

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, October 16, 2016

5:30 James Zadroga  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:00 Jack Wall  
10:30 John Montecuollo  
12:00 Sr. Roberta CR

### Monday, October 17, 2016

7:00 Alphonse Giella  
8:30 Paul J. Figalora

### Tuesday October 18, 2016

7:00 Lorelei Habana, Birthday (L)  
8:30 Angelina Iuliano

### Wednesday, October 19, 2016

7:00 Florentino Cabreza  
8:30 Tony & Gregory Poli

### Thursday, October 20, 2016

7:00 Josephine Licitra  
8:30 Alphonse Giella

### Friday, October 21, 2016

7:00 Francisco Sayanjon  
8:30 Thomas Keegan

### Saturday, October 22, 2016

8:30 The Guido Family  
5:30 Minerva Morales

### Sunday, October 23, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:00 Jack Wall  
10:30 Raymunda Catral  
12:00 Mary Zadroga

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 11, 2015: \$6,347.50  
October 9, 2016: \$4,941.00

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 23, 2016

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19,  
23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



I think that **persistence** is the hardest part of faith for us who are believers in Jesus Christ. Perhaps that is why Jesus praised the persistent woman in the gospel today, who finally wore down the dishonest judge. Christians can certainly tire of taking the high road, making sure our choices are Jesus-centered or keeping hopeful in spite of tragedy and sadness in everyday life. This is where it takes a village to raise a Christian. By village I mean the rest of the Christian community. Once we have made the first choice to follow Jesus, we need other believers at our side, struggling along with us, persisting in helping each other to walk the walk with integrity

One woman said she never realized how real the community could be until she had a major surgery. She said, "I was so overwhelmed with gratitude that the two doctors, the Surgical Nurse Practitioner, and the four surgical nurses had persisted through many sacrifices, no doubt, to attain their skills. And, somehow, here we were, all of our paths intersecting in this operating room, at this particular moment in history, so that I could be healed!"

Maybe the most striking part of our gospel today is the last sentence: "When the Son of Man returns, will he find faith on earth?" What a challenging question for us. Hopefully, Jesus will find us, doing our best, holding each other up with our arms and our prayers, and hanging in there together persistent to the end!

✠ 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.

✠ 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.

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Transfiguration Academy News**

Each week we share what makes Transfiguration Academy an excellent educational option for your child's academic, social and spiritual needs. On November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, your child has an opportunity to experience Transfiguration Academy firsthand by being a "Tiger for a Day." Students in grades K to 8 can spend one of those two days at Transfiguration Academy when the local public schools are closed for the annual NJEA Convention. Each student visitor will be partnered with a student ambassador from the Academy, attend all classes for his or her grade level, be treated to a hot lunch and take home a small gift in remembrance of their "Tiger for a Day" experience.

Transfiguration Academy knows that testing isn't the only measure of your child's education and that today children often participate in a family's decision as to where they attend school. Our "Tiger for a Day" program allows you and your child to make an informed decision.

**Register for Tiger for a Day by Friday, November 4 and discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:**

- É **Call:** 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.

**BUS TRIP – TO BETHLEHEM, PA.  
Monday, November 14, 2016**



We are sponsoring a trip to The Sands Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. on Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. The price of \$27 includes a \$20 slot playing voucher, a \$5 food voucher, and bus transportation. The bus will leave Ascension's parking lot at 9:30am. All checks should be payable to Ascension Church and dropped off at the rectory mailbox. Please mark "SANDS CASINO TRIP" on envelope. For further info call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.



**Calendar:**

- Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)
- Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 today 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:**

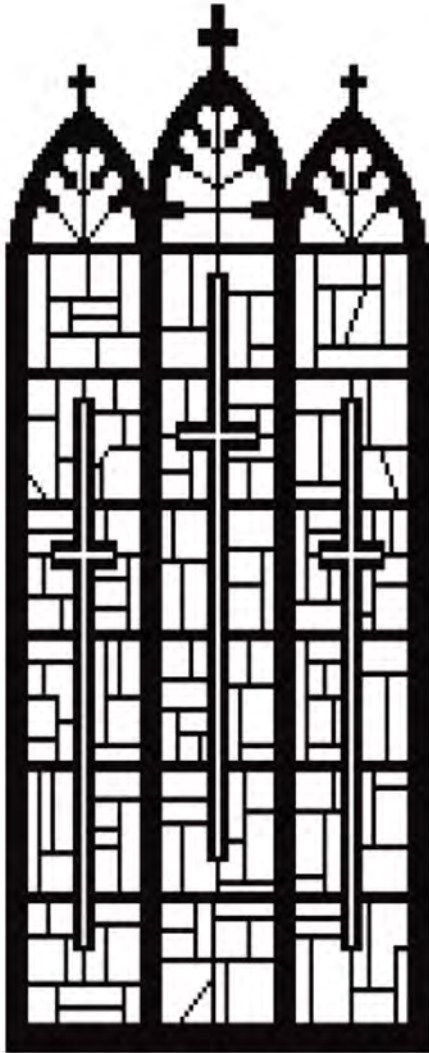
- Ä We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2016-2017 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- Ä Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college 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 6 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 16, 2016

Church of the Ascension  
256 Azalea Drive  
New Milford, New Jersey



Dear Friend,

We, of Ascension Parish, feel that it is important for us to remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those persons who have touched our lives and whose presence we miss.

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, as we celebrate All Saints Day, at the 7:30pm Mass, we will anticipate the Feast of All Souls, with our annual **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE** for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (Nov. 2, 2015-Nov. 1, 2016).

We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2016 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

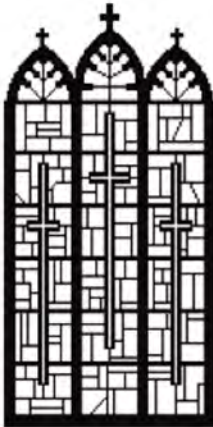
We look forward to being with you on Tuesday, November 1.

In the Lord's Peace,

Fr. David and Your Ascension Parish Family

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## Annual Prayer of Remembrance



My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Loved One \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Me \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death in 2015-16 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance

Please, we must have this completed card **by October 28<sup>th</sup>**.





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

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

Rose D'Eufermia, 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, Don Hellrigel, 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 **Anita Barbagallo**

**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.



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Please remember to patronize, **William BASRALIAN Funeral Service** 201-261-0222 who help make this bulletin possible



**Sunday, October 16, 2016**

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word 6 9:00am  
 Church/Gathering Room  
 Religious Education, Pre-K-6 6 10:30am  
 First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. 6 10:30am  
 Baptism 6 1:30pm - Church

**Monday, October 17, 2016**

Food Pantry Distribution  
 Religious Education grade 8 6 7:00pm - School  
 CFM 6 7:30pm - Rectory Meeting Room

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service - 2:30pm  
 Parish Events 6 7:30pm 6 Gathering Room

**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

Confirmation Prep 6 7:00-8:00pm -  
 Novena 6 7:30pm - Church  
 Boy Scouts 6 7:30pm 6 Fr. Benedict Center  
 Filipino Core Mtg. 6 8:00pm 6 Gathering Room  
 Combined Choirs 6 8:15pm - Church

**Thursday, October 20, 2016**

Altar server training 6 4:00pm 6 Church  
 Ministry of Service 6 7:00pm 6 Gathering Room

**Friday, October 21, 2016**

Altar server training 6 4:00pm 6 Church  
 Finance Council Meeting 6 7:30pm 6 Rectory

**Saturday, October 22, 2016**

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC  
 Confessions 6 11:00am 6 Church  
 Children's Choir 6 4:15pm 6 Church

**World Mission Sunday, October 23, 2016**

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



PARISH EVENTS MEETING  
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AT 7:30PM  
 IN THE GATHERING ROOM  
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MINISTRY OF SERVICE MEETING  
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH AT 7:00PM  
 IN THE GATHERING ROOM  
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FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING  
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AT 7:30PM  
 IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

**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.

**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:** \$ 85,070.44

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**

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!  
 TODAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

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
- MAYONAISE\*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**

**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.

**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](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)