

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 28, 2014

5:30 Hilarion Matibag
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:00 John Trimarchi
 10:30 Bernard Sullivan
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, September 29, 2014

7:00 Tony Poli
 8:30 Leandro Cabaco

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

7:00 Greg Poli
 8:30 Marlene Hellriegel

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

7:00 Elizabeth Morris
 8:30 Manuel Garcia

Thursday, October 2, 2014

7:00 Rosita Meneses
 8:30 Gregory Poli

Friday, October 3, 2014

7:00 Abraham Kaipakasseril
 8:30 Antonino Speciale

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Memorial Mass

8:30 Ciriaco Guce, Ellen M. Delaney
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 5, 2014

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 William O'Malley
 10:30 Raymunda M. Pacia
 12:00 Marlene Hellriegel, First Anniversary

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Sunday, September 21, 2014: \$7,082.00
Food Pantry: \$1,437.00

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

Readings for the Week of September 28, 2014

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
 Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



Jesus did not grasp his equality with God. He made the decision to somehow let go of the privileges and power that were his and to live as one of us. I think that it's far beyond our understanding to see how Jesus could have done this, but what is within our understanding is to see that we are called to this kind of emptying in our lives. Jesus emptied himself of what was rightfully his so that he could become one of us. It was the ultimate act of empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand the life experience of another person, and the desire and capacity to enter the world of that other person. It is probably the highest form of understanding and compassion. Deep experiences of empathy can change your life in a radical way. You see and experience life in a new way, and because of this new way of seeing, you then change your own way of living.

Somehow, like Jesus, we need to get inside the world of those people who are closest to us. We often need to empty ourselves of false ideas and judgments we may be carrying about the people with whom we live. When a person tries to really enter into the life of another person, you can be sure of one thing - suffering will certainly come. Just as Jesus accepted death as the final emptying of himself, so we will undergo suffering as we try to enter one another's lives. But it all leads to more life, now, and in the future which God has prepared for us.

✠ This weekend our parish celebrates the feast of **San Lorenzo Ruiz**. On Sunday, September 28th, a solemn Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to honor San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and Companion Martyrs.

Lorenzo Ruiz was a family man, a catechist, a missionary, helper of immigrants, the sick, and those with any adversity in life, and above all, a martyr of our faith. We are inspired by his brave words of martyrdom on September 20, 1673 in Nagasaki, Japan, ðl am Filipino and a Christian. I would rather die a thousand deaths than renounce my faith!ð

✠ **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** will meet on Tuesday, September 30th at 7:30pm. It is imperative that you attend these sessions so that you can continue to serve in your ministry with knowledge and reverence.

✠ October is almost here. It is the **month of our Blessed Mother and Respect Life Month**. I call your attention to some excellent opportunities for us as Catholics to honor Mary, the Mother of our God of Life. We pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church. During the entire month we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "**Giving Crib**", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month.

✠ On Saturday, October 4th, we will gather at 2pm in our Blessed Mother's courtyard to celebrate our annual **Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi**. We invite you to bring your pets, large and small, to receive God's special blessing.

We are collecting pet food and supplies for needy animals. We need to take care of our animal brothers and sisters, as they are a special gift to us from God. A collection box has been placed in the front vestibule of the church for your donations which will be donated to a nearby animal shelter.

✠ Please plan ahead to help us collect food for the hungry. Please join us in the **Action Against Hunger** on Sunday, Oct. 5th, from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

"Catholic schools are called to a renewal of purpose and reorganization.ö (To Teach As Jesus Did, #124)

With the implementation of the New Archdiocesan Strategic Plan for schools, no truer words have been written. The plan's objectives are twofold: to ensure the future of Catholic School education and to ensure that Catholic Schools remain at the forefront of education by offering superb academic programs and spiritual development.

Transfiguration Academy stands ready to accept these challenges, and considers them an opportunity to build on our past successes. We educate our young boys and girls with the skills and life lessons necessary to successfully meet the challenges of a changing society and become the future leaders and shapers of that society.

Our Academy is not just buildings. It is the place where children know they are loved, protected and nurtured. Transfiguration exists not only to teach academics, but to partner with parents in educating the mind, body and spirit of our students. The Academy provides an environment where students learn to respect others and themselves, and to love God.

Begin the Transformation!

Join our Award winning Academy

To arrange a visit or to enroll call the School Office:
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Kid Stuff Coupon Books available by calling Ann @ 201-349-3870.

Checks made payable to: Transfiguration Academy.

Name: _____

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If you buy 5 books you get 1 free.



Calendar:
Sunday, September 28th ö K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
Monday, September 29th ö 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Wednesday, October 1st ö 9th Grade from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, September 28th ö K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
On Wednesday, October 1st the 9th grade class will begin at 6:30 pm it is important that All students be here by 6:30.

Any questions please call the Religious Education Office
Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 10:15 am to 11:45 am. It is important that all students are on time for class.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp.



Volunteers Needed:
We are in need of Class Parents for ALL GRADES in our Religious Education Program for the 2014-2015 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 ö Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

Altar Servers

We are in need of several Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the Rectory (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.



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*Church of the Ascension
invites you
to our annual*

***Blessing of Animals
in honor of
St. Francis of Assisi***

*in the
Blessed Mother Courtyard
Saturday, October 4, 2014
2:00pm*

*(Don't forget to bring in a donation for our
animal friends in shelters.)*





"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

Josefine Cybulski, Andre Vincent Guerrier

"a time to be healed..."

Jose Ignacio Zuniga, Frank Mottola, Shirley Busby, Helen Chaffiotte, Jerry Sullivan, Roger Carr, Rev. John McGovern, Andrew Comer, Janet Sweeney, Jack Wall, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, Bob Stasi, Peggy Funesti, Patricia Burke, Eleanor Pompeo, Alyssa Brady, Dolores DeMatteo, Barbara Riley, Alex Kuhr, Barbara Santore, William Schettinger, Yvonne Payne, Rosemarie Salimbene, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Monica Vivas, Theresa Ruocco, Kay Harrington, Adem Shavelli, Joseph Albanese, Joe Hartney, Marguerite Morris, 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
All Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

"a time for peace..."

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders
and all World Leaders.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Sunday, September 28, 2014

San Lorenzo Ruiz & companion martyrs
Religious Education Pre-K-6 ó School
San Lorenzo Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica,
Newark at 3:00pm

Monday, September 29, 2014

Religious Education Grade 8 ó 7:00pm - School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm
Eucharistic Ministers Meeting ó 7:30pm - Church

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Religious Education Grade 9 - 7:00pm - School
Novena ó 7:30pm- Church
BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Childrens Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church
Traditional Choir ó 7:30pm ó Church

First Friday, October 3, 2014

Communion visits to homebound

First Saturday, October 4, 2014

St. Francis of Assisi
Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church
Blessing of Animals at Marys Shrine ó 2:00pm

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Parish Maintenance & Repairs
ó Giving Crib
Childrens Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
(Prospective Altar Servers)
12 Noon-4:00pm Action Against Hunger
Baptism Preparation ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

AVAILABILITY

SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.



**PARISH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPT. 30, 2014 AT 7:30PM
IN THE CHURCH**



The Church of the Ascension Food Pantry is in need of the following items:
Toothpaste, Men's and Women's Deodorant, Tissues, Brown Rice, Sugar, Flour, Beef Stew, Tuna, Pears, Pineapple, Apple Sauce, Cranberry Juice.
Your generosity is appreciated

Englewood Hospital & Medical Center is inviting all to the Behavioral Health Conference, Montessori Inspired Living – An Integrative Approach to Treating the Person with Dementia and Their Caregivers, scheduled for 8:30AM on October 10, 2014.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MEMORIALS

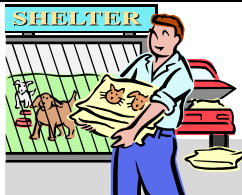
THANK YOU to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. 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: _____



HELP A SHELTER ANIMAL IN NEED

On Saturday, October 4th, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis. In honor of this beloved saint, we will be collecting items for a local shelter. You may place items in the box in the vestibule **through the first week of October**. Items needed include dog and cat food, treats, toys, beds, gently used towels or blankets, as well as cleaning products. You may also make a monetary donation if preferred by placing it in an envelope marked for the animal shelter collection and placing it in the collection basket or handing it to one of our priests. If you know anyone who is planning to bring their pets for the **Blessing of the Animals on October 4th** at 2pm, please ask them to bring an item for our collection also. Your generosity in giving to these homeless animals can make their life a little brighter while waiting to find their forever homes! Thank you for helping!



PAINTERS NEEDED



We are looking for experienced painters to help with projects in and around the parish facilities. What a wonderful way to be a Steward to your parish. Please contact the rectory office or speak to Father David if you are willing to share your Time & Talent with your parish. Thank you.



“When I called, You Answered”

Back to School!

September is always a very exciting time throughout our Archdiocese! For many families, September means back to school. Our Catholic School elementary and high schools have opened their doors to over 34,000 young people throughout our four counties. In addition, many of our Religious Education programs in our 219 Parishes are gearing up for their new classes of Catechetical studies.

This year, OUR parish has 180 registered for our Religious Education program. It is going to be a great year for the children involved in our catechesis program!

In addition, Archdiocesan Campus Ministers on 9 different college campuses throughout the Archdiocese are currently evangelizing thousands of college students, and are working hard to bring the truth and love of the Gospels to these campuses. In addition, we have welcomed 125 Seminarians to Saint Andrew’s College Seminary, Mater Dei Seminary, and Immaculate Conception Seminary.

All of these programs could not be achieved without your help. Over \$14.5 million is given by the Archdiocese to Parishes, Catholic Schools, Campus Ministry, and the Seminary for these programs and ministries to operate. The Annual Appeal helps to offset many of these programs and ministries, which are essential to the future of our Faith, and are essential for bringing brothers and sisters into a deep personal relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The greatest gift we can give is the gift of our Catholic Faith. Without these essential evangelization programs and ministries, it becomes ever more difficult to enrich and grow our Faith.

Thank you to those who have supported the Annual Appeal. These essential programs could not happen without your generosity!

HAVE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING NEW??

As you may have noticed, we recently installed on our property a donation bin for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. All of the clothing, shoes, and small household items that you generously donate will be sold and the proceeds will be used to support the many programs for the needy as provided by Catholic Charities.

Tax receipts are available, either paper or to your smartphone.

As summer is coming to an end, this is an ideal time to clean out that closet.

Catholic Charities will report periodically to us on the amount of money generated from our donation bin.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a larger pick up, please call toll free @ 877-343-3651.