

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 9, 2016

5:30 David Jenkins
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Jack Wall
10:30 Roberto Caparas, Jr.
12:00 Margaret Bitetti

Monday, October 10, 2016

7:00 Angelo Licitra
8:30 Patricia Burke

Tuesday October 11, 2016

7:00 Brian Beety
8:30 Catherine O'Connor

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

7:00 Glenn Parsells
8:30 William Morris

Thursday, October 13, 2016

7:00 Alphonse Giella
8:30 Judi Sexton

Friday, October 14, 2016

7:00 Alphonse Giella
8:30 Adeline Getsen

Saturday, October 15, 2016

8:30 Thomas Keegan
5:30 James Zadroga

Sunday, October 16, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Jack Wall
10:30 John Montecuallo
12:00 Sr. Roberta CR

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 4, 2015:	\$6,820.00
October 2, 2016:	\$5,156.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,114.00
August Parish Pay:	\$3,504.80

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 16, 2016

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2
Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



If we grow up thinking there is no greater Source in the universe to which we owe gratitude, we also end up as adults who think we are the ultimate and supreme authority in our own lives. This makes for a more selfish person, who is unconscious of a higher spiritual reality. When I hear someone say, "It's my body; I can do with it what I please," I get the idea that this is a person who is not in the habit of giving thanks to God for their body OR their life.

Today, many families don't say grace before meals at any other time but Thanksgiving Day. But the Pilgrims already had the spiritual habit of giving thanks in good times and bad. It was simply part of their belief that God guided their lives and was present at every moment.

We say that we believe God is always present, but we may not be in the habit of lifting up our hearts in gratitude. It is good for body and soul for us to get into the "attitude of gratitude" every day of our lives. It should be part of us as we talk to God in the morning, and before we collapse at night, even if all we can muster is a weak, "Thanks for getting me through it today, God. I can't believe I made it." In one particular study, a group of participants kept a weekly gratitude journal. After 10 weeks, participants were more optimistic, exercised more, and had fewer visits to the doctor than those who wrote about what displeased them.

But there's more. If we express gratitude frequently, we are more likely to forgive others. Now we are in gospel territory: gratitude leads us to forgiveness, and forgiveness leads us straight to God's heart. Happy Giving of Thanks to all!

✱ October 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.

✱ I take this opportunity to thank our Bob Quinn, Chairperson for **ELVIS AND FRIENDS** and also to his committee for a wonderful evening of good and fun entertainment! Thank you to those who worked on the 50/50 drawing. Congratulations and thanks to Barry Doll our winner who donated back to the parish half of his winnings.

✱ Please join us in this Jubilee Year of Mercy on Saturday, October 22nd, 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 am traveling in Italy until Thursday, October 13th. 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!

Have a great week!



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

This week our students are preparing for Funds for Fitness and will be walking to raise money for breast cancer. Transfiguration Academy focuses on the whole child: academically, their physical well-being and spiritually. Funds for Fitness is a day in which the spotlight is on physical fitness with funds being raised from sponsors. We also emphasize our Catholic identity, part of which is helping our neighbors and those in need. Our students will wear pink this week to raise money to donate to the American Cancer Society and participate in the annual walk taking place in Overpeck County Park.

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.

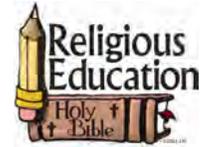
LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will be in our community offering preventive health screenings on Tuesday, October 11th at the Knights of Columbus hall located at 199 River Road in New Milford. Ultrasound tests to IDENTIFY RISK FACTORS for Cardiovascular disease and Osteoporosis as well as an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation (irregular heartbeat) As you may know, these conditions are primary risk factors for heart disease and stroke and knowing your risk helps you and your doctor address problems early. Life Line Screening is offering a \$10 discount off any package of \$129 or more. To schedule your appointment and to receive this special offer, please sign up by calling this special number: **1-888-653-6450**



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Calendar:

Sunday, October 9th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

Monday, October 10th ó 7th Grade from 7:00 pm to 9 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, October 12th ó No Religious Education

Sunday, October 16th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated 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.

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 3rd grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:30 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 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.

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

OCTOBER

Month of the Holy Rosary

Respect Life Month

What can I do to make this month special?

Pray the Rosary
7:45am Monday through Saturday
in church

Pray the Rosary
as a family at home

Contribute baby items in our “Giving
Crib” for unwed mothers

Participate in our Service Ministry’s
Food Pantry projects



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose Dœufemia, 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 Abbruzzesi, 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



Altar Flowers for this week
Donated in loving Memory of
Margaret Bitetti



RESPECT LIFE

To show our respect for life, during the entire month of October 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 put monetary donations in envelope marked **"Respect Life"** in collection basket.

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.

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.



Sunday, October 9, 2016

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



Columbus Day

Monday, October 10, 2016

Religious Education grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School
NO CFM

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Novena ó 7:30pm - Church
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 13, 2016

Hackensack Homeless
Altar server training ó 4:00pm - Church

Friday, October 14, 2016

Altar server training ó 4:00pm - Church

Saturday, October 15, 2016

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



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Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education, Pre-K-6 ó 10:30am

RITE TO LIFE TICKET RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES.

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 2016!

Help is needed for 2017...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2017. 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.

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: 183
Our Pledges to date: \$297,376.43
Amount received to date: \$ 83,723.19

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!

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: _____

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!
 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 16TH**

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.

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION AROUND CHURCH PROPERTY
 BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On Thursday, **October 13th**, members of the Ascension Service Ministry will be serving dinner at the Hackensack Shelter. Along with our dinner we always like to offer some desserts. The past few months we have not had enough to go around, and members had to run to the store to purchase more.

We are asking for anyone who is willing to please donate a home baked, or even a store bought item, to help us make sure everyone receives something. Whatever you like to bake would be great; cookies, cakes, brownies, cupcakes, pies --- all would be appreciated.

Donations may be dropped at the rectory **before 2 pm on October 13th**, or, if need be, **Wed evening, October 12th**.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of our most needed ministry to the poor.
 God bless!

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: _____

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**