

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, October 2, 2016

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 Steven LePage

9:00 People of Ascension Parish

10:30 Manuel Garcia

12:00 Antonino Speciale

### Monday, October 3, 2016

7:00 Michael Kelly

8:30 Ellen Delaney

### Tuesday, October 4, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 Thomas Meyer

### Wednesday, October 5, 2016

7:00 Amado Odulio

8:30 Patrick Burke

### Thursday, October 6, 2016

7:00 Rev. Ernesto Tibay (L) 40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

8:30 Angelo Licitra

### Friday, October 7, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 Matthew Camerlengo

### Saturday, October 8, 2016

8:30 Angelito Barredo

5:30 David Jenkins

### Sunday, October 9, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:00 Jack Wall

10:30 Roberto Caparas, Jr.

12:00 Margaret Bitetti

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

September 27, 2015: \$7,196.00

September 25, 2016: \$6,038.00

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

### Readings for Sunday, October 9, 2016

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



It takes exercising faith to increase its muscles! How much easier it is to jog or work out with a friend? When we're in a faith community together, working out the ways of faith side by side, it's all part of a healthy Christian lifestyle. Even the hard parts of living our faith can feel positive.

Our Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Faith is not an isolated act. No one can believe alone! You have not given yourself faith as you have not given yourself life. The believer has received faith from others and should hand it on to others...I cannot believe without being carried by the faith of others, and by my faith I help support others in the faith." (par. 166)

One of the most important things Catholics do is to supply faith for each other as the Catechism says, "I cannot believe without being carried by the faith of others." We should offer to pray for each other frequently, because it comforts us and strengthens the network of faith.

There is no shame in admitting that we need each other; but some of us feel ashamed to talk about our faith, even with another churchgoer. Maybe that is why St. Paul says today, "don't be embarrassed." We need to encourage each other in the working out of faith in the decisions of everyday life. And we humans constantly need to remind each other. C. S. Lewis said, "We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. Neither the belief in Christ nor any other will automatically remain alive in the mind. It must be fed."

Reach out to someone who has stopped going to church. Just asking them is an exercise in extending your own faith. Try it and see.

✠ October is here. It is **Respect Life Month** and the **month of our Blessed Mother**. 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. 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.

✠ This weekend we welcome Fr. Doroteo (Teo) Layosa, a chaplain at Paramus Catholic High School. He will be in residence here at Ascension, joining our pastoral staff in helping us for certain weekday Masses and for our weekend Masses. He will also help with our Religious Education program and assist with altar server recruitment and training. Let us give Fr. Teo our usual warm welcome to Ascension! We are certainly glad to have him with us.

✠ On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, a solemn Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to honor the Filipino Martyrs **San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod**.

✠ On Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at 4pm in our Blessed Mother's courtyard to celebrate our annual **Blessing of Animals** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. We invite you to bring your pets, large and small, to receive God's special blessing.

We have placed a donation box in the vestibule of the church for donations for those animals who are awaiting homes that are in nearby shelters. Donations of money, food, treats, toys, clean towels or blankets, as well as cleaning products would be greatly appreciated. If you are bringing your pet to the blessing, you may bring donation items then as well. If you know of others who are not part of our parish, but bring their animals to be blessed, please ask them also to bring a donation.

✠ Please join us in this Jubilee Year of Mercy on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, for the Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The cost for the bus is only \$25.00 per person.

As you know, I will be traveling to Italy on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Know that I will pray for you and your loved ones at all the Holy Doors of Mercy. Please pray for me, too. God Love You!



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Transfiguration Academy News**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are busy with their studies and gathering information on the many high school choices available to them. Transfiguration Academy students are consistently motivated and prepared to meet the requirements of the most competitive private and public high schools. If you are thinking about high school choices for your elementary and middle school age children, consider Transfiguration Academy to build the foundation your child needs to succeed. Transfiguration Academy is committed to strengthening faith, enlightening minds and transforming hearts, one student at a time.

It is not too late to register for the 2016-2017 school year. Transfiguration Academy knows that testing isn't the only measure of your child's education. **Discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:**

- É Call to pick up registration materials and/or for a tour: **201-384-3627**
- É Email: **principal@transfigurationacademy.org**
- É Visit our website: **transfigurationacademy.org**
- É Visit us on Facebook to experience how engaged our students and families are

Transfiguration Academy is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and serves students in Grades PreK 2+ through Grade 8.



**Calendar:**

- Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)
- Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> ó No Religious Education
- Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> ó 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7:00 pm to 9 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. It is important that all students are on time for class. Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:30 am.**

**All 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16, 2016** at 10:30 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 this Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the 9 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

Catholic High School Cooperative Admissions Examination for 2016 is Friday, November 11, 2016. If anyone is interested in more information please contact Mrs. Carbone in the Religious Education office.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- Ä We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2016-2017 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.

Religious Education Office Hours in Rectory:  
 Monday ó Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm  
 Thursday: 9 am to 12 Noon  
 Friday: 9 am to 4 pm  
 During Religious Education in School:  
 Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm  
 Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 11:45 am  
 Other times by appointment

**ANY EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED  
 BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!**

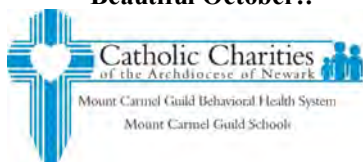
Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 150 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2 pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods!)

**Our next date is on Thursday, October 13th.**

We could sure use your help.

Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

**Beautiful October!!**



The beauty of fall with its cool temperatures and beautiful foliage displays energizes most people. Would you be willing to channel some of your energy to gather an unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) for the Catholic Charities clothing bin? Thank you.

**AVAILABILITY**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week.** Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.

*Church of the Ascension  
invites you  
to our annual*

***Blessing of Animals  
in honor of  
St. Francis of Assisi  
in the  
Blessed Mother Courtyard***

***Tuesday, October 4, 2016  
4:00pm***

*(Don't forget to bring in a donation for our  
animal friends in shelters.)*







*"To everything there is a season..."*

*"a time to be healed..."*

Rose DøEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Barbara Santore, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Marcella Sweeney, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abburzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Elnora Gordon, Thomas Gonzalas, 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, Ian Belthoff, Recruit, U.S. Marine Corps, Paris Island, SC, and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

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 Donated in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



**Altar Flowers** for this week Donated in loving Memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if for the intention of your loved one.



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**Sunday, October 2, 2016**

**Parish Maintenance and Repairs**

Childrenø Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am  
Church/Gathering Room  
Religious Education, Pre-K-6 ó 10:30am  
Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room  
Celebration of San Pedro ó 3:00pm  
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Newark

**Monday, October 3, 2016**

Pastoral Staff Meeting ó 9:00am - Rectory  
NO Religious Education  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

*St. Francis of Assisi*  
FEAST DAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

**Tuesday**

Parish Trip to Italy \* SAFE TRAVELS!!!  
Woodcrest Center, Mass - 2:30pm  
Blessing of Animals at St. Maryø Shrine ó 4:00pm

**Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

Confirmation Prep (9) 7pm-8:45pm  
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center  
Filipino Core Mtg. ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room  
Combined Choirs ó 8:15pm - Church

**Thursday, October 6, 2016**

No events

**First Friday, October 7, 2016**

Communion Visits to Homebound

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church  
Childrenø Choir ó 4:15pm ó Church

**Sunday, October 9, 2016**

Childrenø Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am  
Church/Gathering Room  
Religious Education, Pre-K-6 ó 10:30am

**New Jersey's Adoption Law has changed**

Beginning January 1, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted.

Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a **Redaction Request Form** to the New Jersey Department of Health no later than **December 31, 2016**. The **Redaction Request Form** can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726, ext. 582 or downloading it at <http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf>.

[The Catholic Church has always supported reunions between adoptees and birth parents, if such reunions were by mutual consent. The Church continues to do so through their Catholic Charities agencies.](#)

If you know individuals that could be effected by the changes to New Jersey Adoption law, please help alert them. Anyone needing assistance can call a HELPLINE at 609-989-4809.

**WE ARE LIVING STONES**

Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.

**Our Parish Goal:** \$592,239.00  
**Number of Pledges to date:** 181  
**Our Pledges to date:** \$296,276.43  
**Amount received to date:** \$ 82,748.19

Remember our plan is to use the We Are Living Stones proceeds to address the following needs for our parish.

- \*Entrance Vestibule Enlargement with ADA Restroom
- \*Main Chiller Compressor Replacement (Church)
- \*Five-Ton Air Handler in Church
- \*Replace windows in Rectory

Our goal is within reach! With each additional sacrifice, our goal becomes that much more attainable. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.

**PARISH PICTURES WANTED!!**

Do you have pictures of parish events that you would like to share with your fellow parishioners? If yes please transfer them onto a flash-drive and give it to Father David or drop it off at the parish office. We can then show the pictures on the monitor in the vestibule of the church for all to enjoy! Pictures of Special Events, Sacraments, Holy Day and Liturgical Celebrations are welcome. Thank you for sharing your Stewardship of talent with us!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

**MEMORIALS**

ōTHANK YOUō 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Our stock of many most needed items has been depleted. We depend on the generosity of our parishioners to keep us up and operating, serving those in need in our community. The following is a list of items that we desperately need to stock our shelves. Your continued support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

- CRANBERRY JUICE\*COFFEE\*CANNED BEEF STEW
- APPLE SAUCE\*RAISINS\*PAPER TOWEL\*OATMEAL
- INSTANT OATMEAL\*TOOTH PASTE\*CANNED FRUIT
- APPLE JUICE\*CAKE MIX\*PEANUT BUTTER
- PANCAKE MIX\*PANCAKE SYRUP\*CRACKERS
- MAYONNAISE\*TEA\*RICE

Would you like to be involved in this ministry to the poor? The Service Ministry is always looking for people who share our concern for those in need. If you are interested in learning more about what we do, and possibly joining our small but dedicated group, speak to Father Ernie and he will introduce you to our team.

**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS SHELTER COLLECTION**

On October 4<sup>th</sup> we will once again be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis with the blessing of our beloved pets.

At this time we feel it is also important to remember those animals who are less fortunate; who are stuck in shelters waiting for that special person to give them the love they deserve. During the months of September and early October we will have a box in the front vestibule for donations to a local shelter. Items needed include:

- Clean sheets, towels, blankets, playpens, bird cages, rabbit hutches, safari cages, pet carriers, pet food dishes, scratching posts.
- Purina Pro Plan dry dog food.
- Canned Pedigree dog food.
- Dry and canned cat food, kitty litter.
- Strained meat baby food (for foster kittens).
- New heating pads (for kittens, puppies and wildlife infants).
- Toilet tissue, paper towels, bleach, detergent, cleaning supplies.
- Pens, pencils, scissors, tape dispensers, note paper.
- Batteries (AA and AAA) for microchip scanners
- Coffee cans with plastic lids.
- PetCo or PetSmart gift cards

If you would like to make a cash donation, you may hand that to one of our priests.

**WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners**

The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the rectory office. Thank You!

**I would like....**

- \_\_\_ to become a Parishioner
- \_\_\_ to change my address
- \_\_\_ to receive envelopes
- \_\_\_ to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_