



November 26, 2017

- 5:30 Gloria DaCruz
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:30 James Barrentine
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, November 27, 2017

- 7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
8:30 Neal Jones

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

- 7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
8:30 Rosario Flores

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

- 7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Angelito Barredo

Thursday, November 30, 2017

- 7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
8:30 Annamma Thomas

First Friday, December 1, 2017

- 7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
8:30 Michael Iannetta

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Memorial

- 8:30 Eve Boschker, Raniel Hernandez, Corazon Castillo, Larry Galvez, Jr.
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017

- 7:30 Marcella Sweeney
9:30 David Jenkins
11:30 Frederick Balagot

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Rows: November 20, 2016: \$6,287.00; November 19, 2017: \$5,299.00; Catholic Relief Services: \$1,270.00

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

Readings for Sunday December 3, 2017

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Today's message is clear, simple, stark... and not an option for us! We will be judged, and we will be judged on our kindness to others. Our final judgment will be based on how kind we were to those who needed our kindness. Unfortunately, the word 'kind' seems to have lost much of its power. I hope that we can once again empower this word because our salvation depends on it. There is nothing more important in this whole universe than the kindness we show to one another. And this kindness has nothing at all to do with mere politeness or being nice. This kindness is the heart of what it means to love. Without kindness, marriage is just an empty shell. Without kindness, there is no true friendship. Without kindness, children die from neglect. Without kindness, the sick and the aged lose hope. Without kindness, life is not worth living. But when we let kindness be the main force that moves our heart, we will discover a power for life and love and hope and healing that we could hardly imagine. As Jesus describes it, kindness is so powerful that it actually touches the divine. Every time we do a kindness to another human being, we do it to Christ. Our kindness touches Jesus, who is God. Our kindness touches the divine. In fact, it is guaranteed to do so.

As we look at this Gospel, one thing should be perfectly clear...What is asked of us is what we can do. We are not commanded to do impossible things. The King did not say, "I was sick and you healed me, or I was in prison and you freed me." But simply, you welcomed me, you visited me, you gave me some food and drink, you clothed me. These are things that each of us can do.

We all have different capacities to love and to give. Each of us needs to be aware of our limitations, but we also need to be aware of our possibilities. At times, we sell ourselves short, thinking that we can't do very much in this world to help make things better. That's a thought we need to get rid of at the first opportunity. Every single person has something irreplaceable to give to another person. We all have something we can offer to some other person that will make a difference in that person's life.

This is the life and love that Jesus Christ our King offers to us. It is the life and love we now offer to others.

✠ Advent is Coming! On Saturday, December 2nd, we will celebrate the beginning of a new Church year. Our Parish Advent Giving Tree will be in place on Saturday, December 2nd / Sunday, December 3rd at all Masses.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.

Handwritten signature: Fr. David



10th Annual Celebrating the Arts Bookfair

Saturday, December 2 is Transfiguration Academy's 10th annual "Celebrating the Arts" Christmas shopping bookfair at the Paramus Barnes and Noble store located at 765 NJ-17 South. We have events showcasing our students scheduled throughout the day. SOME of the performances include: Christmas caroling with our choir, a "Broadway" Cabaret, drama club performance, and a Periodic Table of Elements song. There will also be an arts and crafts demonstration as well as a display of "Invention Convention" projects and student artwork.

Our academy earns a percentage of any purchases you make if you provide the school name at the time of checkout. Barnes & Noble is not just books any more. They have food, music, science experiments, games, puzzles, and toys.

A final schedule of all events and a flier with relevant information will be available on the school website www.transfigurationacademy.org and Facebook page Thursday, November 30th. You can also shop online from anywhere in the United States using the instructions on the flier. We encourage you to share it with family and friends. Thank you for your continued support of Transfiguration 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.**



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 26th – No Children's Liturgy of the Word & No Religious Education
- Monday, November 27th – 7th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, November 29th – 9th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, December 3rd – 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.

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

ADVENT IS COMING!!!

OUR ASCENSION 2017 ADVENTURE...

Advent offers us many opportunities to help us to welcome Christ everyday into our lives. As we welcome and care for one another in many small ways, we will find that Jesus truly becomes flesh in our daily lives.

These are just some of the ways that we can journey together on our **ADVENTURE** at Ascension:

- ✠ **ADVENT CALENDARS** will be distributed next weekend to our parishioners to help offer us opportunities to bring Jesus into our lives more deeply each day of Advent.
- ✠ Our ushers will be distributing **2018 Calendars** after all Masses on this First Sunday of Advent. The calendars have once again been donated by Michael of Boulevard Funeral Home. Thanks, Michael!
- ✠ Our **CHURCH VESTURE IN ADVENT** — the Advent altar cloths, banners, and priest's vestments, Advent Wreath candles, along with our Advent music — remind us that Advent is a time for waiting in joyful expectation for Christ's coming.
- ✠ Our **ADVENT GIVING TREE**, prepared by our parish Service Ministry, will provide us with great opportunities for us to bring the joy of Jesus to the less fortunate.
- ✠ On Friday, December 8th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America. It is a holy day of obligation. We will take up a second collection for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Mass will be celebrated at 7am, 8am and 7:30pm.
- ✠ On Saturday, December 9th after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass we will bless and light the **CHRISTMAS decorations** outside our church to remind us that we await the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World. Also, the Christians of the Holy Land will be with us for the weekend offering their olive wood creations.
- ✠ On Monday, December 11th, at 7:00pm here at Ascension, we will celebrate our Tri-Parish **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** with the sacrament of reconciliation. What better way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!
- ✠ On Wednesday, December 13th, we will celebrate our parish **EUCCHARISTIC DAY** beginning at the 8:30am Mass. We will have adoration all day concluding at 7:30pm with Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction.
- ✠ On Saturday, December 16th we will celebrate **Simbang Gabi** with a joyful Mass at 5:30pm followed by a festive reception in the Fr. Benedict Center.
- ✠ On Thursday, December 21st beginning at 6pm, we will put up the Christmas Trees in the church, and on Friday, December 22nd beginning at 6pm we will decorate our church for the Christmas season. We invite any parishioners who would like to help to join us for these special projects.



Please keep this **ADVENTURE** reminder handy during this season.
Together, may we let Jesus enter our lives!





"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."
Myles Las

"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, Joan Polis, Thomas Gonzalas, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloeblen, Richard Gabettie, Judith & Tom Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Charles Hellriegel, 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..."
Joseph Cronin

...and a time for every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Anita Barbagallo**



BREAD and WINE this week offered in loving memory of **Gerard Patrick Lee**



Sunday, November 26, 2017

NO Religious Education

Monday, November 27, 2017

Baptism Team Meeting – 7:30pm - Rectory

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

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Ministry of Worship/Liturgy–7:30pm–Gathering Room

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Confirmation Prep. – 7:00-8:45pm

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – FBC

Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, November 30, 2017

No events

First Friday, December 1, 2017

Communion Visits to homebound

Finance Council Meeting – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Rm.

First Saturday, December 2, 2017

Confessions 11:00am – Church

Advent Giving Tree Set-up

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Advent Giving Tree

First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 3, 2017

Religious Retirement Fund

Advent Giving Tree

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am

Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

MEETINGS

Baptism Team

Monday, Nov. 27 at 7:30pm in the Rectory

Ministry of Worship/Liturgy

Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room

Finance Council

Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

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.

ST. FRANCIS GIFT SHOP

253 Knickerbocker Rd. Tenafly
201-568-0478

CHRISTMAS SHOP OPEN

BAKE & CHRISTMAS SALE

10AM-3PM DEC. 1,2,& 3 & DEC. 7,8, &9, 10

Bring your children to view the Bethlehem Room



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 186 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **We are currently at \$36,094.00** 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:	\$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: _____

SHARE YOUR JOY at CHRISTMAS

Catholic Charities' Help A Family Project provides a unique and personal opportunity for an individual or family to help critically needy families in the Newark Archdiocese who would not have Christmas without some outside support. Donors are asked to provide 2-3 age appropriate gifts and grocery store gift cards for their selected family. For more information, please call (973) 266-7966.



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Starting next weekend we invite you to *Share in the Spirit of Christmas* by participating in our parish's traditional **Giving Tree** outreach program. Besides our own local gift giving to children in the area, we also provide gifts to local nursing homes, homeless shelters, a local shelter for unwanted teenage boys, and to children in communities who would, were it not for our program, receive nothing for Christmas. **Please note that due to the requirements of our charities, and our delivery teams, all gifts will be due back by Sunday, December 17th, after the 11:30 Mass. The only exception will be food certificates donated for distribution to our own pantry clients. Please do not bring in gifts after this time as they may not be delivered to the various charities. It is important you do not take an ornament that cannot be returned on time as this may result in someone not receiving a gift this year. Please also remember to securely attach your ornament to the package so that the gift will go to the correct recipient.**

Details on what each ornament means will appear in next week's bulletin. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help deliver some of these gifts, please call Joan Stephens @ 201-836-6684. May God continue to bless you for your generous support of this ministry of love and care.

****Please note that unwrapped toys will be given to the Bergen County Sheriff's Department for distribution to local children in need. Please do not wrap these items.**

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!

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**