

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, November 12, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris  
7:30 Cornelio & Isabel Nional  
9:30 Mary Karwoski  
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

### Monday, November 13, 2017

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
8:30 Virginia Ruiz (L)

### Tuesday, November 14, 2017

7:00 Erlinda Habana, Birthday (L)  
8:30 Rita Capezzuto, First Anniversary

### Wednesday, November 15, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 Avelina Ruiz (L)

### Thursday, November 16, 2017

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
8:30 John Coringrato

### Friday, November 17, 2017

7:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evans  
8:30 Garcia-Rivera Family

### Saturday, November 18, 2017

8:30 Marilou de Rosario  
5:30 Rose Santangelo

### Sunday, November 19, 2017

7:30 Felicia Aita  
9:30 Sally & Harold Bates, Sr.  
11:30 Peter Buckley

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

November 6, 2016:	\$5,603.00
November 5, 2017:	\$6,231.00
All Saints:	\$1,570.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$1,128.00

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

### Readings for Sunday November 19, 2017

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1  
Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30  
or 25:14-15, 19-21



Can you define the word *love* in one word? How about the word *wisdom*? Forget greeting cards you can't do it! But I bet you could tell me a story, from your own experience or one your parents told you, that expresses the meaning of wisdom perfectly, couldn't you? Jesus tells a story about five wise girls who remembered to bring oil for their lamps, and five foolish girls who didn't so they were locked out of the party!

Finding wisdom can be tricky. Oprah and Dr. Phil do their best, but there is something unreal about how audiences clap and cheer as they hear many feel-good aphorisms. All of Jesus' audiences didn't cheer wildly when he called them to a deeper wisdom. Even his closest followers were scandalized or resentful at times. As parents know, wisdom is not always greeted with gratitude and open arms. The real and deeper wisdom is always religious, because it is the role of religion to tie everything together.

The ultimate wisdom is: **to know we're not God. And then, never to act like we're God.** Usually people's eyes are opened through a relationship of truth and love. When we learn that love is the reason for living, then sacrifice and giving comes naturally, if not painlessly! Then your eyes are opened, and you see the whole creation as beautiful, and caught up in God's love.

Real wisdom shows us that preparation, taking the deeper, broader look, is crucial. So we take the time to exercise real discernment before deciding things, to ask more questions, and let God be God in us. All of the virgins fell asleep, but the wise ones were prepared before sleep!

So dive deep into life, and stay close to our God, the Origin and Keeper of all life, because deep authentic prayer leads us to deep authentic wisdom.

✠ Our All Souls altar of remembrance is a reminder for 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** next 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** next Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at New Milford Presbyterian Church on River Road at 4pm

◆ **Advent Begins...Parish Advent Giving Tree** on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> / Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at all Masses.

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



**Transforming Hearts - Supporting Making Strides for Breast Cancer**

Transfiguration Academy showed its support for the Annual Making Strides for Breast Cancer walk. On Thursday, October 26th, all students wore pink and donated a dollar for Team Transfiguration, raising over \$225. On Sunday, October 29, 20 faculty, parents and students braved the rain in Overpeck Park and participated in the walk. Team Transfiguration raised over \$700 between the walk and the dress down day.

**Upcoming events:**

Sat, Nov 18: Thanksgiving Dinner. Transfiguration Academy's athletic program and St. John the Evangelist Church invite you to join in celebrating the Beauty of the Season with a "Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner" from 6:30pm till 8:30pm in Conlon Hall at St. John's parish. Purchase your tickets in advance and save money compared to day of prices.

We are asking for parishioners to please donate a cooked turkey. If you donate one, you will receive a free ticket to the dinner. Tickets are available in the rectory and Academy office.

**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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)  
 Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> ó 7th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> ó 9th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> 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 be learning this week about contrition and God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All parishioners can join these children in spirit by praying and thinking about ways on which we all are called to sincere sorrow for our sins and to God's forgiveness through this sacrament of healing and mercy.

**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 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:**

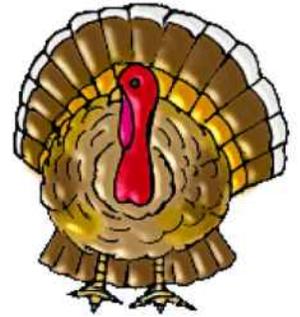
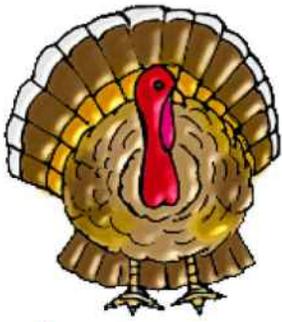
- Ä We are in NEED of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2017-2018 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085.
- Ä Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity 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:**

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



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**DON'T FORGET  
ASCENSION'S**

**THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE**



**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Church Parking Lot  
7:00am to 1:00pm**

*For further information, call Joan Stephens @ 201-836-6684*



*Thanksgiving  
Blessings!*



**THIRTY-SECOND 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 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..."*

**Darren Scott Drake, Frank Monti, Socorro Angeles, Raymond Sauter**

*...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 are in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



Altar Flowers for this week Donated in loving Memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



**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 12, 2017**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:30am Church/GRm  
Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 ó 10:45 ó School

**Monday, November 13, 2017**

Religious Education (grade 7) ó 7:30pm ó School

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017**

Parish Events ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017**

Confirmation Prep. ó 7:00pm  
Novena ó 7:30pm - Church  
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm, - Fr. Benedict Ctr.  
Combined Choirs ó 8:15pm - Church

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

No events

**Friday, November 17, 2017**

No events

**Saturday, November 18, 2017**

Confessions 11:00am ó Church  
Children's Choir ó 4:15pm - Church

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

**Catholic Relief Services**

**Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:30am Church/GRm  
Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 ó 10:45 ó School  
Food Pantry Distribution  
Baptism ó 1:00pm ó Church  
Interfaith Thanksgiving ó 4:00pm ó NM Presbyterian



**PARISH EVENTS**  
**TUESDAY, NOV. 14**  
**AT 7:30PM**  
**GATHERING ROOM**

**"Look at all the Food"**



How often have we heard those words as we look at the abundance on our Thanksgiving table? Many people lack food as well as a table to gather around. Please help Catholic Charities to feed the hungry as well as provide other corporal works of mercy by donating to the clothing bin on the Church property. Thank you.

### Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 181 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **We are currently at \$35,639.00** 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**

### 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, December 14th.

We could sure use your help.

Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

### 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.

### 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)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50 (per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

#### MEMORIAL FUND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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:

- Ä Your ParishPay User Name
- Ä 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:

- Ä The email you used to register with ParishPay
- Ä 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.*

### HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 19TH

The following are items most needed to restock our shelves this month. Any item or items you can purchase for our pantry would be greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your continue support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- Hot Cocoa-Apple Juice-Grape Juice-Cranberry Juice
- Ketchup-Mustard-Canned Mushrooms-Canned Beets
- Canned Spinach-Fruit Cocktail-Canned Peaches
- Raisins-Apple Sauce-Canned Pears-Beef Stew
- Mandarin Oranges-Vegetarian Chili-Grated Cheese
- Instant Stuffing-Bread Crumbs-Egg Noodles
- Pancake Mix-Baked Beans-Canned Potatoes
- Tomato Sauce-Frosted Flakes-Raisin Bran
- Chicken Broth-Bathroom Tissue-Paper Towels



**Interfaith Thanksgiving**  
**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**  
**Presbyterian Church of New Milford**  
**737 River Road, New Milford**  
*Offering of food & money donations  
 for the New Milford Good Will Fund  
 will be accepted*

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

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