

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Catechetical Sunday, September 21, 2014

5:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
 7:30 George Murphy
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish
 10:30 John Patrick O'Halloran
 12:00 Anthony Cudina

Monday, September 22, 2014

7:00 Rose & Nicholas Lanza
 8:30 Margaret Bitetti

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

7:00 James Gilly
 8:30 Margaret Bitetti

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

7:00 Maureen O'Keefe
 8:30 Tirso Aguilar

Thursday, September 25, 2014

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 In Thanksgiving

Friday, September 26, 2014

7:00 Felicitas Cristi
 8:30 Romana Tababan

Saturday, September 27, 2014

8:30 Thomas Pallath
 5:30 Hilarion Matibag

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 28, 2014

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:00 John Trimarchi
 10:30 Bernard Sullivan
 12:00 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.

Sunday, September 14, 2014: \$6,538.00
Repairs & Maintenance: \$2,566.00

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

Readings for the Week of September 21, 2014

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
 Mt 20:1-16a
 Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9--12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 1:28-32



Today seems to turn all of our expectations upside down. You think, you work the longest, you get paid the most, right? Well, guess what? WRONG! You were the first in? sorry, pal; you're going to be last. And you who stumbled in, clueless, at the last minute? you're No. 1! Is that a great system, or what?

From young on, we think we know what's fair. A spoiled 5-year-old on toddlers and Tiaras was preening and being a brat to her mother. But when she lost the Prize to a 1-year-old, she stormed off, crying "That's not fair! She's only a baby!" The jealous little diva sounds a lot like the vineyard workers who whined and grumbled resentfully: "You made them equal to us who bore the day's burden and heat."

God's generosity is the whole point: God makes us equal, because God created us equal at a very deep level. But God's idea of equality is too far from ours to be compared. It's our problem if we are envious of God's generosity to others around us. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

And admit it: we can't see a fraction of the deep reality of other people's lives, we only think we can. But we judge them unfairly, harshly, and only separate ourselves from them. But God is seeing no separation—only One Body.

Those who say "I've paid my dues" have no idea what's really fair in life, so they grumble ungratefully most of their lives. As your mother used to say, "Stop looking over at what he's doing, and do your own work!" Let's feel gratitude for the privilege of life in this present moment--For our many small healings, for waking up, for a car that starts in the morning—and for God's generosity to all of us.

✠ As we celebrate **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**, let me take this opportunity, on behalf of all in this parish, to recognize our parish catechists who give of themselves so generously and unselfishly in this most important work of bringing the good news of Jesus to others. These include those who work with our children as teachers, substitutes, and aides, Children's Liturgy of the Word, those who work with our baptism and marriage preparation programs, RCIA, Small Christian Communities, Open Our Hearts Lenten Groups, CFM, adult spirituality, and the Ministry of the Word. A big **"Thank You"** to all of you! May God bless you in your faithful stewardship!

We will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** at 9am Mass followed by parent/student meeting at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center and School.

Religious Education classes will be starting this week. Please check the bulletin for the times of the class sessions. Also, now that Religious Education classes have begun, please be extra careful driving on the church and school grounds.

✠ **Christian Foundations for Ministry program (CFM) YEAR II has begun.** There is still time to enter the class: **The Church: Disciples on the Journey.** We meet on Mondays, at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room. Anyone interested in entering the CFM program, please see Fr. David.

✠ **ATTENTION, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!** In order to have an opportunity to pray together and to review the procedures associated with your ministry, we will meet in the church: **LECTORS** on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:30pm and **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** on Tuesday, September 30th at 7:30pm. It is imperative that you attend these sessions so that you can continue to serve in your ministry with knowledge and reverence.

✠ September 27 (Saturday) Parish celebration of **San Lorenzo Ruiz's feastday** at 5:30pm Mass followed by a Pot Luck Supper in the Fr. Benedict Center. Please see the flier in the bulletin.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Spotlight on the Arts Elementary and High School principals in the Archdiocese attended a presentation by Fr. Anthony J. Ciorra, Ph.D. based on his book "Beauty: A Path to God." I was particularly interested in how his presentation and the points made in his book actually reflected and reinforced the educational philosophy of Transfiguration regarding our Fine Arts programs: Visual Art, Music, Literature and Poetry. In his book, Fr. Ciorra quotes from the *Constitution on the Church in a Modern World* which states:

"Literature and the arts are in their own way, of great importance to the life of the Church." Pope Paul VI in a speech to artists on the steps of the Sistine Chapel said: "The Church hopes for a renewed epiphany of beauty in our time and apt responses to the particular needs of the Christian community."

Since its inception Transfiguration has developed the love of the Arts through our Language Arts Poetry Night, our award winning Art program, the Drama Club, and our extensive Music curriculum including Band, Choir, and Concerts. These programs along with our Religion courses and other excellent academic offerings in Math, Science and Technology have produced educationally and spiritually well rounded and well educated young boys and girls who have gone on to attend the finest High Schools in New Jersey and New York.

At Transfiguration we Strengthen Faith, Enlighten minds, and Transform Hearts! One Student at a Time



Kid Stuff Coupon Books available by calling Ann @ 201-349-3870.

Checks made payable to: Transfiguration Academy.

Name: _____

of Books _____ @ \$25.00 each = _____

If you buy 5 books you get 1 free.



Calendar:

Sunday, September 21st ó Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9am
 Sunday, September 21, 2014ó Mandatory Parent Meeting K-9th grades at 10:15 am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)

Monday, September 22nd ó 7th Grade from 7pm to 8:45pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, September 28th ó K thru 6th grade from 10:15am to 11:45am (SCH)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 10:15am to 11:45am. It is important that all students are on time for class.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55pm as Classes start at 7pm sharp



Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Class Parents for ALL GRADES in our Religious Education Program for the 2014-2015 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 ó Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment



Englewood Hospital & Medical Center is inviting all to the Behavioral Health Conference, Montessori Inspired Living – An Integrative Approach to Treating the Person with Dementia and Their Caregivers, scheduled for 8:30AM on October 10, 2014.



PAINTERS NEEDED



We are looking for experienced painters to help with projects in and around the parish facilities. What a wonderful way to be a Steward to your parish. Please contact the rectory office or speak to Father David if you are willing to share your Time & Talent with your parish. Thank you.

Altar Servers

We are in need of several Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the Rectory (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Celebrates the

Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz

(September 28, 2014)



All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz in our parish church on September 27, 2014 (Saturday) at the 5:30pm Mass.

Immediately after Mass, we invite all parishioners to a “**potluck**” reception in Fr. Benedict Center.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ONE THE FOLLOWING BY SEPTEMBER 20 –

Malu Fineza- (201) 660-5483

Sophie Flores- (201) 385-2817

Sally Santiago- (201) 501-0613

Beth Delgado- (201) 385-8621

“If I had a thousand lives, I would give them all to the Lord Jesus.”

(San Lorenzo Ruiz at his martyrdom)



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Jose Ignacio Zuniga, Frank Mottola, Shirley Busby, Helen Chaffiotte, Jerry Sullivan, Roger Carr, Rev. John McGovern, Andrew Comer, Janet Sweeney, Jack Wall, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, Bob Stasi, Peggy Funesti, Patricia Burke, Eleanor Pompeo, Alyssa Brady, Dolores DeMatteo, Barbara Riley, Alex Kuhr, Barbara Santore, William Schettinger, Yvonne Payne, Rosemarie Salimbene, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Monica Vivas, Theresa Ruocco, Kay Harrington, Adem Shavelli, Joseph Albanese, Joe Hartney, Marguerite Morris, 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
All Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

"a time for peace..."

President Barack Obama, 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 the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.



TODAY IS SUNDAY

The Church of the Ascension Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Toothpaste, Men's and Women's Deodorant, Tissues,
- Brown Rice, Sugar, Flour, Beef Stew, Tuna, Pears,
- Pineapple, Apple Sauce, Cranberry Juice.

Your generosity is appreciated



Sunday, September 21, 2014

Catechetical Sunday
Food Pantry Sunday
Commissioning of Catechists at 9:00am Mass
Religious Education Pre-K-9
Mandatory Parent Meeting with Fr. David and Catechists in the Fr. Benedict Center
Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church

Monday, September 22, 2014

Religious Education Grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm
Parish Lectors Meeting ó 7:30pm - Church

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Harrison House
Novena ó 7:30pm- Church
BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.
BS Committee ó 7:30pm ó Multi Purpose Room
Contemporary Choir ó 8:15pm ó Church

Thursday, September 25, 2014

Children's Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church
Ministry of Service ó 7:00pm ó Gathering Room
Traditional Choir ó 7:30pm ó Church

Friday, September 26, 2014

No event

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church
Parish Celebration for Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz
At 5:30 Mass

Sunday, September 28, 2014

San Lorenzo Ruiz
Religious Education Pre-K-6 ó School
San Lorenzo Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica,
Newark at 3:00pm



**PARISH LECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPT. 23 AT 7:30PM
IN THE CHURCH**

**MINISTRY OF SERVICE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 AT 7:00PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**



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T H A N K Y O U F R O M F A T H E R D A V I D :

I take this opportunity to thank our Parish Picnic Committee Chairperson, Brendan Suter and all the workers for their labors of love to make last Sunday's Parish Picnic a parish event not to be forgotten. What a blessing you all are! Our celebration of Parish was filled with great food and fun and entertainment and A MOST BEAUTIFUL DAY! Thank you, Picnic Staff and all the up-front and the behind-the-scenes workers who gave of themselves so tirelessly on the various committees: Set-up, Food, Beverage, DJ, Ticket Sellers, Games/Amusements, First Aid, and Clean-up.

Special thanks to Archbishop Bernard Hebda who took time out of his busy schedule to pay us a visit and show us his support for our parish and its activities. He really enjoyed the time he spent with us and sends his thanks to all of us for inviting him.

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus whose presence at Mass and the picnic was gratefully appreciated as always.

Thank you to all who supported our military presence.

Thank you to our revived Boy Scout Troop 291 and to our Confirmation candidates whose presence and assistance is much appreciated

Thank you to Bill O'Reilly for his donation of tickets to his TV show and two autographed books; to Coca Cola for their donation of soda and water; and to The Bakery for their donation of the rolls for the sausage and pepper sandwiches.

Thank you so much to our parishioners who came out to celebrate parish. All of you make me so very proud to be your pastor. Together may we continue to inspire each other by our good stewardship and our faith in action and be proud to be the Ascension Parish Family!

Congratulations to our parishioner, Christine Froomjian, the winner of our Mega 50/50. Thank you to all who participated and helped to raise the total amount to \$11,500.00. The proceeds from our 50/50 have already been designated to our Parish Capital Improvements Fund. Again, special thanks to Theresa Carbone and Peggy Evans, 50/50 chairpersons, and to all who participated in our **Parish Mega 50/50**.

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: _____



“When I called, You Answered”

Back to School!

September is always a very exciting time throughout our Archdiocese! For many families, September means back to school. Our Catholic School elementary and high schools have opened their doors to over 34,000 young people throughout our four counties. In addition, many of our Religious Education programs in our 219 Parishes are gearing up for their new classes of Catechetical studies.

This year, OUR parish has 180 registered for our Religious Education program. It is going to be a great year for the children involved in our catechesis program!

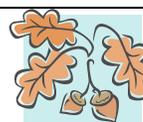
In addition, Archdiocesan Campus Ministers on 9 different college campuses throughout the Archdiocese are currently evangelizing thousands of college students, and are working hard to bring the truth and love of the Gospels to these campuses. In addition, we have welcomed 125 Seminarians to Saint Andrew's College Seminary, Mater Dei Seminary, and Immaculate Conception Seminary.

All of these programs could not be achieved without your help. Over \$14.5 million is given by the Archdiocese to Parishes, Catholic Schools, Campus Ministry, and the Seminary for these programs and ministries to operate. The Annual Appeal helps to offset many of these programs and ministries, which are essential to the future of our Faith, and are essential for bringing brothers and sisters into a deep personal relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The greatest gift we can give is the gift of our Catholic Faith. Without these essential evangelization programs and ministries, it becomes ever more difficult to enrich and grow our Faith.

Thank you to those who have supported the Annual Appeal. These essential programs could not happen without your generosity!

HELP A SHELTER ANIMAL IN NEED

On Saturday, October 4th, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis. **Starting this weekend**, in honor of this beloved saint, we will be collecting items for a local shelter. You may place items in the box in the vestibule **through the first week of October**. Items needed include dog and cat food, treats, toys, beds, gently used towels or blankets, as well as cleaning products. You may also make a monetary donation if preferred by placing it in an envelope marked for the animal shelter collection and placing it in the collection basket or handing it to one of our priests. If you know anyone who is planning to bring their pets for the **Blessing of the Animals on October 4th** at 2pm, please ask them to bring an item for our collection also. Your generosity in giving to these homeless animals can make their life a little brighter while waiting to find their forever homes! Thank you for helping!



**FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD**

Children, Grades 1 thru 8... You're Invited...

Lift up
your
Hearts
in
Praise!



Join us...

...as a member of our Children's Choir



Children's Choir (all parish children grades 1-8 welcome)
Sings each Sunday at 9am Mass
Rehearses Thursdays 3:45pm



Children's Choir

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

Church of the Ascension

MUSIC MINISTRY

invites YOU to

Come out and
Sing to the Lord...

Share your talents...



Join us...

...as a member of one of our choirs

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

Sings each Sunday at 9am Mass

Rehearses Thursdays 3:45pm (Begins September 18)

♪ **Contemporary Choir**

Sings Sundays 9am Mass

Rehearses Wednesdays 8:15pm (Begins September 17*)

♪ **Traditional Choir**

Sings Sundays 10:30am Mass

Rehearses Thursdays 7:30pm (Begins September 18*)

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

* Some rehearsals are with combined choirs

To sign up or to receive further information,
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