## Mass **Goo**f for the Intentions **W**eek

## 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 TEWARDSHIP 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!

The 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: faith, Strengthening **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!

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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 5<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – 8th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, November  $8^{th}$  – No Religious Education Sunday, November  $12^{th}$  –- Pre- K thru  $6^{th}$  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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 pry for them on their journey to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

## <u>Please note the change in our hours for classes this school year.</u>

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 is 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

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 COMMUNITES

## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

**MUSIC** 

Choirs: Traditional, Contemporary, Children's, Filipino

Cantors

Instumentalists

**USHERS** 

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** 

**LECTORS** 

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

YOUTHALTAR 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



"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 Abburzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Thomas Gonzalas, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloeblen, 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.

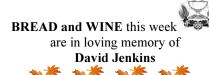
"a time to die.."
Anthony John Loonam, Edward O'Dea

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

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** 



burns this week 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



## VETERANS DAY 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

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## **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

## **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	S: \$150/1 Year	
	\$20/30 Days	
ALTAR BREAD AND W	/INE \$40 per week	
ALTAR FLOWERS	\$50 (per basket/per week)	
SANCTUARY CANDLE	\$15 per week	
Name:	ORIAL FUND	
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In Memory of:		
Date Requested:		



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Heavenly Father,
on this day, help us remember those
who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure.
Enkindle in our consciences a desire
to serve those who served their country selflessly.
Give us the grace to aid those
who have given aid and protection to us and others
both here and overseas.
Let us never forget the causes for which they fought
or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.
May we be always be mindful of those
who paid the price for our freedom,
just as your Son gave his life
to free us from the bondage of sin.
Amen.

## Verifying Your New WeShare Account

If you currently give online through ParishPay, your account will soon be transferred to WeShare, our new online giving provider. This transfer ensures that your scheduled transactions will continue to be received by the parish as scheduled. The security of your personal information is important to us. If you want to make any changes to your account or adjust your giving amount, WeShare requires a one-time security verification to provide you access.

To successfully complete the verification process you will need:

- † Your ParishPay User Name
- † The last four digits of the bank account or credit card that is currently being used for your donations

## And ONE of the following two options:

- † The email you used to register with ParishPay
- † A collection name and a specific amount donated in the last six months

Once verification is complete, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to our new WeShare site. Please bookmark or save this link for future access. If you run into any issues accessing your account, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-950-9952, Option One.

## **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.