate money to buy a ham for Easter dinner for one of our pantry clients. You may put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Ham" and give it to one of our Priests, or place it in the collection basket.

Shop Rite is offering a free "Holiday Dinner Favorite" when \$400 is spent using *Shop Rite Price Plus Card*. The offer period started on Sunday, March 5 and ends on Saturday, April 15. If you would like to donate your Holiday Dinner Favorite to the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry, it will gladly be accepted. The items that are offered for free are: Shank Half Ham (up to 12 lbs), Frozen Turkey Breast (6-9 lb average), Shop Rite Turkey (10-14 lb Average) as well as Stouffer Lasagna (90-96 oz).

Also if you would like someone to pick up your donation at Shop Rite, please call the rectory and leave your Shop Rite *Price Plus* number.

ASCENSION PARISH'S 16TH PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

**WHEN: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 23, 2017**

**WHERE: STOCKBRIDGE, MA
COST: \$35.00 PER PERSON**

**PLEASE PICK UP
REGISTRATION FORM
IN CHURCH VESTIBULE OR RECTORY
Registration Deadline is April 19, 2017**



EASTER FLOWERS



You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will be used to decorate our Church. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or a special intention. **Each intention donation is \$15.00** please place form & donation in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" & drop off at the rectory. **One intention will be noted for each donation of \$15.00. All others will be noted as donations.**

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

In Memory of: _____

For the Intention of: _____

Requested By: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 85 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$18,829.00 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

This year our Parish Goal is \$43,000.00

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 15th to Thursday May 18th. The price of \$550 dbl/\$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.

**FATHER DAVID'S
40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 24, 2017**

Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception

**Reception information & reservation
flyer at doors of church
(please return to rectory office)**

*Commemorative Journal
(Journal information at doors of church)
What a wonderful way to say
Congratulations to our Pastor!*