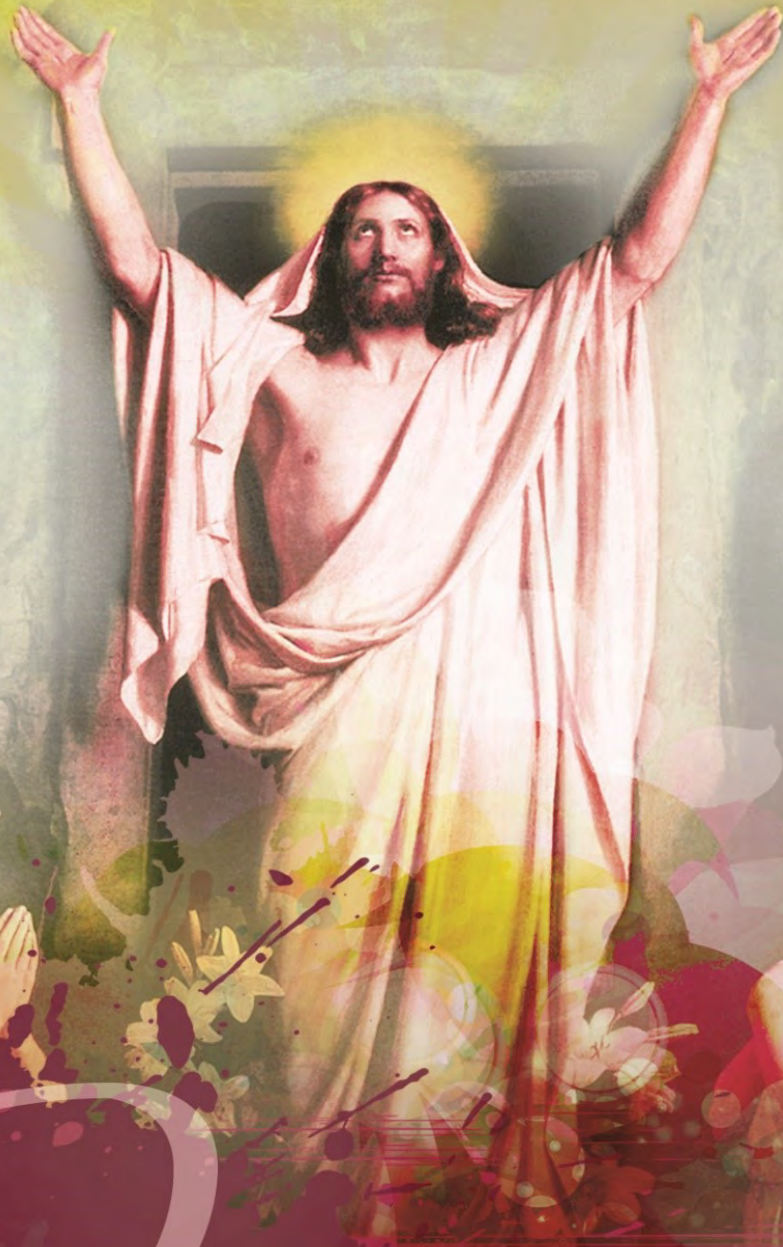


E A S T E R S U N D A Y



THE

*Resurrection*

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 31, 2024**

8:00pm **Easter Vigil**  
People of Ascension Parish  
7:30 Bernard Lombardelli  
9:30 Doris Piro  
11:30 Evelyn Dorothy Baumley

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

8:00 Mildred Bolcik

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

8:00 Justo & Adelaida Barredo

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

8:00 Renato Aglipay

**Thursday, April 5, 2024**

8:00 John Trimarchi

**Friday, April 6, 2024**

No Mass

**Saturday, April 7, 2024**

**Memorial**

8:30 Perfecta Alegre  
Romulo Solon  
John McDonnell  
5:30 Jessie Brown

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2024**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Rose Ann Bottcher  
11:30 Tiffany & Lester Castro (L)

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

**Palm Sunday 2024: \$6,117.00**

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

**Readings for  
Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
(1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir

**Everyday Stewardship**

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference.



**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 parish center office. Thank You!

**I would like....**

- \_\_\_\_\_ to become a Parishioner
- \_\_\_\_\_ to update my contact information
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Must be a family member**

**BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY**

Our parish will sponsor a trip to The Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The cost is \$40 per person and includes \$20 free play.

The bus will leave Ascension parking lot at 9am. You must have your ID/PLAYER CARD to get the bonus. If you do not have a bonus card, you can get one at the casino but, you must have ID such as your driver's license. Make check payable to Ascension Church. Fill in the form below and drop off with check at the Parish Center. Indicate on outside of envelope "RESORTS CASINO". For further info. call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)206-4297.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

#OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

AMT. ENCL. \_\_\_\_\_

Please Notice This



**HAVE SOMETHING FOR OUR BULLETIN??  
PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ITEMS FOR BULLETIN  
NO LATER THAN 9:00AM ON MONDAY  
BEFORE PRINTING DATE**

[ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

**Thank you for your cooperation**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

**OUR 5:30PM MASS ON SATURDAY IS LIVE  
STREAMED AND APPEARS ON YOU TUBE FOR  
OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS TO VIEW.**



**Calendar:**

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – HAPPY EASTER --NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>th</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

**Important:**

New Registration forms for the 2024-2025 School year were sent home to all families already in the program. Please check with your child. If you have a child that is entering the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in the Fall and wish to register your child in our program, please call 201-836-8961 or stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish center during office hours- 9am to 4 pm daily.

**Please remember that all On-Line Work is due on the following days:**

**For Sunday Program (1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grades) by Wednesday of each week**

**For Monday Night Program (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grades) by Thursday of each week**

**For Wednesday Night Program (9<sup>th</sup> Grade) by Friday of each week.**

**Parents Please Remember that this work MUST be completed each week.**

All families are encouraged to come to Mass each week and parents as also asked to review ALL PRAYERS with your child, they can be found in the back of each book.

**Volunteers Needed:**

In order for Children's Liturgy of the Word to start we are in need of volunteers to help with it at the 9:30 am Mass. This is a wonderful was in families can go to Mass together each week and is open to all children in in the Parish. If you would like to help PLEASE call Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center. 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.

We are in need of Catechists and Substitutes for our Religious Education Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

**Religious Education Office Hours:**

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm – Parish Center

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon -- Parish Center

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment



**PRAYER**

Lord Jesus,  
This Easter,  
may we remember  
why this season is celebrated  
above all others.  
When we see eggs and rabbits,  
remind us of the joys  
brought by all new life,  
both through springtime in nature,  
and eternal life through  
Your resurrection.

When we see bright  
ribbons and colors,  
may we remember the  
joy of this season,  
at the conclusion of Lent.  
Above all, help us remember  
the greatest gift of all,  
Your conquest of death and sin,  
which saved all of us  
from eternal death  
and opened heaven's gates  
for us all.

**Amen.**

## EASTER SUNDAY



"To everything there is a season...

"a time to be healed..."

Joanne Albanese, Michael O'Connor, Louis Vallis, Marguerite Morris, Mary Anne Meyer, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu, Gerard Lee and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

Family Members: PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOMEONE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

**\*Prayer list will be updated every three months\***

**Next renewal date May 5, 2024**

**Please call office to renew or remove name**

"a time to serve..."

Staff Sgt. James Penser, Langley AFB, VA and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

**For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.**

"a time for peace..."

All of our National and World Leaders.

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

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Mary & Frank Macaluso**



**BREAD and WINE** this week Donated in loving memory of **John Edward Rooney**



This year our beautiful, *Merciful Lamb*, **Paschal Candle** is In loving memory of **Michael T. Minko** donated by **Darlene & John Minko**.

### JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!

On Sat. May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Parish Events Committee will sponsor "**Italian Night**". Price of \$25 per person includes Buffet Dinner and dancing. Tickets will be sold after all Masses beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>. For info. call Pauline, (201)261-5132 or Mary (201)836-3831.

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE, AND ALTAR FLOWERS for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Weddings Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



"On behalf of the Food Pantry Staff weI would like to thank all of those who generously donated their ShopRite Hams or Turkeys to our food pantry. Our clients were thrilled to receive an item to help them have a blessed Easter Dinner. Your continued generosity to our ministry is very much appreciated!"

"Thank you to the volunteers who came out to help make our Easter Egg Hunt a fun and safe adventure for the children of parishioners and friends of Ascension. Without your help we could never insure a fun and safe day for all. Special thanks to the Easter Bunny for stopping by and having pictures taken with all the children, and with some of the adults also!"



**The Parish & Religious Education Offices**  
**Will be closed on Easter Monday**  
**April 1, 2024**

### 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.

# ANNUAL <sup>2024</sup> APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$29,419.00 already pledged. This is approximately 80% of our goal of \$36,642.00.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing) or by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



## MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund in memory of your loved one. Please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961 or stop by the office (located in the Parish Center-256 Azalea Drive)) to check availability.

### Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

- ALTAR BREAD AND WINE      \$25 per week
- ALTAR FLOWERS      \$65 (per basket/per week)
- SANCTUARY CANDLE      \$15 per week

### MEMORIAL CANDLES:

\_\_\_ SACRED HEART or \_\_\_ BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

<u>Donation Amount</u>	
\$25/1 month	\$100/5 months
\$45/2 months	\$120/6 months
\$65/3months	\$200/1 year
\$85/4months	

## MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form with your check  
made payable to Ascension Church

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
FLYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*BULLETINS  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



## EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will be used to decorate our Church during the Easter Season. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or a special intention. You may use the flower donation envelope you received in your Easter mailing or this form. Please place form & donation in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" & drop off at the parish center or in the collection basket.

### PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For the Intention of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Joys of Easter

Christ is risen. These words fill the festive celebrations of Catholic Churches throughout the world. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys in the depth of their hearts due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, shoes, and other items to the Donation Bin(s) located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.



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