

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

- 5:30 Rose Carbone
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Felicia Henry-Long
- 11:30 Dong T. Vo

### Monday, January 15, 2018

- 7:00 Christopher & Amalia Aldea
- 8:30 Nellie & Thomas Heavey (L)

### Tuesday, January 16, 2018

- 7:00 Martha Delaney (L)
- 8:30 Consuelo Mendoza

### Wednesday, January 17, 2018

- 7:00 Judith & Ester Nional, Birthday (L)
- 8:30 Ramon Abuedo

### Thursday, January 18, 2018

- 7:00 Carole Gorman
- 8:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

### Friday, January 19, 2018

- 7:00 Jose Garcia
- 8:30 Enrique & Mary Blanco, 45 Anniv. (L)

### Saturday, January 20, 2018

- 8:30 Theresa Guido
- 5:30 Martin & Hildegard Faderugao

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

- 7:30 Timothy Cronin
- 9:30 Rev. John P. McGovern
- 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

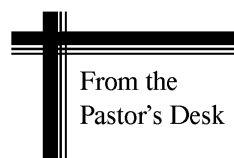
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

January 8, 2017:	\$5,641.00
January 7, 2018:	\$5,254.00
Repair & Maintenance:	\$2,505.00
Christmas WeShare:	\$1,660.00
Additional Christmas:	\$ 864.00

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

### Readings for Sunday January 21, 2018

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1  
Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



From the  
Pastor's Desk

There are certain moments in our life when God seems to interrupt everyday life to speak to us in a special way. Maybe you narrowly escape a head-on collision; or your child becomes critically ill; or your closest friend or partner dies too soon. It is as if a kaleidoscope has been shaken, and all the pieces of your life have been rearranged into a different picture. If we're listening, God can use these moments to deepen our virtues—to increase our patience, our courage... to expand our wisdom... or to shock some part of us out of dullness and routine, and back into life. Whether we're young or old, God is still calling us, not just into a job or a new career, but to a constant "re-weaving" of the tapestry of our lives.

How is God calling your name these days? It has nothing to do with your age or your experience. I repeat—even if you are raising four kids, or already retired after 30 years on the job—do you realize that God is still calling your name with as much love and enthusiasm and challenge as before you were born? But are you still listening?

Perhaps your call in this new year is to be more honest or to quiet yourself or to be more generous or patient or to believe more passionately or to love without judgment. As we approach the Eucharist today, try saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." And then really listen this week.

✠ This weekend we will take up a second collection to help support Fr. Hilary's education in Rome. As always, may God, the Giver of all good gifts, bless you for your generosity.

✠ Thank you to our parishioners who helped to take down the Christmas decorations in and around the church. Your help is always much appreciated.

✠ On Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973) we will celebrate a "day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life" (USCCB, 2000).

We will conclude the 8:30am Mass with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and share in a Holy Hour for Life which will conclude with Benediction at 9:45am. Please come and join us.

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



**Principal's List**

Principal's List recognition is one of the highest awards a Transfiguration Academy student can earn. Here are the requirements:

- Maintain an A+ in all academic areas and sub-headings of Religion, Reading, Language Arts, Spelling, Math, Social Studies, World Language, and Science.
- Have all Outstanding or Satisfactory in Cultural Development (Music, Art, Physical Education and Technology)
- Have all Outstanding or Satisfactory in Personal Development (i.e. behavior, obey school rules in the classroom, hallways, cafeteria and playground, etc.)

The following students earned Principal's List status for the first quarter:

Leanne Cuasay\* Rachel Magdadar\* Cynthia Jacob\*  
Joshua Naviamos\* Kyle Esteban

**Upcoming events (open to the public):**

**Sun, Jan 28:** Beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2018. This year's theme is:

**Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**

Look for a schedule of events in the next few weeks. In the interim, you can learn more about our Academy by going to our website [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) or Facebook page

**Registration for the 2017/2018 Academic Year has begun:**

Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum for grades PreK2 through 8 or to schedule a tour of our Academy, please email at:

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

or call the school office at 201-384-3627.

**Transfiguration Academy: Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.**



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**Calendar:**

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>-- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – No Religious Education

Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> — 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> --- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 9:30 am 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:**

There is a **Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student** meeting on **January 22, 2018** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2019.**

**Please note the change in our hours for classes this school year.**

Our Sunday Mornings program is from **10:45 to 12 Noon**. **Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MUST come in to pick up children at 12 Noon. Please be on time for pick-up.**

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:45 pm. Students are asked to be here by **6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.**

**Volunteers Needed:**

† We are in NEED of Substitute Catechists 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.

† 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:**

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

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

Church of the Ascension

# MUSIC MINISTRY

invites YOU to

Come out and  
Sing to the Lord...

Share your talents...



Join us for Lent and Easter...

...as a member of one of our choirs

♪ **Children's Choir** (all parish children grades 1-8 welcome)

Sings each Sunday at 9:30am Mass  
Rehearses Saturdays 4:15pm

♪ **Contemporary Choir**

Sings Sundays 9:30am Mass  
Rehearses Mondays 7:30pm\*

♪ **Traditional Choir**

Sings Sundays 11:30am Mass  
Rehearses Mondays 7:30pm\*

...as a Leader of Song  
...as an instrumentalist

\* Some rehearsals are with combined choirs

To sign up or to receive further information,  
contact Glenn Gordon after Mass or at (917) 414-2697.





## 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, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Joan Polis, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloeblen, Richard Gabettie, Judith & Tom Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Charles Hellriegel, John Delaney, Anita Zucconi, Joel Rivera, Albert Ginocchio, 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, PFC Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Cherry Point, NC, Airman First Class James Penser, Goodfellow, AFB, Texas 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.

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

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**



### 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.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, January 15th



### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14, 2018**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Church GR  
Rel Ed Pre-K-6 – 10:45am  
Santo Nino Mass 11:30am followed by reception in  
The Father Benedict Center  
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

### **Monday, January 15, 2018**

**Martin Luther King, Jr**  
Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory  
Food Pantry Distribution  
NO Religious Education  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

### **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

Ministry of Worship/Liturgy – 7:30pm – Gathering Rm

### **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

Confirmation Prep – 7:00pm  
Novena – 7:30pm – Church  
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.  
Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

### **Thursday, January 18, 2018**

No events

### **Friday, January 19, 2018**

No events

### **Saturday, January 20, 2018**

Confessions 11:00am – Church  
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

**Sign up of Lent Program**

### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21, 2018**

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
**Sign up for Lent Program**  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Church GR  
Rel Ed Pre-K-6 – 10:45am



### **MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY** **COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH AT 7:30PM**  
**IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

### **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 for the intention of your loved one.



Happy Anniversary



SAVE THE DATE

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

11:30am MASS

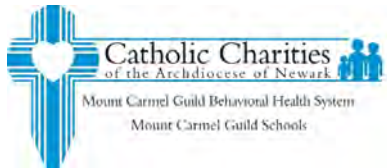
Reception Follows in the Fr. Benedict Center

TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND'S PERFORMANCE OF "JESUS"

Our Parish will sponsor a 3 day/2night trip to the Amish Lands, Pa. April 11-13, 2018. The price of \$415pp/\$497 single includes 2 nights lodging at the Heritage Hotel, Lancaster, 2 full buffet breakfasts, dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant, "Jesus" at the Millennium Theatre, dinner and performance of "Showboat" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, guided tour of Amish Countryside, Kitchen Kettle Village, trip to Longwood gardens. On our way home, we will make a stop at the Sands Casino with a bonus of \$20 slot free pay & \$5 meal voucher. Bus transportation, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities are included. Cancellation ins. is recommended. A \$100 deposit will hold your reservation and is due by January 15th. For info. Call Josie (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201) 387-2632. Please fill in the coupon below and drop off at Rectory with your deposit. Please make all checks payable to "Ascension Church".

NAME \_\_\_\_\_
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_
NAME OF PERSON YOU ARE SHARING A ROOM WITH \_\_\_\_\_
EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received a payment of \$1,698 as a result of your clothing donations from June 1st, 2017 to November 30th, 2017.

These funds, combined with monies from other parishes in a similar program throughout the Archdiocese, enabled Catholic Charities to provide 305,154 mental health services to 15,167 people (FY16/17).

Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.



HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY JANUARY 21ST

The following are items most needed to restock our shelves this month. Any item or items you can purchase for our pantry would be greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your continue support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- COOKIES-CRACKERS-TOILET TISSUE
PAPER TOWELS-TISSUES-NAPKINS
HAIR CONDITIONER-RAZORS-SHAVE CREAM
DEODORANT-TOOTH PASTE-TOOTH BRUSHES
BATH SOAP-BODY WASH-MOSITURIZER

Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

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 Parishioner
to change my address
to join a ministry
to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Full 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

MEMORIAL FUND

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_