

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Sunday, October 4, 2015

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Thomas Meyer
10:30 Steven LePage
12:00 Ellen M. Delaney

Monday, October 5, 2015

7:00 Lucy Sabino
8:40 Robert Mascarelli

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

7:00 Maureen O'Brien
8:30 Jovic Cruz Gicaro

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

7:00 Brett Paton
8:30 Matthew Camerlengo

Thursday, October 8, 2015

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Nicholas Ricci

Friday, October 9, 2015

7:00 Elvira, Filomena & Emidio Marro & Family
8:30 Eileen Culhane

Saturday, October 10, 2015

8:30 Jorge Javier
5:30 Margaret Bitetti

Sunday, October 11, 2015

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:00 People of Ascension Parish
10:30 Carmen Vega
12:00 Francis White

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
Sunday, September 27, 2015: \$6,996.50

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

Readings for Next Sunday October 11, 2015

Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30
or 10:17-27



Are you one of those captivated by the British TV series called "Downton Abbey"? It's a costume drama that revolves around the lives and loves of the wealthy aristocrats and the working class people who serve them. Much of the tension and excitement lies in the rigid social rules and code of behavior which regulate those above and below-stairs.

Ultimately, rich and poor alike at Downton Abbey are challenged to learn that traditions and social convention have meaning, but what is most important is goodness, love, and holding onto these deeper values. Jesus tries to teach a similar lesson to the Pharisees today: that the law exists for the deeper meaning behind it. Today they're testing Jesus's views on marriage and divorce.

Jews considered divorce a tragic failure, but in practice, divorce was easily gotten by men, and not by women. Women had no rights in the law.

Into this unequal situation, Jesus proclaims that marriage is meant as an absolute permanency and unity in the mind of God. Here, Jesus upholds the dignity of both women and men.

From the beginning, when God made them male and female, a unique bonding of body and soul was intended, a permanent bond that cannot be broken by human law or changed regulations. But where individualism reigns supreme, we see divorce at record levels. We desperately need Jesus's vision of marriage today, to protect the spirits, hearts, and bodies of us all.

✠ Pope Francis's visit to the United States last week was a truly awesome experience for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. I am so happy some of you got to see him personally, but those of us who watched on TV were all touched by this humble and holy man. I have not spoken to anyone who did not feel WOWed by his presence and his message of love. He shared so much with us in just those few days, so I know we need to take some time to reflect on what it means to each of us. I am going to leave our image of Pope Francis in the sanctuary for awhile to remind us to remember his message and to remember to pray for him.

✠ 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. To show our respect for life, 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.

✠ Please plan ahead to help us collect food for the hungry. Please join us in the **Action Against Hunger** on Sunday, Oct. 4th, from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations. Confirmation candidates, this is a great opportunity for you to fulfill some of your required service hours.

✠ Our New Milford **Knights of Columbus** are present to us this weekend conducting a Recruitment Event with a Continental Breakfast Open House this Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall 199 River Road, New Milford after all Masses. Prospective members and their families are invited as well as members wishing to re-connect with the Council. For those unable to attend Prospect Cards will be provided at the doors of the Church. These can be filled out and dropped in a basket that will be located near the entrance of the Church. The breakfast is free of charge. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal and charitable organization with over 1.8 million members worldwide. Members must be practicing Catholic men ages 18 and above. Come on, guys, give it a shot!

✠ **Italian Treasures** await you! Our parish will travel to the cities of Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome in **October of 2016**. Please see brochures at doors of church or stop by the rectory office for complete information. Know that I pray for you every day.

Please pray for me, too. God Love You!



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

On October 9, students will combine fundraising with a focus on physical fitness at the annual Funds for Fitness campaign.

- “ The Home and School Association sponsors many fund raisers to benefit the academy throughout the year.
- “ Campbell’s Soup Labels ó save your labels and drop them off at the school
- “ Box Tops for Education ó found on many General Mills products, simply cut out the box top coupon on the products and drop them off at the school
- “ Grocery Store Gift Cards ó available at the office during school hours, we have gift cards for Pathmark, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, and Jollibee
- “ Kids Stuff coupon books ó buy a book of family friendly coupons for \$25, available at the school office

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 14, 7 PM óó Pocketbook Bingo óó play bingo and win designer pocketbooks.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school please call (201)384-3627, visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org



Calendar:

- Sunday October 4th -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
- Monday, October 5th ó 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, October 7th ó 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, October 11th -- 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. Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3rd grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:45 am.

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 4, 2015** at 10:15 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least one parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will start today, Sunday, October 4, 2015 at the 9 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



Volunteers Needed:

- Ä We are in need of Class Parents for ALL GRADES in our Religious Education Program for the 2015-2016 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- Ä 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.
- Ä We are in need of Catechists for our 7th and 8th Grade program. The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 8:45 pm, anyone interested is asked to call the Religious Education Office during the week.

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



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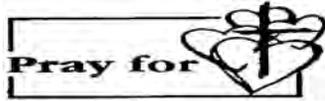


PLEASE HELP

The Food Pantry continues to collect manufacturer’s coupons. There is a small box in the back of the church where coupons can be deposited. With your assistance, the Service Ministry is able to stretch our buying dollars. Some coupons are doubled in value. Quite often, with coupons, we are able to buy needed items at a fraction of its original value. Thank you for assisting with this ministry.



**Please remember to patronize,
BBZ Limousine Service, Inc.
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who help make this bulletin possible**



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Ann & Jack Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Jessie Brown, Robert Barratt, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Don Evans, 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.

"a time to die..."

Amado Bravo

...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



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Parish Maintenance & Repairs
Respect Life ðGiving Cribò
Pet Supplies Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 Mass ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-9
First Reconciliation Parents Mtg. ó 10:15am
Action Against Hunger ó 12 Noon ó 4:00pm
Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

Monday, October 5, 2015

Pastoral Staff Mtg. ó 9:00am ó Rectory Meeting Room
Religious Education, Grade 8 ó 7:00pm ó School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

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

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Religious Education Grade 9 ó 7:00pm - School
Combined Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Altar Server training ó 4:30pm - Church
RCIA ó 7:00pm ó Rectory Mtg. Room
Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, October 9, 2015

Altar Server training ó 4:30pm - Church

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Confession ó 11:00am- Church
Children's Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church

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Food Pantry Sunday
Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 Mass ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-9
Celebration for the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz at
Sacred Heart Basilica, Newark ó 3:00pm



**MINISTRY OF WORD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

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.

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 or call the rectory office to check availability.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 267 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$47,743.60 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

This year our Parish Goal is \$53,403.00

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing, like us on facebook at Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese

**BUS TRIP – TO ATLANTIC CITY
Saturday, October 24, 2015**



Come Ride with Us To

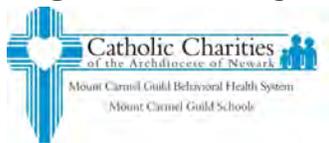


The Filipino Community of Ascension Church is sponsoring a fundraising trip, leaving Ascension parking lot at 8:45am. The cost of the trip is \$35.00/per person with casino voucher back of \$15.00. Make your check payable to: Church of the Ascension. For further information, please call Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817.

ACTION AGAINST HUNGER

Feeding the Hungry is a year-round job. Please join the **Ascension Service Ministry** with your donations of food and/or cash in front of Shop Rite of New Milford **This Sunday, October 4 from Noon to 4:00pm**. Your donations go directly back into our community through our Food Pantry.

October gives us a unique beauty



October is resplendent with the beauty of nature. The fall gives us an invigorating lift. We seem to feel fully alive looking forward to a new beginning filled with energy. Would you be willing to channel some of that energy to help those less fortunate by sorting through your unwanted clothing and shoes and giving them to Catholic Charities? Please note that in addition to all forms of used clothing we also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books). The donation bin is readily available outside the Church. Thank you.

**2016 MASS BOOK
IS NOW OPEN**

*ALL Request are to be printed clearly using the Parish Form (please pick up in Rectory Office or download from Website)
*No Requests will be taken over the phone.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Open House This Sunday October 4th**

St. Joseph Council #3814 Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Recruitment Event with a Continental Breakfast Open House this Sunday October 4th at the Knights of Columbus Hall 199 River Road, New Milford after all the masses. Prospective members and their families are invited as well as members wishing to re-connect with the Council. **For those unable to attend Prospect Cards will be provided at the doors of the Church. These can be filled out and dropped in a basket that will be located near the entrance of the Church.** The breakfast is free of charge. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal and charitable organization with over 1.8 million members worldwide. Members must be practicing Catholic men ages 18 and above.



DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The Music Ministry at Church of the Ascension is looking for new choir members. We invite you to join us as a member of one of our three choirs: Traditional Choir, Contemporary Choir, or Children's Choir. No audition required. To sign up or receive further information, please contact Glenn Gordon after Mass or call or text him at (917)-414-2697.

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: _____