

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 19, 2014

5:30 Jesus Garcia
7:30 Mary Hickey
9:00 James Cassidy
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Florentino Cabreza Jr.

Monday, October 20, 2014

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Saint Anthony

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

7:00 Harriet Schaefer
8:30 Saint Padre Pio

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

7:00 Julia Ann Strace
8:30 Frances Ciauro

Thursday, October 23, 2014

7:00 Margaret Bitetti
8:30 Mary Zadroga

Friday, October 24, 2014

7:00 Remedios Ermita
8:30 T.K. Varghese

Saturday, October 25, 2014

8:30 Filemon & Nena DeLeon
5:30 Rose & Nicholas Lanza

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 26, 2014

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 People of Ascension Parish
10:30 Mary Hickey
12:00 Tracey E. Hoz

PARISH **\$**TEWARDSHIP REPORT *WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*



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

Sunday, October 12, 2014: \$6,436.00
Food Pantry: \$ 842.00

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 19, 2014

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
 Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/
 Mt 22:34-40



In the Gospel today, the Pharisees try to trick Jesus by giving him a Roman coin, and asking, "Should we pay taxes to Caesar or not?" The Jews despised paying taxes to the Romans. Jesus knows their malice so he asks, "Whose image is this, and whose title?" The word "image" in Greek is *εἰκονή*.

In those days, when a king came to power he would stamp his own image and title on the coins to show that they all belonged to him. So, when the Pharisees say that it is Caesar's icon or image on the coin, Jesus has a clever reply. "Then give back to Caesar what belongs to him and give back to God what belongs to God." Theologically, though, there is a deeper meaning. Jesus' words do not mean that God and Caesar are equals. "Humans bear God's image, and wherever they live and operate whether in the social, economic, political, or religious realm they belong to God. Their primary loyalties do not switch when they move out of church and into the voting booth." (W. Brueggemann, et al.)

For years, people have tried to solve "church and state" issues by quoting Jesus, as if we have to choose between being good citizens or good Christians. But Jesus doesn't solve those issues. He gives us the sacred principle: all God's children are stamped with the Divine Icon. We must struggle with how our "family relationship" bears on our decisions. Do you feel joyful, knowing you are stamped with God's icon?

We are graced in this parish with people who have so many skills to offer. We continue to plead for parishioners to come forward to share their God-given gifts of time and talent to use their skills around the parish with regard to maintenance and repair work which must be done, and to become active in some ministry of our Parish: WORD, WORSHIP, SERVICE, COMMUNITY BUILDING. This is stewardship. **"Then give back to Caesar what belongs to him—and give back to God what belongs to God."**

The regular use of Sunday envelopes or ParishPay is our stewardship of treasure is so important!! In order to be married, to have a child baptized or to be a godparent or sponsor, to enroll your child in our Religious Education program, and to enroll your child in our sacramental preparation programs, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic that you are participating at Mass and contributing to the support of Ascension Parish. Filling out a registration form alone does not accomplish this. USING ENVELOPES OR PARISH PAY EVERY SUNDAY DOES. It also enables us to thank you and provide you with a record of your contributions for tax purposes. This is stewardship. **"Then give back to Caesar what belongs to him—and give back to God what belongs to God."**

Another part of good stewardship is how we participate in our Sunday worship. Are we giving our best thanks to God by our behavior (by our being on time for Mass and staying till the end), by our attire worthy of church, by our active participation in prayer and song, by our sensitivity to those who worship with us (cell phones ringing during Mass)? **"Then give back to Caesar what belongs to him—and give back to God what belongs to God."**

✠ Missionaries work in many fields including education, healthcare, orphanages, pastoral care, spiritual education, administration and formation of seminarians and novices. The work of missionaries is a vital element in protecting human rights and religious freedom in countries suffering oppression and injustice. Missionaries also work in projects that make the difference between life and death in many countries by providing basic necessities — food, clothing, healthcare, shelter and education.

Through our missionaries, we offer the precious gift of Jesus' life to so many peoples throughout the entire world. On this **World Mission Sunday** may our prayers and our monetary offerings help our missionaries to be the gift of Jesus, the Good News, to the world.

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

P. David



**TRANSFIGURATION
ACADEMY**



This weekend Transfiguration invites all parishioners to join faculty, staff, parents and students as we participate in the Walk for the Cure, Sunday Oct. 19, in Overpeck Park to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society, in the fight against breast cancer.



Also, on Friday, October 24th, our annual Halloween Party will be held at 7PM in Conlon Hall. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent /Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 4-7 PM. Parents please use the front entrance and check in with the school office prior to going to your child's classroom.

Registration

Begin the Transformation!

Join our Award Winning Academy

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

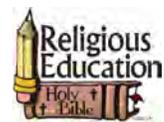
Altar Servers

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.



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Calendar:

Sunday, October 19th ô K thru 6th grade from 10:15am to 11:45am (SCH)
Monday, October 20th ô 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45pm (MPR/SCH)
Wednesday, October 22nd -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, October 26th ô K thru 6th grade from 10:15am to 11:45am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word has started at the 9am Mass. All children in K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Reminder: Sunday Religious Education is from 10:15am to 11:45am. 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 6:55pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp.



Reconciliation: **Pardon and Peace:** The children of our parish have begun the preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The children will learn about God's saving love and the forgiveness that comes to us through Baptism. All parishioners re asked to reflect on our baptismal call to forgive others. Please pray for these children as they begin their preparation.

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 ô 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

✠ Priesthood Sunday ✠

✠ Church of the Ascension Celebrates... ✠

Priesthood Sunday

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

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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..."

Joseph Ricciardone, Charles Brown, Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Jose Ignacio Zuniga, Frank Mottola, Shirley Busby, 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



Our Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of
Mary Zadroga

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday! We are invited today to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and generous gift to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the collection today help the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in Mongolia and throughout the Missions who offer the poor practical help and the experience of God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers. Please be as generous as you can to today's collection.

For more information, please visit
www.IAmAMissionary.org.

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.



Sunday, October 19, 2014

World Mission Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word 6 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 6 10:15am 6 School
Baptism 6 1:30pm - Church

Monday, October 20, 2014

Religious Education Grade 7 6 7:00pm - School
CFM 6 7:30pm 6 Gathering Room

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service 6 2:30pm
Parish Events 6 7:30pm 6 Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Harrison House
Religious Education Grade 9 - 7:00pm - School
Novena 6 7:30pm- Church
BS Troop 291 6 7:30pm 6 Fr. Benedict Ctr.
BS Committee 6 7:30pm 6 Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, October 23, 2014

Children's Choir 6 3:45pm 6 Church
Altar Server Practice 6 4:30pm 6 Church
Ministry of Service 6 7:00pm 6 Gathering Room
Combined Choirs 6 7:30pm 6 Church

Friday, October 24, 2014

Altar Server Practice 6 4:30pm 6 Church

Saturday, October 26, 2014

Confessions 6 11:00am 6 Church

Sunday, October 27, 2014

Priesthood Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word 6 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 6 10:15am 6 School
Priesthood Sunday Pot Luck 6 2:00pm 6 Fr. Ben. Ctr.



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 7:30PM
PARISH EVENTS MEETING
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 7:00PM
MINISTRY OF SERVICE MEETING
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**



All are welcome to the HARVEST MOON DANCE at the KofC St. Joseph's Council Hall on Saturday, November 22, 8pm-12. A live band will perform Oldies and Goodies music. Admission will include coffee and dessert. Cash bar. For more information contact Bob at 201-519-3296.

KofC council 3814 Memorial Mass will be celebrated for deceased brothers, sisters and family members on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7:30pm at Coogan Hall, 199 River Rd., New Milford. Celebrant our chaplain Rev. George Reilly. All members, family and friends of St. Joseph and Ascension Parish are welcome. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

TWENTY-NINTH 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: _____

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

On the Feast of All Souls, Sunday, November 2, 2014, at the 12:00 Noon Mass, we will commemorate all the Faithful Departed with our annual Mass of Remembrance for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (November 2, 2013 to November 1, 2014). We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2014!

Help is needed for 2015...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 6/8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2015. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or May Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.

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.

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!



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are beginning to prepare for our Thanksgiving Distribution. In order to complete our Thanksgiving Boxes for our Food Pantry clients, we are in need of the following items: Napkins, Salt and Pepper, Boxed and Canned Potatoes, Canned Turkey Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Apple sauce, Canned fruit, Stove Top Stuffing, Coffee, and assorted canned vegetables.

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.