

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Souls' Day, November 2, 2014

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Mary Hickey
 10:30 Lauro R. Sr. & Raymunda Pacia
 12:00 Margaret Bitetti

Monday, November 3, 2014

7:00 Thanksgiving, Mangosing Fam.(living)
 8:30 All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

7:00 All Souls Novena
 8:30 Edward Zampella

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

7:00 Erica J. Comer
 8:30 All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 6, 2014

7:00 All Souls Novena
 8:30 Ramon Martinez, First Anniversary

Friday, November 7, 2014

7:00 Nora, Mary & Peggy
 8:30 All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 8, 2014

8:30 All Souls Novena
 5:30 Vanessa Villordon (living)

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, November 9, 2014

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Dylan Rowohl
 10:30 Regina & Brian McCann
 12:00 Aleyamma Thomas

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



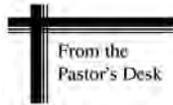
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, October 26, 2014: \$6,408.00

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 November 2, 2014

Sunday:	Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Monday:	Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22



Today, on this **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed — All Souls' Day**, we are asked to remember all of those who have gone on before us but who are now undergoing God's purification.

Our Catechism tells us this: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par.1030).

Purgatory is the name we give to that process by which a person, after death, is prepared for eternal happiness. This process involves some kind of purification through which they are able to deeply realize how much God loves them, and, at the same time, they come to see how much they have failed to love God and others. How this takes place, we simply don't know. It comes as no surprise to us, that, after we die, most of us will need to go through some kind of purification or change so that we will become who God meant us to be. Not very many of us are perfect in our love for God and for one another. Some of us will need more change, others less. If we are constantly trying to become more loving as we go through life, then our purgatory after death will probably be very much lessened.

The souls in purgatory are spirits without bodies, so the suffering is a spiritual one, not physical torture. But great joy and hope also accompany the suffering because the soul in purgatory is already saved. He or she is being prepared "made fit" for heaven. They are simply on the last part of their journey back to the Father.

✠ Fr. Ernie and I thank you so much for the celebration of **Priesthood Sunday**. Special thanks to Josie McEwan, to all the committee members, and to the parishioners for their donations of food. Please know that you are such a blessing in our lives, in our ministry, in our parish. We always remember you at the altar and in our daily prayer. Again, thank you!

✠ This Sunday, November 2nd, the **Feast of All Souls**, at the 12 Noon Mass we will celebrate our annual **Mass of Remembrance**, a special time for us to remember our parishioners, family members and friends who have died during this past year. All Souls envelopes are available at the doors of the church. We will remember our deceased loved ones throughout the month of November.

✠ Don't forget! Here are some upcoming important November Parish Events:

- ◆ **Ministries Appreciation Wine and Cheese Gathering** on Friday, November 7th at 7:30pm in the Fr. Benedict Center.
- ◆ On the weekend of November 9th and 10th Christians of the Holy Land will be with us in the Gathering Room selling their handcrafted olive wood creations.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on Sunday, November 23rd from 7am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.
- ◆ **Interfaith Thanksgiving** on Sunday, November 23rd, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 4pm.
- ◆ **Advent Begins...Parish Advent Giving Tree** on Saturday, November 29th/Sunday, November 30th at all Masses.

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

Fr. David



**TRANSFIGURATION
ACADEMY**

Saludos

In a promotion received from Middlebury Interactive Languages, a joint venture between Middlebury College and K12, Inc. we are told that not all countries are increasing language learning at the same rate. In today's globalized, multicultural world, countries are more interconnected than ever before, making multilingualism increasingly vital to every nation's economic growth. Learning a new language can expand a students' understanding of the world and contribute to their future success.

At Transfiguration, we couldn't agree more! Since our inception, we have considered Spanish a major subject. Not only do we teach it in our Middle School, but introduce it in our Pre-K and teach it throughout all our grades up to and including Grade 8.

With more than 37 million speakers, Spanish is by far the most spoken non-English language in the U.S. today among people ages 5 and older. It is also one of the fastest-growing, with the number of speakers up 233% since 1980, when there were 11 million Spanish speakers.

Spanish is only one of the outstanding programs which sets Transfiguration apart and above.

In choosing a Catholic elementary school we have asked that interested parents call the school to discuss our award winning programs. We were WRONG! Contact the High Schools in the area and see what they think of our students, and how well they were prepared to enter and succeed in high school.

As we enter our 9th year, many of our graduates have gone on not only to the finest high schools, but also the finest colleges and universities in the country. It begins here.

Begin the Transformation. Begin Learning lessons for a successful life. Begin at Transfiguration!

201-384-3627

www.transfigurationacademy.org

Thanksgiving

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.

****Please no outdated/expired items****



Calendar:

Sunday, November 2nd -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, November 3rd ó 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, November 5th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, November 9th -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

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

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace:

This week children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be considering what it means to turn away from God's love. They will learn how sin can be overcome by God's grace. In your own life, have there been times when God's grace helped you overcome your own sinfulness and brought you peace and forgiveness? Continue to keep these children in your prayers.

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.



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 Location & Hours:

New Location: 356 Azalea Drive

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Location: 1092 Carnation Drive

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

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment



*Church of the Ascension invites you...
Come and Join Us...*

Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall

Tuesday, December 9th

- \$145.00 per person includes:***
- Bus transportation and all gratuities
(Bus leaves Ascension at 12 Noon)***
- Orchestra Seats at the 2pm Christmas
Spectacular***
- Family Style Dinner at Carmine's Restaurant
on 90th Street***
- Visit the Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center***
- Deadline for reservations: Sunday, November 9th***

Questions?

Call Jodie (201-265-0485) or Anna (201-387-2632)

Please fill out and return the form below to the Rectory Office with payment in full by Sunday, November 9th.

Radio City Music Hall Response Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Persons Attending _____

Amount enclosed _____
(\$145.00 per person)



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

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



NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 2, 2014

**Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
All Souls' Day**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am

Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School

12 Noon Mass of Remembrance

Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

Monday, November 3, 2014

Pastoral Staff ó 9:00am ó Rectory Meeting Room

Religious Education Grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School

CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Mass ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Religious Education Grade 9 - 7:00pm - School

Novena ó 7:30pm- Church

BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center

BS Committee ó 7:30pm ó Multi-Purpose Room

Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Children's Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church

Altar Server Practice ó 4:30pm ó Church

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm ó Church

First Friday, November 7, 2014

Communion visits to the homebound

Set up for Parish Wine & Cheese Gathering ó FBCtr.

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

Christian of the Holy Land Olive Wood Sale
Gathering Room

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Christian of the Holy Land Olive Wood Sale
Gathering Room

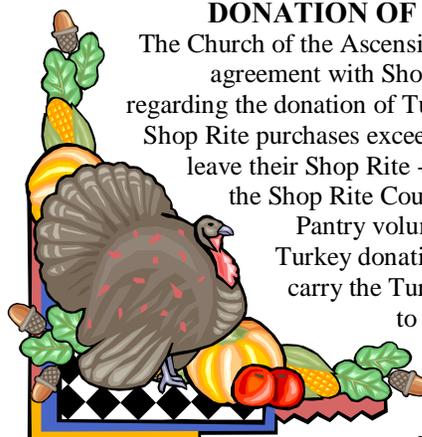
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am

Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School

DONATION OF TURKEYS

The Church of the Ascension Food Pantry has an agreement with Shop Rite of New Milford regarding the donation of Turkeys. Once you have Shop Rite purchases exceeding \$400 anyone can leave their Shop Rite -- Price Plus number at the Shop Rite Courtesy Desk and a Food Pantry volunteer will pick up your Turkey donation You do not have to carry the Turkey home or deliver it to the Food Pantry. Your donation will provide a Turkey to those families using our Food Pantry.

Your participation is appreciated.



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.

THIRTY-FIRST 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: _____

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.



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.

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.



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 1-888-354-0060 CRS.ORG/cb



“When I called, You Answered”

Meeting Our Parish Goals

Thank you for supporting the 2014 Annual Appeal. In order for our parish to receive a rebate, we must exceed our goal in funds collected by December 31st. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, please make sure to send it in before the deadline. If you have not yet made your gift, please complete your gift envelope as soon as possible and either send it directly to the Archdiocese of Newark or turn it in to the parish.

Currently, our parish has reached **83.89%** of our goal in funds collected this year's Appeal. Not only does your contribution benefit the many programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese, but it also has the potential of benefitting our parish with an opportunity for a rebate.

Thank you for supporting the Annual Appeal.

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.

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.

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY ANGELS

AHA is hosting a Fall Mini Open House on Monday, November 3 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Formal presentation begins at 6:30 and last tour leaves at 8pm. For more information or to register: www.holyangels.org/admissions.

NEWARK RE SERVE

PART TIME SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

ReServe Newark wants to reach out to congregation members that are 55+ years of age and are looking for part time work.

ReServe Newark is a non-profit that recruits encore professionals 55+ and matches them with non-profits, public schools and government agencies for part time service work at a modest stipend of \$10;00 per hour.

You must register on-line at www.reserveinc.org to attend a mandatory First Impressions Session.

If you have questions contact Edward Dominguez, Program Officer, ReServe Newark at 973-596-6400 ext. 123 or e-mail him at edominguez@reserveinc.org.