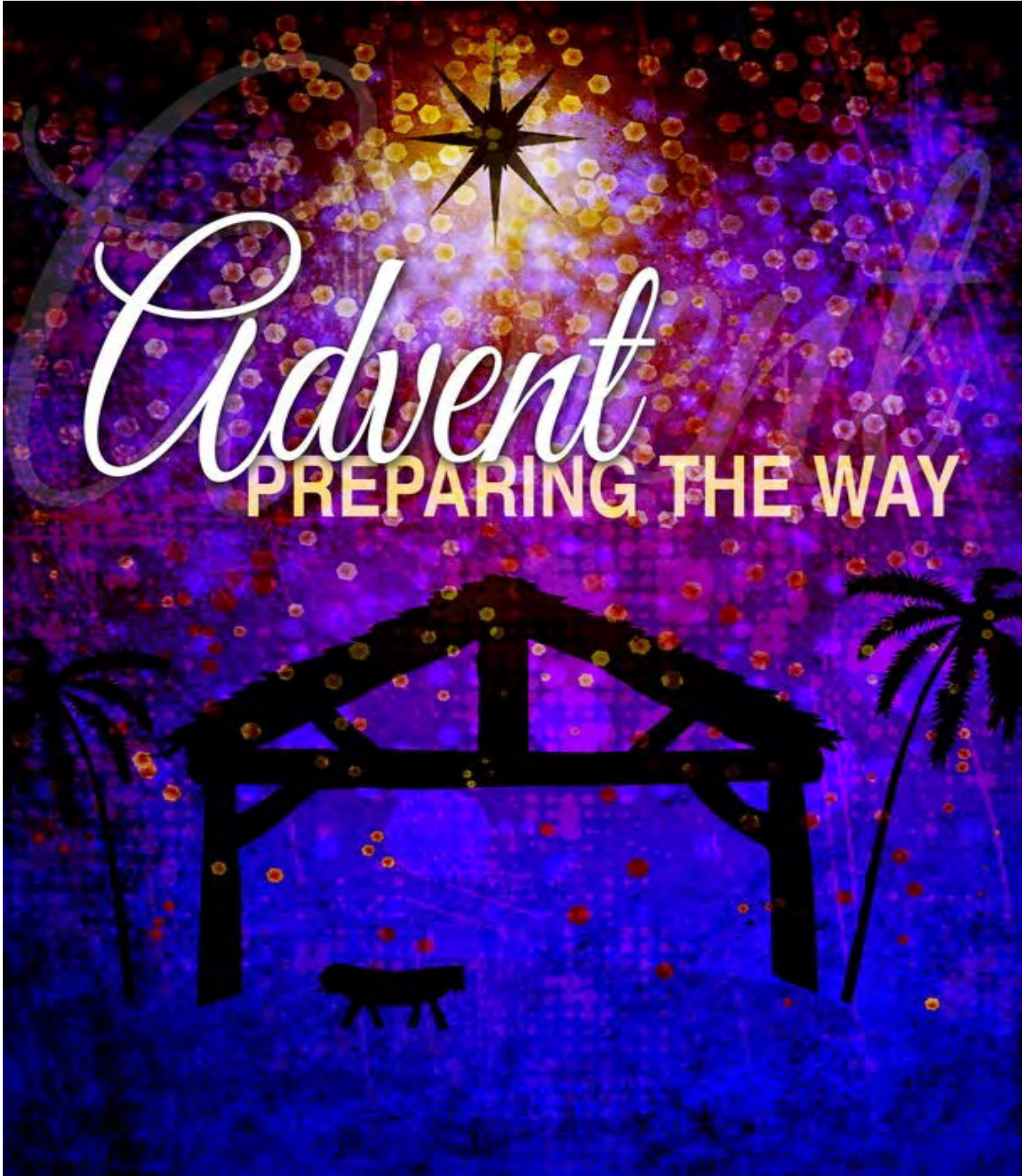


# *Church of the Ascension*

*Invites You to Share with us. . .*



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week



First Sunday of Advent, November 27
5:30 Brian, Eileen, Regina McCann
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Art Castronova
11:30 Ryan & Stella Delgado, 2nd Anniv.(L)
Monday, November 28, 2022
8:00 Angelito Barredo
Tuesday, November 29, 2022
8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
Wednesday, November 30, 2022
8:00 Annamma Thomas
Thursday, December 1
8:00 Maria Concepcion Aranda
Friday, December 2, 2022
No Mass
Saturday, December 3, 2022
Memorial
8:30 Ulysses Ermita, Sr.
Crispin Castillo
Corazon Mertola
Irene Bates
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
Second Sunday of Advent, December 4
7:30 Fredrick Balagot
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Regina, Brian, Eileen McCann

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

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

Readings for Sunday,
December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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Our Lady of the Visitation November 28 at 7:00pm
234 N Farview Avenue
Paramus

Saint Joseph Church December 05 at 7:00pm
300 Elm Street
Oradell

Saint John the Evangelist December 17 at 1:00pm
29 N Washington Avenue
Bergenfield

Ascension Church December 19 at 7:00pm

Several Priests to Choose From
Reconnect-A Priest will Listen!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation toward the Christmas trees, wreaths and flowers which will be used to decorate our church this festive season.

Donation \$15.00 for Each Intention

Please place your donation and intention in the Christmas Flower Envelope or you may use this form. Please drop it in the collection basket or in the door mail slot at the parish center. Please Print all information clearly on form or envelopes. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please Print

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

or the Intention of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund in memory of your loved one. Please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961 or stop by the office (located in the Parish Center) to check availability.

#### Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE \$25 per week  
ALTAR FLOWERS \$50 (per basket/per week)  
SANCTUARY CANDLE \$15 per week

#### MEMORIAL CANDLES:

___ SACRED HEART	___ BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
\$25/1 month	\$100/5 months
\$45/2 months	\$120/6 months
\$65/3months	\$200/1 year
\$85/4months	

### MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form with your check  
made payable to Ascension Church



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[www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)  
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Phone Number: 877-316-0260



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#### **Calendar:**

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> -- NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.  
Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> grades Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm  
Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> --1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH) 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

#### **Important:**

Reminder that ALL STUDENTS must complete the On-Line Chapter Review each week. All students in the Sunday program must submit this work by the Wednesday after class and the students in the Monday program must submit this work by the Thursday after class. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Carbone in the Religious Education office at 201-836-3085.

Our next Sunday for Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on Sunday, December 4, 2022. We hope to see everyone there.

#### **Please note our hours for classes.**

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon.  
1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are in the YMCA (school)  
4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades are in the Parish Center.

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 8:15 pm in the Parish Center. Students are asked to be here by 6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.

#### **Volunteers Needed:**

We will be starting Children's Liturgy of the Word in November, at the 9:30 am Mass. For all children in K to 5<sup>th</sup> grades. **We are in need of help with this program.** If you would like to help PLEASE call Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center. 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.

We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2022-2023 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

#### **Religious Education Office Hours:**

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



**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Once again, we invite you to share in the *Spirit of Christmas* by participating in our annual Christmas Giving Tree Program. This year we are giving everyone the option of making a donation by Gift Cards or, for those who like to shop, by purchasing small gifts for specific charities.

**Please be guided by the following:**

- \*Gifts for families of St. John's Parish, Fairview: \$10. or \$20. gift cards for Target, Walmart or ShopRite.
- \*Gifts for residents of N.J. Buddies (Harrison House): \$10. or \$20. gift cards for Target, Macy's, Walmart or ShopRite.
- \*Gifts for local families: \$10. or \$20. gift cards for Target.
- \*Gifts for Ascension Food Pantry clients: \$10. ShopRite gift cards.
- \*Gifts for Care One (Woodcrest) New Milford: they are in most need of throw blankets. But can also use socks for men or women, pocket books, word search books and men's t-shirts. Please wrap and label with "Care One" and a description of the gift.

Gift cards can be dropped into the box located next to our Tree, or you can bring them to the Parish Center during regular hours. Gifts can be placed under the Tree. Please place gift cards in envelopes marked "Christmas Giving Tree Gift Card" and note the charity for which you would like it to be given (St. John's, Harrison House, Local Families, or Food Pantry).

**All cards and gifts must be brought in by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

We thank you for your continued support and wish you good health and peace during this Holiday Season and the New Year. Members of the Ministry of Service

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Al Suter, Marguerite Morris, Marie Oberst, Mary Anne Meyer, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu, Erlinda Arel, Gerard Lee, Gordon Lockwood and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

**Family Members: PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOMEONE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.**

**\*Prayer list will be updated every three months\***

**Next renewal date February 7, 2023**

**Please call office to renew or remove name**

“a time to serve...”

Staff Sgt. James Penser, Langley AFB, VA and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

**For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.**

“a time for peace...”

All of our National and World Leaders.

**and a time for every purpose under heaven”**

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

burns this week for healing of

**Gerry McGowan**



Altar Flowers for this week

Donated in loving Memory of

**John Barrett**



**Pastor**

Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

**Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. David W. Milliken

**Weekend Assistant**

Rev. Tim Graff

**Director of Music**

Glenn Gordon

**Parish Business Manager**

Serina Sharkey

**Director of Maintenances**

Brendan Suter

**Parish Trustees**

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

**Coordinator of Religious Education**

Theresa Carbone

Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7 & 8

Dena Sedlak, Coordinator of First Penance and First Holy Communion



THE PARISH EVENTS COMMITTEE IS PLANNING A BAKE SALE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AFTER ALL MASSES. WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF CAKE, COOKIES, BROWNIES, ETC. WE WILL ALSO NEED HELP WITH SETUP AND SELLING AFTER EACH MASS. CAKES CAN BE DROPPED OFF ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 4PM AT THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND DROP OFF AT PARISH OFFICE OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. ANY QUESTIONS CALL JOSIE (201)265-0485.

**YES, I WILL BAKE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

**YES, I WILL HELP WITH**

SETUP ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON OR CLEANUP

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 12:30PM:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

**YES, I WILL SELL** AT THE \_\_\_\_\_ MASS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
FLYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*BULLETINS  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

**New Coordinator for the Food Pantry Needed**

Below is a brief job description. I am asking that you prayerfully consider this ministry. Perhaps one or maybe two people can step up so that we can continue to help those in need.

**Church of the Ascension  
Food Pantry Coordinator**

**JOB SUMMARY**

The Food Pantry Coordinator is responsible for the operations of the Food Pantry.

This position includes scheduling the monthly Food Pantry distributions, receiving and tracking donations, maintaining a food inventory system, supervision of volunteers for packing and distribution of food. The Food Pantry Coordinator reports to the Pastor.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Deliver services to those in need with compassion, clear boundaries and good communication skills.
- Maintain organization and cleanliness of pantry area.
- Receive deliveries of donations and pick up donations on occasion.
- Interact with local community partners including churches, schools, community organizations, local/county government officials and local retailers.
- Solve problems on various issues as they relate to the Food Pantry.
- Work well with volunteers and utilize them to the best of their abilities.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Complete a Volunteer Application.
- Must attend Protecting God’s Children for Adults training session.
- Volunteer background check.

Anyone interested please submit your name and contact information along with a brief summary as to your desire to coordinate the Food Pantry to Fr. Jim.



**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ITEMS FOR BULLETIN  
NO LATER THAN 9:00AM ON MONDAY  
BEFORE PRINTING DATE**

[Thank you for your cooperation](#)

**FOOD PANTRY**

**HELP US - TO HELP THOSE IN NEED**

The following items are needed to restock the Food Pantry shelves.

- Stove Top Stuffing\*Instant Rice
- Cranberry Sauce\*Flavored Rice
- Apple Sauce\*Apple Juice
- Canned Yams\*Coffee
- Canned Turkey Gravy\*Tea

*Don't like to shop? You can donate a ShopRite Gift Card.  
We will do the shopping*

**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER**  
Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

**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 for the intention of your loved one.



**Parish Events Ministry  
All Are Welcome!**

This ministry is a great way to be part of our parish by participating in special events for our parish community.

Share your talent by joining our core group or perhaps volunteer for upcoming events.

Interested parishioners kindly complete the tear-off below.

Drop off at the parish office or place in the basket at mass.

Thank you, for your consideration.

**ASCENSION PARISH EVENTS**

I am interested in belonging to the core group

I am interested in being a volunteer in future events

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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