

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

Sunday, November 5, 2017

5:30 People of Ascension Parish
 7:30 Fermin Abalos
 9:30 David Jenkins, Second Anniversary
 11:30 Eufrocina Lazaro

Monday, November 6, 2017

7:00 Lee, Foran & O'Connor Families
 8:30 All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

7:00 Giovanni Ruiz, (L)
 8:30 All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

7:00 All Souls Novena
 8:30 Dylan Rohwohlt

Thursday, November 9, 2017

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
 8:30 All Souls Novena

Friday, November 10, 2017

7:00 All Souls Novena
 8:30 James Barrentine

Saturday, November 11, 2017

8:30 All Souls Novena
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, November 12, 2017

7:30 Cornelio & Isabel Nional
 9:30 Mary Karwoski
 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 30, 2016: \$6,078.00
October 29, 2017: \$5,357.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
 November 12, 2017**

**Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or
 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13**



Do some of you remember all the beautiful old prayers Catholics used to say, like “Angel of God, my Guardian Dear...”? Today, some consider prayers like this to be old-fashioned; but they expressed a person’s longings and deep hopes that came from the heart, not the head. They reveal the personal and emotional side of faith—the more intimate language you’d use with someone you love.

St. Paul says he shared the love of God with the Thessalonians “as a nursing mother cares for her children.” Imagine—our relationship to God is one of resting peacefully on our mother’s breast. Now, *there* is an image that the Pharisees desperately needed to imitate! They didn’t live their faith by resting humbly and peacefully in God, but made a show and a burden of religion.

Jesus hated the fact that the religious leaders “preached but did not practice.” We believers sometimes show attitude towards non-believers or each other. If we show off our “church knowledge”, arguments result. Maybe we stick to the letter of the law instead of offering forgiveness, or use our titles (like Father, mother, lector, Eucharistic Minister) to “shut someone up,” or win an argument.

Jesus rebukes all of these temptations: “You are all students.” Humility is the sign of our calling. With believers or non-believers, at all times we are to hold a spirit of peace and humble gratitude. We must return to Psalm 130...“I have calmed and quieted my soul like a weaned child with its mother...” Tiny babies seek food blindly, but weaned children return willingly to the mother for comfort and love.

May we only walk to God out of our affection and humble desire to be held and loved!

✠ Our All Souls altar of remembrance is a reminder to us to pray for our beloved dead. Take a moment to remember as you pass by.

✠ Don’t forget...Here are some upcoming important November Parish Events:

♦ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on Sunday, November 19th from 7am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.

♦ **Interfaith Thanksgiving** on Sunday, November 19th, at New Milford Presbyterian Church on River Road at 4pm

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

Fr. David



Middle States Accreditation

This year, Transfiguration Academy is completing the process to be re-accredited by the Middle States Association of Elementary schools. This process involves the entire school community examining where the school is now and planning for the continued improvement of the school over the next seven years.

The Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools, building on the rich history of the Middle States Association, aspire to improve the quality of education in the United States and around the world by assisting schools to achieve excellence through the process of accreditation, by affirming to the public a member school's trustworthiness and commitment to continuous improvement, by providing the network and resources for the promotion of proven practices.

Please continue to pray for us as we strive to form all of our students both intellectually and spiritually.

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.**



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: _____



Calendar:

- Sunday, November 5th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)
- Monday, November 6th – 8th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, November 8th – No Religious Education
- Sunday, November 12th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be 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.

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace: This week children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will discuss moral choices and how they can begin to know the difference between right and wrong choices. All of us are invited to think about our own moral choices and how we make them. What advice would you give to our First Reconciliation children? Please continue to pray for them on their journey to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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**.

Reminder:

When your child/ren are going to be absent from class you must call the Religious Education office and let us know. We will call the home if you do not call us, so **PLEASE** make sure you have a working home or cell number that we can contact you especially in the event of an emergency.

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

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

The month of November is **Stewardship Month**. During this month we take the time to acknowledge and Thank all those who so generously share of their time, talent and treasure.

Special thanks to all of our parishioners who contribute faithfully to Ascension, especially those who use the envelopes or Parish Pay.

Thank you to all who help with Parish Administration:

TRUSTEES, FINANCE COUNCIL, MONEY COUNTERS, and BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Let us acknowledge our brothers and sisters who make Church happen in the various ministries of our parish:

MINISTRY OF WORD

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechists and Substitutes

Aides and Secretaries

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

MUSIC

Choirs: Traditional, Contemporary, Children's, Filipino

Cantors

Instrumentalists

USHERS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS

SACRISTANS

WOODCREST CENTER MINISTERS

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY BUILDING

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

FILIPINO CORE COMMUNITY

MINISTRY OF SERVICE

FOOD PANTRY

GIVING TREE

AID'S MINISTRY

HACKENSACK WALK-IN DINNER

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"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, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloebler, Richard Gabettie, 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.

"a time to die..."

Anthony John Loonam, Edward O'Dea

...and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **David Jenkins**



BREAD and WINE this week are in loving memory of **David Jenkins**



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, November 5, 2017

Daylight Saving Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am Church/GRm

Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 – 10:45 – School

Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

Monday, November 6, 2017

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory Mtg. Room

Religious Education (grade 8) – 7:30pm – School

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room



Tuesday, November 7, 2017* Election Day

Woodcrest Center Mass at 2:30pm

Ministry of Service – 7:00pm, - Gathering Room

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

No Confirmation Prep

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm, - Fr. Benedict Ctr.

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, November 9, 2017

No events

Friday, November 10, 2017

No events



Saturday, November 11, 2017

Confessions 11:00am – Church

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Food Pantry Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am Church/GRm

Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 – 10:45 – School



MINISTRY OF SERVICE
TUESDAY, NOV. 7
7:00PM
GATHERING ROOM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

