

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris  
7:30 Joseph Grimaldi  
9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
11:30 Cardona & Fernandez Mothers

### Monday, May 8, 2017

7:00 Patrick O'Sullivan  
8:30 Rolando & Dona Viduya (L)

### Tuesday, May 9, 2017

7:00 Constanza Zuniga  
8:30 Ana Zuniga

### Wednesday, May 10, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 Encarnacion Fineza

### Thursday, May 11, 2017

7:00 Mary Rose Mallon  
8:30 John Coringrato

### Friday, May 12, 2017

7:00 Con & Rose Lynch  
8:30 Florencia Dolotina

### Saturday, May 13, 2017

8:30 Roberto Caparas Sr., 81 B'Day (L)  
5:30 All Mothers

### Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2017

7:30 All Mothers  
9:30 Living &  
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.

May 1, 2016:	\$5,475.00
April 30, 2017:	\$6,095.00
Additional Easter:	\$ 440.00
Easter ParishPay:	\$2,260.00

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

### Readings for Sunday May 14, 2017

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1  
Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



Today, Jesus refers to us as his sheep and to himself as our shepherd. Jesus says he is our guardian who promises to care for us always: "Whoever enters the sheepfold through me will be safe." If we develop a whole-hearted relationship of love and trust in Jesus, he will protect us from harm, especially from the harm of spiritual death through sin and evil.

Sheep get disoriented easily; they lose their path, and wander in confusion. Just as Jesus knows us intimately, the shepherd really knows what the sheep need. The bottom line for us Catholics is this: to be fully human, we don't "just exit" —we must enter a deep relationship with God." This means listening to the voice of Jesus by private and group prayer, and by listening to the stories of faith others tell us.

Intimacy with Jesus demands intimacy with others. Today on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray to hear exactly HOW God's voice is calling us to bring our gifts to others. The point is to use our relationship with Jesus for the good of the world—whether single, married, or in religious life.

God is the only true place of safety for our heart and soul. Let us trust our Master, Jesus the Christ, to lead us into lives that accomplish God's will for us all.

✠ This Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, Bishop John Flesey will confer the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of **Confirmation** upon young men and women of our parish. We invite you to come and celebrate with them. We ask you to keep these candidates in special prayer.

✠ Next weekend we recognize a great gift of God's special shepherding love in our lives—**our Mothers**. We will offer a special blessing for mothers at all Masses. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to show our appreciation to our mothers. What a wonderful way to remember our mothers, living or deceased, on their special day and throughout the month of May.

✠ On Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, a holyday of obligation and our parish Feast Day. Mass will be celebrated at 7am and 8:30am. We will celebrate our solemn Feast Day Mass at 7:30pm which will be followed by our "Make your own Ice Cream Sundae" reception on Ascension Plaza. Please plan ahead to join in the festivities.

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

*Fr. David*



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

Congratulations to Transfiguration Academy alumnus **Justyn-Henry Malloy** who was recognized for outstanding academic achievement (Honor Roll) for the third quarter at St. Joseph Regional High School.

**TRICKY TRAY**

The Home School Association's annual Tricky Tray will be held on Friday, May 19. Doors open at 5:30 PM, dinner is served at 6:30 PM and prizes are selected starting at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$18.00 per person if purchased by May 5, and \$23.00 if purchased after that date. Included in the ticket price is one sheet of level one prize tickets, a pasta dinner with meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. Dinner-only children's tickets are \$12.00 if purchased before May 5 and do NOT include Prize Tickets. Please contact the school office for more information and tickets.

**Registration for the 2017/18 School Year**

Registration continues for grades PK-7. Transfiguration Academy invites you to see why our students excel both in and outside of the classroom. Any interested student is encouraged to spend a day at the Academy to experience firsthand the school's strong academics and faith-filled community.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield. For more information or to schedule a visit or a tour of the school:

Email: [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org)

Call: (201)384-3627.

Website: [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org)

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**St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program**

St. Joseph Council No. 3814 of the Knights of Columbus in Oradell/New Milford is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2017. Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish or Ascension Parish. Selection will be based on criteria focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the K of C principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and postmarked no later than Monday, May 31, 2017. Winners will be notified in June. Applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.kofcstjoseph.org](http://www.kofcstjoseph.org). Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174.

**CAN YOU HELP!?**

St. Joseph grammar school in Jersey City needs our help. The students have a dream of collecting 200,000 box tops this year! (that's not a typo) If they reach their goal the school will receive \$20,000!!!!!! They would like to purchase an outdoor electronic sign.

Several parishes are helping and so are Archdiocesan Center employees! Please save your box tops and ask your family, friends and neighbors to save them also.

Box tops can be mailed to: Lynn Gully, Archdiocese of Newark, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104. Or dropped off in collection (in an envelope) or to the rectory office.

Thank you for your consideration and help! Every box top helps!!



**Calendar:**

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS OF THE PARISH

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in October, please look for the Children's Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Children's Liturgy of the Word, anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.



Congratulation to the Nathaniel Avena, Charla Badar, Megan Bantilan, Mary Bie, Sean Bottcher, Kristine Capul, Moses Deus, Jason Filinger, Ethaniel Gonzalez, Brianna LaGrenada, Matther Marcoccia, Michael Marcoccia, Donnette Miniz, Erin Nerona, Andrei Sapiandante and Hailey Smith all who received First Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**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. If you are in need of a registration form you can download one from the Parish website [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com). For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

**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.
- † We are in need of Catechists, Aides and **Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2017-2018 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085 during office hours.
- † Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 8:45 pm.

**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

Other times by appointment

MAY 7, 2017

*Celebrate with us!*  
*40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination*



*A Mass of Thanksgiving*

*on Saturday, June 24, 2017*

*10:00 AM*

*Church of the Ascension*

*256 Azalea Dr.*

*New Milford, NJ*

*Rev. David W. Milliken*

TICKETED RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MASS  
AT THE TERRACE 293 PARAMUS ROAD, PARAMUS, NJ

----- (Detach here) -----

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets @ \$45.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

TICKETS WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED  
PLEASE RETURN YOUR RESERVATION ASAP  
TO THE RECTORY OFFICE OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*"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, 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..."*

Ramona Garay

*...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**



### 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.



### World Day of Prayer for Vocations, May 7, 2017

#### **Parish Maintenance & Repairs**

May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother—9:30 Mass

Last Religious Education Class – 10:30am

Confirmation - 1:00pm - Church

### Monday, May 8, 2017

Religious Education, Grade 7 – 7:00pm – School

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

### Tuesday, May 9, 2017

No events

### Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

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

Filipino Core Mtg. – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

### Thursday, May 11, 2017

No events

### Friday, May 12, 2017

Buildings & Grounds – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg.Rm

### Saturday, May 13, 2017

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church



### Sunday, May 14, 2017

**Communicating God's Word**



Meetings

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 12 AT 7:30PM**  
**RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

### EASTER MUSIC

Are you looking for a wonderful way to keep the splendor of this Easter Season in your heart? We have wonderful Easter Music CD's, "The Triumph of the Cross", on sale for \$10. Please stop by the rectory office to purchase yours.

### AVAILABILITY

**SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week.** Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.







**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 125 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$26,089.00 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**

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

**MOTHER'S DAY GIFT**

To honor your mother (living or deceased) this **Mother's Day**, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5, the Emergency Food Network will send your mom or the person you designate a card noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese! Monies received will be used to support 50 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union, and Bergen counties.

For more information please call or contact Sharon Tobin at:

**EFN, Catholic Charities**  
**(908) 497-4012**

**Email: Stobin@ccannj.org**

Your mom will be so proud of you for recognizing his caring in such a meaningful way.



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**201-262-WASH (9274)**



**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy after Mass or in the rectory office.**

As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Mother's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Mother's Day. If you would like a card for your mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who has been like a mother to you please pick one up at the rectory office during business hours (9am-4pm Monday-Friday). The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Offering for each card is \$10.00.**



**MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017**  
**DURING THE 9:30AM MASS**



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**HELP KEEP OUR FOOD PANTRY STOCKED**  
**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, MAY 21ST**

For our May distribution, the food pantry is in the need of the following items. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Your continued support of our very important Ministry is greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity.

- Coffee, Tea, Cranberry Juice, Canned Spinach, Baked Beans, Apple Sauce, Raisins, Beef Stew, Corned Beef Hash, Chicken Gravy, Crackers, Flour, Manhattan Clam Chowder, Paper Towels, Napkins, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste, Hair Conditioner, Laundry Detergent

**FATHER DAVID'S**  
**40TH**  
**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**

**Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception**  
**Reception information & reservation flyer**  
**Please see page 3 of this bulletin**  
**(please return to rectory office or collection)**

**ASAP**

**tickets are first come first served**

***Commemorative Journal***  
***(Journal information at doors of church)***

***What a wonderful way to say***  
***Congratulations to our Pastor!***

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