

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 5, 2014

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 William O'Malley
 10:30 Raymunda M. Pacia
 12:00 Marlene Hellriegel, First Anniversary

Monday, October 6, 2014

7:00 Mary Hickey
 8:30 Anthony Poli

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

7:00 Matthew Camerlengo
 8:30 Anthony Poli

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

7:00 Joan Daly
 8:30 Nicholas Ricci

Thursday, October 9, 2014

7:00 Charles DeCarolis
 8:30 Elso Dayday

Friday, October 10, 2014

7:00 Gerard P. Lee
 8:30 Francis Hartney

Saturday, October 11, 2014

8:30 Gregory Poli
 5:30 Grace & Frank Somo

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 12, 2014

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Thomas Meyer
 10:30 Mary Hickey
 12:00 Rose Caruso

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



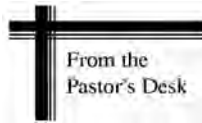
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, September 28, 2014: \$7,197.00

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 October 5, 2014

Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday:	Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



There was once a shy, skinny, 100-pound New Jersey kid named Eugene who tried out javelin throwing in high school. Gene grew so skilled he got a scholarship to college, and dreamed of the Olympics. But when he tore a ligament in his shoulder, all dreams ended. He worked in a warehouse where he befriended a young actorí so Gene went to acting school, too.

His big break came being cast in a show called "Bonanza", and later "Little House on the Prairie" the skinny kid was Michael Landon. Later he created a new series, "Highway to Heaven," because he was troubled by all the sex, trash, and selfishness on TV. There is so much today that Michael Landon would be shocked about on TV. And so would St. Paul, who tells us today, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, just or pure; whatever is lovely, gracious; anything that is excellent and worth praising, think about these things." That is, "You want peace in your heart? Look at all the pure, lovely beauty around you" and praise all the good things in creation.

Our brains are built to create strong habits out of the choices we make "garbage in, garbage out." So St. Paul says "keep on imitating the ways of Christ that you've learned from me." But watching and laughing at real people on TV shaming themselves with lustful or disgusting behavior only makes us coarser, weaker and more addicted. We end up making fun of our brothers and sisters whose characters are being destroyed by their weakness and lack of decency. Is that really entertaining?

Let's find new ways to revel in the good and the beautiful, the way we slip into a bubble bath, or enjoy a good beer on a hot day. Feel God's delight in the beauty around you!

✠ Thank you to our Filipino community for leading us in our parish celebration of **San Lorenzo Ruiz's feastday** last weekend. Thank you to all who provided donations of food to the "pot luck" dinner. May all of us continue to be inspired by his brave words of martyrdom on September 20, 1673 in Nagasaki, Japan, "I am Filipino and a Christian. I would rather die a thousand deaths than renounce my faith!"

✠ October is the **month of our Blessed Mother and Respect Life Month**. I call your attention to some excellent opportunities for us as Catholics to honor Mary, the Mother of our God of Life. We pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church. Maybe we could gather at home and pray the rosary as a family. During the entire month we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "**Giving Crib**", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month.

✠ **In honor of St. Francis of Assisi**, we are collecting pet food and supplies for needy animals through this weekend. We need to take care of our animal brothers and sisters. They are a special gift to us from God. A collection box has been placed in the front vestibule of the church for your donations which will be donated to a nearby animal shelter.

✠ Please plan ahead to help us collect food for the hungry. Please join us in the **Action Against Hunger** this Sunday, Oct. 5th, from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations.

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

Fr. David



**TRANSFIGURATION
ACADEMY**

TRANSFIGURATION RANKED

#9 AAU BASKETBALL PLAYER IN THE COUNTRY
Transfiguration Academy 5th Grader Spencer, "The Hybrid", Joyner, has been ranked the # 9 AAU Basketball Player in the country by Middle School Elite Rankings.

Spencer currently plays on the Transfiguration Basketball Team and the Team Rio National AAU Basketball Squad where he plays all 5 positions. He recently averaged 18 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 steals per game at the West Coast Nationals in Las Vegas, Nevada this past summer, as his team took 3rd place honors in the national tournament.

He is an honor student at Transfiguration Academy, won the Catholic League MVP last year for 4th grade, the MVP for the Hackensack Jr. Comets Recreation League, as well as Playtime A.A.U. Player of the Year honors the last two consecutive years. Transfiguration Academy, develops students' minds, bodies and spirits. The Academy's Basketball teams have won several League Championships in both the boys' and girls' Divisions.

Many of our students go on to play high school athletics and have won both academic and sports scholarships.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us at Conlon Hall for a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday morning, Oct. 5 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Good Food and Great People. All proceeds benefit Transfiguration Academy!

Begin the Transformation!

Join our Award Winning Academy

To arrange a visit call the School Office: 201-384-3627



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, October 5th ó K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, October 6th ó 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, October 8th ó 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, October 12th ó K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 10:15 am to 11:45 am. It is important that all students are on time for class. Pick up inside for all K to 3rd graders. Parents must come in if you have a child in these grades.

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

First Reconciliation Parents, there is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting on Sunday October 12, 2014** at 10:15 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least one parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.



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

HACKENSACK WALK-IN DINNER

This Thursday, October 9, is our next date for the Hackensack Walk-In dinner. Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the dinner can bring them to the rectory by 2:00 PM Thursday. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry



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LACEY CONSTRUCTION
201-261-1561

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.

✠ Priesthood Sunday ✠

✠ Church of the Ascension
Celebrates... ✠

Priesthood Sunday

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✠ Priesthood Sunday ✠
 ✠ Sunday, October 26, 2014 ✠
 ✠ Pot Luck Luncheon 2:00 P.M. ✠
 ✠ Fr. Benedict Center ✠



Father David Milliken



Father Ernie Tibay

We ask each family who attends to bring a Main Course Dish or Dessert to be shared by all.

(Please bring hot dishes ready to be served.)

We will provide beverages.

Questions: Call Josie (201-265-0485).

Return Response Form by Monday, October 20.



Priesthood Sunday 2014



Name _____ Number attending _____

Phone _____

I / We will bring _____

I / We will help on this committee. Please call. _____

Please respond by Monday, October 20th.

This response form may be dropped off at the Rectory Office or in the Collection Basket.



"To everything there is a season...

"a time to be healed..."

Dolores Crowley, Fernando Fernandez, 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



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



Sunday, October 5, 2014

Parish Maintenance & Repairs
õGiving Cribõ
Childrenø Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
(Prospective Altar Servers)
12 Noon-4:00pm Action Against Hunger
Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm - Church

Monday, October 6, 2014

Pastoral Staff Meeting ó 9:00am ó Rectory Mtg. Rm.
Religious Education Grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Mass ó 2:30pm
Ministry of Word ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Religious Education Grade 9 - 7:00pm - School
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 8:00pm - Church

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Hackensack Homeless
Childrenø Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church
Altar Server Practice ó 4:30PM - Church
Traditional Choir ó 7:30pm ó Church

Friday, October 10, 2014

Altar Server Practice ó 4:30pm ó Church
Buildings & Grounds ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg. Room

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

Sunday, October 12, 2014

Food Pantry Sunday
Childrenø Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 7:30PM
MINISTRY OF WORD MEETING
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 7:30PM
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

Respect Life Mass

**A Special Mass will be celebrated for Expectant Parents
on October 19, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Church
in Bergenfield.**

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 Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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: _____



HELP A SHELTER ANIMAL IN NEED

On Saturday, October 4th, we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis. 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. 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!

HAVE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING NEW??

As you may have noticed, we recently installed on our property a donation bin for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. All of the clothing, shoes, and small household items that you generously donate will be sold and the proceeds will be used to support the many programs for the needy as provided by Catholic Charities. Tax receipts are available, either paper or to your smartphone.

As summer is coming to an end, this is an ideal time to clean out that closet.

Catholic Charities will report periodically to us on the amount of money generated from our donation bin.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a larger pick up, please call toll free @ 877-343-3651.



“When I called, You Answered”

Respect Life Month

Every October, the Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life Month. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities shared that:

“We live in a society of unbelief, where the unborn, the sick, and the elderly are often unwanted and endangered by acts of violence or neglect...Since [Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton], over fifty-five million unborn children's lives have been taken, leaving many millions of mothers, fathers, and family members wounded and grieving their loss. Physician-assisted suicide is now legal in three states, allowing doctors to help end patients' lives rather than provide much-needed comfort in times of pain and distress! Despite these challenges, Pope Francis reminds us that we always have hope in Christ. The Holy Father speaks not only of physical life, but spiritual life as well -- our life in Christ that has the power to transform us. By opening our hearts to his love and mercy, we let Christ dwell in us and we see more deeply the intricate and unique beauty of each person! *We must respond to Pope Francis' call with great urgency.* Opening our hearts to life in Christ empowers us for loving, merciful action toward others. We must give witness to the Gospel of Life and evangelize through our lives.”

The Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark promotes the Catholic Church's teaching on the respect, care and protection of human life from conception to natural death, and does so with great urgency. The Respect Life Office works with crisis pregnancy centers to direct people to proper prenatal care and information when faced with a crisis pregnancy.

The Respect Life Office provides resources and necessary tools for parish involvement for Pro-Life activities throughout the entire Archdiocese. From retreats to special Pro-Life training, they offer effective opportunities to engage others in the Pro-Life movement. For example, the Rachel's Vineyard retreat was created to help men and woman who have had an abortion, find hope and healing. To date there have been over 65 retreats, healing over 700 men and women. Thank you for your support of the Annual Appeal, which makes the Respect Life Office a reality!



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.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Bergen Regional Medical Center, Paramus, needs volunteers to transport in-house residents to and from hospital Masses: Wednesdays (11:00am), Saturdays (3:30pm) and Sundays (11:15am). Also needed are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Sunday mornings or afternoons. If you are 18 years of age or older and wish to volunteer, please contact Fr. John Quill at 201-421-0009 for more information regarding the application process. God will reward you for your kindness.