

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass for the Intentions for the Week

### PALM SUNDAY, Passion of the Lord

April 9, 2017

5:30 Camilo C. Libaban

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:30 Dolores Allegue

11:30 Ciro & Arminia Marra

### Monday of Holy Week, April 10, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 Robert Aponte Jr & Sr

### Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 Oates Family

### Wednesday of Holy Week, April 12, 2017

7:00 Jovita Balacot

8:30 Msgr. Francis A. Fox

### HOLY THURSDAY, April 13, 2017

8:30 Morning Prayer

8:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper

11:45 Night Prayer

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 14, 2017

8:30 Morning Prayer

12:00 Prayer Service

3:00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8:00 Family Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY, April 15, 2017

8:30 Morning Prayer

8:30 Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY

#### The Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 All Parishioners

9:30 Living and

11:30 Deceased

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, April 3, 2016:	\$5,899.00
Sunday, April 2, 2017:	\$6,156.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,961.00

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

### Readings for Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35



A little boy, Thomas, was told that his 5-year-old sister had a rare blood disease, and needed a transfusion. Suddenly it was discovered that Thomas had that very blood type. So the doctor came in and had a talk with him. "Son," said the doctor, "would you give your blood so that your sister can live?" Thomas looked shocked. But after thinking this over for a little while, he told the doctor he would do it.

They took the blood, and a little later, the doctor came in to ask how he was feeling. "Fine," Thomas said. And then he asked quietly, "But, Doctor, when do I die?" Only then did it dawn on the doctor that Thomas had misunderstood. He thought he was giving **all** his blood to save his sister. The entire meaning of the Passion of Jesus Christ rests on this same kind of single-minded sacrifice—the willingness of an innocent man to give up everything, to give **all his blood**, if that is what it takes to save the lives and the souls of the world.

Do any of us understand why Jesus had to die? No, no more than we understand why we and all creatures suffer in the terrible ways that we do. But we are not expected to understand, because only God is God. Remember that even Jesus does not take up his cross lightly; he prays three times that God might change the future. But what shines brightly through the pain is that the Suffering Jesus gave his whole heart into the hands of God. Then Jesus had only to keep walking.

Gathered and united in Jesus' love, we continue our Lenten journey to Calvary. May we press on with faith and hope and love ready to rejoice at the empty tomb with the risen Christ.

✠ The events of Holy Week remind us that the victory of Jesus can be ours if our lives find their model in Him. We need to be reminded of the power we share through His Eucharistic presence, His death, His resurrection. 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.**

✠ We will be **decorating our church** for Easter on Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Parishioners are welcome to come and lend a hand.

✠ We also need to be reminded of the warm love and concern we share through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. We have included an Easter Offering envelope in your Easter mailing. Please keep in mind the tough winter season we have all endured (with much larger snow removal bills) and remember the many ministries our parish supports. Remember, too, that we rely heavily upon your donation at Easter to support these ministries and programs. Please, be as generous as your means allow. We so appreciate your efforts.

✠ As we begin Holy Week, this 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 \$20,229.00 in pledges from 92 donors. Consider making this part of your sacrifice. There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are in the pews and 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!** 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Reshmi John was named Transfiguration Academy's Outstanding Catholic School Graduate. She was honored by the Archdiocesan School Office on April 8 at a Mass and breakfast.

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$1500 and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. The drawing will be held on Saturday, May 6 at 8:00 PM in Conlon Hall.

**TIGER FOR A DAY** - Transfiguration Academy invites you to see why our students excel both in and outside of the classroom. This Monday and Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

The Academy will be closed for Easter break at noon on Wednesday, April 12 through Friday, April 21. Classes will resume on Monday, April 24.

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](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or call (201)384-3627.

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.



### Calendar:

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – No Children's Liturgy or Religious Education  
Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – No Religious Education  
Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – No Religious Education  
Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Happy Easter – No Religious Education

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

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**Confirmation Candidates:** Service Hours and Service Hours Report were due on Wednesday April 5, 2017 and any other paperwork, please bring to Mrs. Carbone ASAP in the Rectory.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

APRIL 9, 2017

# Church of the Ascension

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

### **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017**

Masses: 5:30pm (Saturday Vigil)  
7:30am, 9:30am and  
11:30am (Principal Mass with Procession with Palms)

### **MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017**

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark 8:00pm

### **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017**

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) 8:30am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00pm  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:00pm Mass until Midnight*  
Night Prayer 11:45pm

### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017**

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) 8:30am  
Good Friday Prayer Service 12:00 Noon  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm  
Family Stations of the Cross 8:00pm

### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017**

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) 8:30am  
The Easter Vigil 8:30pm

### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017**

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

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

### **Individual Celebrations**

Friday, March 18 – 8:00 to 8:45pm  
Saturday, April 1 – 1pm Tri-Parish Penance Service at St. John's, Bergenfield  
Tuesday, April 11 – 7:00pm to 7:30pm  
Wednesday, April 12 – 7:00pm to 7:30pm

**NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON HOLY SATURDAY.**



## PALM SUNDAY



### PRAY FOR . . .

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

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

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, 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.

*"a time for peace..."*

President Donald John Trump, our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

*"a time to die..."*

**Maureen A. Bottcher, Rose D'Eufemia, George Hill**

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

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**

## “ PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with Passion Sunday, or Palm Sunday, and the Gospel story of the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem is read as part of the entrance rite. The Gospel tells us that the people cut branches from the trees and laid them in the road in front of Jesus as part of the procession. Palm is used to celebrate this festive entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palms are from a common tree whose branches are readily available. The palm is blessed and people are given a branch to take home. A year later the palm will be burned to form the ash for Ash Wednesday. In other places, churches use olive branches or pussy willows. The blessing in the Sacramentary uses the generic term "branches."

### FATHER DAVID'S 40<sup>TH</sup> 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!*

## OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory & Religious Education Offices  
will be closed on Good Friday, April 14th



### 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

### Monday of Holy Week, April 10, 2017

**NO Religious Education**

Food Pantry Distribution

Combined Choirs - 7:30pm - Church

Chrism Mass - 8:00pm - Sacred Heart in Newark

### Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11, 2017

Confessions - 7:00pm - Church

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

### Wednesday of Holy Week, April 12, 2017

**NO Religious Education**

**NO Novena**

Confessions - 7:00pm - Church

Combined Choirs with instruments - 7:30pm - Church

### HOLY THURSDAY, April 13, 2017

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) - 8:30am - Church

Altar Server Practice - 7:30pm - Church

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00pm

Adoration until midnight

Night Prayer 11:45pm in Church

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 14, 2017

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) - 8:30am - Church

Altar Server Practice - 9:00am - Church

Good Friday Prayer Service - 12 Noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00pm

Family Stations of the Cross - 8:00pm - Church

### HOLY SATURDAY, April 15, 2017

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) - 8:30am - Church

Altar Server Practice - 9:00am - Church

Church Decorating - 10:00am

**NO Confessions**

**Easter Vigil - 8:30pm - Church**



### EASTER SUNDAY, April 16, 2017

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

**NO Religious Education**



### ASCENSION YOUTH GROUP EASTER EGG HUNT EASTER SUNDAY

AFTER THE 9:30 MASS

ALL CHILDREN 10 AND YOUNGER ARE INVITED

BRING YOUR EASTER BASKET

& JOIN IN THE FUN!

### 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.



**Presence - Care - Service**

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest place. Please be generous.

**Please Notice This**



**PARISH "GARAGE" SALE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

TIME TO START YOUR SPRING CLEANING!

**Deadline To Return Your Request for Space Is Today!**

See Green Flyer at doors of Church for Information

**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**



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 92 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$20,229.00 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**



**A LAUNDRY CHUTE  
201-262-WASH(9274)**

who help make this bulletin possible



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



**Palm Sunday**

**"Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest."**

**And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."  
- Mt 21:9-11**



Food Pantry Donations Needed

**THIS WEEKEND, APRIL 8-9, 2017**

We are currently in need of the following items to keep our shelves stocked. Any item that you can donate is of great help to us. God bless you for your continued support of this most important ministry.

Ketchup, Canned mushrooms, Corned beef hash, Mustard, Canned spinach, Beef stew, Salad Dressing, Canned asparagus, Peanut butter, Chicken Gravy, Canned beets, Grape Jelly, Grated Cheese, Raisins, Lentil soup, Crackers, Apple Sauce, Clam chowder, Coffee, Canned fruits, Paper towel, Tea bags, Jell-O, Toilet paper, Iced tea, pudding, Tissues, Cranberry Juice, Canned Salmon, Napkins.

Shop Rite is offering a free "Holiday Dinner Favorite" when \$400 is spent using Shop Rite Price Plus Card. If you would like to donate your Holiday Dinner Favorite to the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry, it will gladly be accepted. 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.