

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 16, 2014

5:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
7:30 Giovanni D. Ruiz
9:00 People of Ascension Parish
10:30 Mary Hickey
12:00 Peter Buckley

Monday, November 17, 2014

7:00 Flora B. Ursal
8:30 Elise Bolan

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

7:00 Genaro B. Ursal
8:30 Gregory Poli

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

7:00 Batchoy R. Ruiz
8:30 Sally & Harold Bates

Thursday, November 20, 2014

7:00 Deced Members of the Oates Family
8:30 Thomas Meyer

Friday, November 21, 2014

7:00 Gervasio Ruiz
8:30 Jim, Terry, Jimmy Maloney

Saturday, November 22, 2014

8:30 Maria Paz Masende
5:30 Mary & Michael Rowland

Solemnity of Christ The King, November 23, 2014

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 People of Ascension Parish
10:30 Lillian & John Brandon
12:00 Margaret Murphy

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



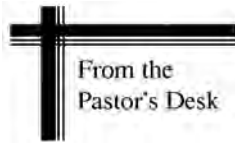
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, November 9, 2014: \$6,949.00
Food Pantry: \$1,303.00

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 16, 2014

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1
Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or
25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor
15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



There is a popular picture out there of an old sailing ship with the saying underneath, **“A ship in the harbor is safe—but that is not what ships are built for.”** A boat’s true calling is not a passive one! Of course, there are risks; but most sailors take the risks because the pay-off of making the effort is huge: to feel fully alive!

Today’s gospel of the lazy servant who didn’t invest the Master’s money makes people squirm. Here I’m doing my best to keep what’s been given to me safe and sound, and the angry Master says, “Why didn’t you invest it?” Wow! can’t I please anybody?

The Master is really attacking the common trap of fearing to risk. God gives us gifts, but we call them “ours” and we start protecting “our” things from “our” toys, to “our” house, to “our” kids. We build a life and get settled, and we soon quit taking our ship out of safe harbor. But—and this is a hard saying these days—the gifts God has given us belong to the world.

One family of 10 ran a small store. But they were never so focused on their own family that they didn’t notice and help other poor families with free food or extended credit when needed. Another family limited sports so they could work at the homeless shelter one night a week. The daughter helped cook, the son sat and talked to the homeless men. These families remained conscious and alert to the state of the world around them—they took their ships out of harbor to help strangers. What a life lesson!

From age 9 to 90, we have to ask the hard question, “Am I in a comfortable rut?” Look around to see if the grieving, the poor, the lonely or homeless need us because we need them to help us go beyond security, into the open seas of love. **“A ship in the harbor is safe—but that is not what ships are built for.”**

✠ The Knights of Columbus will be at the doors of the church this weekend selling tickets for their **HARVEST MOON DANCE** on Saturday, November 22nd from 8 to 12pm. Please support the Knights, as they do so much to support Ascension Parish.

✠ Remember! next Sunday we will be collecting turkeys 7:30am to 1pm on the Rectory side of the church for our **Parish Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**. Please help us help the hungry.

✠ We invite all parishioners to join us for our **39th Annual New Milford Community Interfaith Thanksgiving** which will be celebrated next Sunday, November 23rd, at 4pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on River Road. Please, come and join with our community leaders and our brothers and sisters from St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, New Milford Presbyterian Church, and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, as we offer this special “Thank You” to God for his many blessings on our community. White Bags for non-perishable food donations to the New Milford Good Will Fund are in the front vestibule of the church. Please bring your white bag directly to the celebration.

✠ **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**

An Unsolicited Letter of Appreciation



Dear Teachers and Staff of Transfiguration Academy,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the excellent way in which you have prepared my daughter Jessica to face the world beginning with high school. The academic work load that you have created for your 7th and 8th graders have propelled my daughter into the Teaneck TEAMS Academy also known as STEM where she is doing extremely well. She has joined the Teaneck Interactive Club which is apart to the Teaneck Rotary Club and she has continued her involvement in Basketball. She has also joined the Nintendo club, Jessica is doing all this as a Freshman while maintaining a high academic standing. So Transfiguration I just want to say thank you.
I know that my other daughter is in good hands in 7th grade.
Thanks again.

**Begin the Transformation.
Begin learning lessons for a successful life.
Transfiguration Academy
201-384-3627
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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 16th -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
Monday, November 17th 6th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Wednesday, November 19th-- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, November 23rd -- 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: Our parish children preparing for First Reconciliation will be learning this week about contrition and God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All parishioners can join these children in spirit by praying and thinking about ways in which we all are called to sincere sorrow for our sins and to God's forgiveness through this sacrament of healing and mercy.

As some of you may have heard the Religious Education Office is now located in the Rectory. If you need to see Mrs. Carbone, please come to the Rectory during the day. Our phone number had not changed so please call Mrs. Carbone if you need to speak to her, as always leave a message if she does not answer and she will call you back.



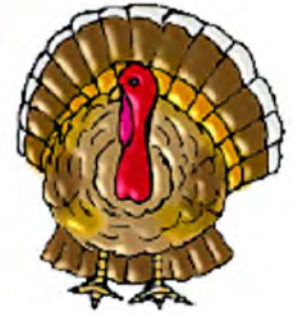
Volunteers Needed:

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



**DON'T FORGET
ASCENSION'S**

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE



**Sunday, November 23rd
Church Parking Lot
7:00am to 1:00pm**

For further information, call Joan Stephens @ 201-836-6684



*Thanksgiving
Blessings!*





"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to love..."

Doreen Aguilar & Charles Yu

"a time to be healed..."

Charles Brown, Rose D'Eufermia, 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



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Sunday, November 16, 2014

Catholic Relief Services

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

Monday, November 17, 2014

Religious Education Grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service ó 2:30pm
Ministry of Worship/Liturgy ó 7:30pm - Rectory

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Religious Education Grade 9 - 7:00pm - School
Novena ó 7:30pm- Church
BS Troop 291- 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.
BS Committee ó 7:30pm ó Multi Purpose Room
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Altar Server Practice ó 4:30pm ó Church
Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm ó Church

Friday, November 21, 2014

Altar Service Practice ó 4:30pm ó Church

Saturday, November 22, 2014

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23, 2014

Turkey Drive ó 7:00am-1:00pm
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
Interfaith Thanksgiving at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
River Road ó 4:00pm



Meetings

Ministry of Worship/Liturgy

Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30pm
In the Rectory Meeting Room



Come... Join Us...

We Invite you to Gather Together and Share...

The 39th Annual

New Milford Community

Interfaith Thanksgiving

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

River Road, New Milford

Sunday, November 23, 2014 at 4:00pm

THIRTY-THIRD 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.

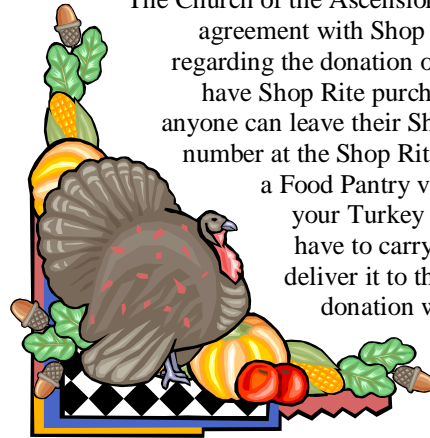


All are welcome to eh HARVEST MOON DANCE at the KofC St. Joseph's Council Hall on Saturday, **November 22**, 8pm-12. A live band will perform Oldies and Goodies music. Admission will include coffee and dessert. Cash bar. For more information contact Bob at 201-519-3296. Tickets will be on sale after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

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.

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.

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Just a reminder for those who made a pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2014. If you have not fulfilled your pledge please do so. Every fulfilled Pledge Counts! Thank you.

NEWARK RE SERVE PART TIME SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

ReServe Newark wants to reach out to congregation members that ate 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.

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