

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Sunday, October 8, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Daniel & Doris Piro

11:30 Antonino Speciale

Monday, October 9, 2017

7:00 Maureen O'Keefe (L)

8:30 Angelo Licitra

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

7:00 Leticia & Ding Verzosa, Healing

8:30 Margaret McEwan Bitette

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

7:00 Theresa O'Shea

8:30 Mauro Fillone, Healing

Thursday, October 12, 2017

7:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

8:30 John Daly

Friday, October 13, 2017

7:00 Henry Volcan, Healing

8:30 Judi Sexton

Saturday, October 14, 2017

8:30 Joe Scarengella

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Sunday, October 15, 2017

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:30 Thomas & Frank Tenney

11:30 Peggy Lacey

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 2, 2016: \$5,156.00

October 1, 2017: \$5,025.00

Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,881.00

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

Readings for Sunday October 15, 2017

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14,
19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



There was once a shy, skinny, 100-pound New Jersey kid named Eugene who tried out javelin throwing in high school. Gene grew so skilled he got a scholarship to college, and dreamed of the Olympics. But when he tore a ligament in his shoulder, all dreams ended. He worked in a warehouse where he befriended a young actor... so Gene went to acting school, too.

His big break came being cast in a show called "Bonanza", and later "Little House on the Prairie"—the skinny kid was Michael Landon. Later he created a new series, "Highway to Heaven," because he was troubled by all the sex, trash, and selfishness on TV. There is so much today that Michael Landon would be shocked about on TV. And so would St. Paul, who tells us today, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable... just...or pure; whatever is lovely... gracious...; anything that is excellent and worth praising, think about these things." That is, "You want peace in your heart? Look at all the pure, lovely beauty around you—and praise all the good things in creation."

Our brains are built to create strong habits out of the choices we make—"garbage in, garbage out." So St. Paul says "keep on imitating the ways of Christ that you've learned from me." But watching and laughing at real people on TV shaming themselves with lustful or disgusting behavior only makes us coarser, weaker and more addicted. We end up making fun of our brothers and sisters whose characters are being destroyed by their weakness and lack of decency. Is that really entertaining?

Let's find new ways to revel in the good and the beautiful, the way we slip into a bubble bath, or enjoy a good beer on a hot day. Feel God's delight in the beauty around you!

✠ 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. 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.

✠ **In honor of St. Francis of Assisi**, we are collecting pet food and supplies for needy animals through this weekend. We need to take care of our animal brothers and sisters. They are a special gift to us from God. A collection box has been placed in the front vestibule of the church for your donations which will be donated to a nearby animal shelter.

✠ Don't forget the **donation bin** (by our Blessed Mother's courtyard) for **Catholic Charities** of the Archdiocese of Newark. All of the **clothing, shoes, and small household items** that you generously donate are sold and the proceeds used to support the many programs for the needy as provided by Catholic Charities.

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



Clergy Visits

The mission of Transfiguration Academy is to strengthen faith, enlighten minds and transform hearts. One way in which this is accomplished is through regular visits by the clergy: all the priests at St. Johns, Deacon Jim, and Fr. David from the Church of the Ascension. This month, these visits will focus on the Rosary as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7 and Our Lady of Fatima as we celebrate the Miracle of the Sun and the close of the jubilee year of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. The final spiritual focus for October will be on the mission activity of the Church as we celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 22.

Upcoming events:

Friday, October 13: For just \$45, a local artist will guide you and your friends through two hours of painting, drinking, and laughing 'til your cheeks hurt. The best part? You don't have to be an artist to have an amazing time. Please go to https://www.paintnite.com/events/_1220466 to register. Part of the registration fee benefits the Academy.

Registration is ongoing: Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum or to schedule a tour of our Academy, located at 10 Bradley Ave in Bergenfield, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627. Transfiguration Academy is an investment in your child's future and much more affordable than you would expect. **Transfiguration Academy: Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.**

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 12th.

We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Calendar:

Sunday, October 8th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)
Monday, October 9th – 8th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Wednesday, October 11th – 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, October 15th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will celebrated at the 9:30 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:

Please note the change in our hours for classes this school year.

Our Sunday Mornings program is from **10:45 to 12 Noon**. The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:45 pm. Students are asked to be here by **6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp**.

First Reconciliation Parents, there is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting today Sunday October 8, 2017** at 10:45 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least on parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.

Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in NEED of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2017-2018 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 Hours:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment



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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PRAY FOR . . .

“To everything there is a season...”

“a time to love...”

Laurie Cucco & Anthony Castellano

“a time to be healed...”

Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Thomas Gonzalas, John Thomas, Philip Santore, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloebler, Erlinda Habana, Richard Zabettie, Richard Winters, Judith & Tom Gonzales, 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, PFC Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Cherry Point, NC, James Penser, Goodfellow, AFB, Texas and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

“a time for peace...”

President Donald John Trump, 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 **Margaret McEwan Bitette**



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 it is for the intention of your loved one.



Sunday, October 8, 2017

Respect for Life Giving Crib
Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am Church/GRm
Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 – 10:45 – School
First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. – 10:45am



Columbus Day

Monday, October 9, 2017

Religious Education (grade 8) – 7:30pm – School
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Ministry of the Word – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

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

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Hackensack Homeless
Combined Choirs – 8:00pm - Church

Friday, October 13, 2017

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Saturday, October 14, 2017

Confessions 11:00am – Church
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Food Pantry Sunday
Respect for Life Giving Crib
Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am Church/GRm
Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 – 10:45 – School
Baptism - 1:00pm - Church



Meetings

**MINISTRY OF WORD
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**

AT 7:30PM

IN THE GATHERING ROOM

CAN YOU HELP?

On the First Friday of each month visits are made to the homebound of our parish who are unable to attend mass. If your answer is yes, you will bring the Eucharist and visit with two or three of your fellow parishioners in their home. Please consider being part of this most rewarding ministry. Please speak with Father David or call the rectory office if interested.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 180 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **We are currently at \$35,614.00** 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 \$43,000.00

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.

NIGHTMARE ON RIVER ROAD

Bergen County's
Premiere Indoor Haunted Attraction!

Operating Weekends in October

Beginning October 6th

Fridays 6pm-10pm

Saturdays 6pm-10pm

Sundays 2pm-6pm

845 River Road, New Milford

Behind Brookchester Stores

(River Road to Dilworth Road)

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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: _____

THE BEAT TELLS ARE HERE!

At Ascension Parish

Tickets can be purchased at the doors
Tonight for \$25.00

Performance is tonight, Saturday, October 7th show begins at 8:00pm in The Fr. Benedict Center. Bring your own food and beverages. **Come join the fun!!**

HELP ANIMALS IN NEED IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS

Up until the 8th of October, we will be collecting needed items for local animal shelters. Many shelters are in greater need than usual as they have graciously taken in animals displaced by the disasters in Texas and Florida. We will also accept gift cards from local Pet Stores, or cash donations. Please hand your gift cards of monetary donations to one of our priests to insure they get to the right people.

RITE TO LIFE TICKET RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE
ON SALE OCTOBER 28 & 29 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 2017!

Help is needed for 2018...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 2018. 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 join a ministry
- ___ to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____