

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 12, 2014

5:30 Grace & Frank Somo
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Thomas Meyer
 10:30 Mary Hickey
 12:00 Rose Caruso

Monday, October 13, 2014

7:00 Jose Ignacio Zuniga (III)
 8:30 Judi Sexton

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

7:00 Margaret Deasy
 8:30 Clara Natividad

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

7:00 Rose Caruso
 8:30 German & Clara Natividad

Thursday, October 16, 2014

7:00 Galo Ngjo
 8:30 Paul J. Figalora, 26th Anniversary

Friday, October 17, 2014

7:00 T.V. Varghese
 8:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

Saturday, October 18, 2014

8:30 Thomas Kanikad
 5:30 Jesus Garcia

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 19, 2014

7:30 Mary Hickey
 9:00 James Cassidy
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
 12:00 Florentino Cabreza Jr.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



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

Sunday, October 5, 2014: \$7,093.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$2,840.00

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 October 12, 2014

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
 Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
 Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



How many weddings of friends and family members have you already attended this year? Do you get those cute little "Save the Date" postcards? In Jesus' time the Jews would not announce the date or time until everything was prepared. Then they sent couriers out to say "Come on: it's ready!" But we see in today's Gospel some guests kept on about their business, and refused to come.

So the King's servants invite all new guests who stand for the sinners and the unclean people of the time—the very ones you'd never see at the King's table. In this way, Jesus announces his message of transformation: God welcomes all to the banquet of love and new life. The banquet is the symbol of the lavish, abundant Kingdom of God which fills all our hungers and delights all our senses.

The hungers we have for good food and drink show us just a shadow of how much our soul is longing for God. The question is—are we willing to do what it takes to be a guest at that banquet? Jesus tells us that there is still a requirement to be prepared for the summons of God, by coming to the banquet wearing a wedding garment.

If we recognize God's invitation, then hopefully we will be willing to "change our clothes" to go to God dressed in garments of repentance, humility, garments of humble sorrow for our sins and faults. Let's go to the banquet dressed in garments of love and respect for God.

✠ I want to take this opportunity to remind you that it has now been three years since our **Increased Giving Campaign**. We will continue to hear Jesus speak to us about the gift of the Kingdom of God, which makes this a good time to reflect on stewardship of our God-given gifts of TIME, TALENT and TREASURE.

The good steward is the person who takes care of whatever it is that she or he has been entrusted—uses it well, to good purpose and doesn't waste it. As our U.S. Catholic bishops said in **Stewardship: A Disciple's Response**: "A Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

When we think about it, good stewardship affects every part of our lives. If we waste a talent or our time on worthless pursuits, or squander our resources, something inside of us just doesn't feel right. That's because our inner compass senses the right direction, even when we sometimes wander off course.

On the other hand, when we are using our time, our talents, and our material resources well, we feel in balance, in tune with God. We realize we have been generously given those gifts and, in turn, we are using them for good purposes.

I humbly ask you, my brothers and sisters, to ask God's grace that you may evaluate your gifts of time, talent and treasure to your parish family. All three "Ts" are essential for good Stewardship. Remember, you cannot spell C H _ _ R C H without "U" in it! I pray that God will guide you in your parish gift giving.

✠ Thank you to all who participated in the **Action Against Hunger** last Sunday in our Food Pantry and at Shop-Rite in New Milford.

✠ October 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 and we pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesday at 7:30pm. Maybe we could gather at home and pray the rosary as a family. 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 Sunday, October 26th, please help us celebrate **Priesthood Sunday**. Please fill out and return the Response Form in the bulletin.

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

P. David



**TRANSFIGURATION
ACADEMY**

“The exercise of charity... is as essential to the Churches mission as the ministry of the sacraments and the preaching of the Gospel from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI’s Encyclical Letter: “Deus Caritas Est.”

Please join Transfiguration Academy students, parents and faculty in the Walk for the Cure to be held at Overpeck Park, Oct 19th. If you cannot join us physically at 10 AM,



you can join us in spirit by sponsoring a walker either through direct donations or supporting Team Transfiguration.

Last year *we raise over \$1,300 for the American Cancer Society, supporting research to cure breast cancer.*

It is through actions such as these that Our Students demonstrate the practical application of the Gospel values they are taught, develop a social conscience, and a sense of self-worth.

It is through actions such as these that Our Faculty lead by example keeping faith with their mission and ministry: *To Teach as Christ taught.*



Also, on Friday, October 24th, our annual Halloween Party will be held at 7PM in Conlon Hall. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



RESPECT LIFE MASS

A Special Mass will be celebrated for Expectant Parents on October 19, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Bergenfield. 201-384-0101.

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.



Calendar:

Sunday, October 12th ó K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, October 13th ó 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, October 15th ó 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, October 19th ó K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children’s Liturgy of the Word has started at the 9 am Mass. All children in K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 10:15am to 11:45am. It is important that all students are on time for class. Pick up inside for all K to 3rd graders. Parents must come in if you have a child in these grades.

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

First Reconciliation Parents, **TODAY there is a Mandatory Parent Meeting** at 10:15am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least one parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.



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 ó 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



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✠ Priesthood Sunday ✠

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✠ Priesthood Sunday ✠
 ✠ Sunday, October 26, 2014 ✠
 ✠ Pot Luck Luncheon 2:00 P.M. ✠
 ✠ Fr. Benedict Center ✠



Father David Milliken



Father Ernie Tibay

We ask each family who attends to bring a Main Course Dish or Dessert to be shared by all.

(Please bring hot dishes ready to be served.)

We will provide beverages.

Questions: Call Josie (201-265-0485).

Return Response Form by Monday, October 20.

✠ Priesthood Sunday 2014 ✠

Name _____ Number attending _____

Phone _____

I / We will bring _____

I / We will help on this committee. Please call. _____

Please respond by Monday, October 20th.

This response form may be dropped off at the Rectory Office or in the Collection Basket.



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Dolores Crowley, 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 die..."

Fernando Fernandez

"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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCT. 11-12

Next weekend our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information, please visit www.IAmAMissionary.org.

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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.



Sunday, October 12, 2014

Food Pantry Sunday
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School

Monday, October 13, 2014

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm
Ministry of Worship/Liturgy ó 7:30pm ó Rectory

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Religious Education Grade 9 - 7:00pm - School
Novena ó 7:30pm- Church
BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.
Contemporary Choir ó 8:00pm - Church

Thursday, October 16, 2014

National Bosses' Day
Children's Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church
Altar Server Practice ó 4:30PM - Church
Traditional Choir ó 7:30pm ó Church

Friday, October 17, 2014

Altar Server Practice ó 4:30pm ó Church
Finance Council Mtg. ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg. Rm.

Saturday, October 18, 2014

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

Sunday, October 19, 2014

World Mission Sunday
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
Baptism ó 1:30pm - Church



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 7:30PM
MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY MEETING
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 7:30PM
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**



KofC council 3814 Memorial Mass will be celebrated for deceased brothers, sisters and family members on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7:30pm at Coogan Hall, 199 River Rd., New Milford. Celebrant our chaplain, Rev. George Reilly. All members, family and friends of St. Joseph and Ascension Parish are welcome. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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: _____

HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2014!

Help is needed for 2015...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 6/8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2015. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or May Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.



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.

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.



“When I called, You Answered”

Respect Life Month

Every October, the Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life Month. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities shared that:

“We live in a society of unbelief, where the unborn, the sick, and the elderly are often unwanted and endangered by acts of violence or neglect...Since [Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton], over fifty-five million unborn children's lives have been taken, leaving many millions of mothers, fathers, and family members wounded and grieving their loss. Physician-assisted suicide is now legal in three states, allowing doctors to help end patients' lives rather than provide much-needed comfort in times of pain and distress! Despite these challenges, Pope Francis reminds us that we always have hope in Christ. The Holy Father speaks not only of physical life, but spiritual life as well -- our life in Christ that has the power to transform us. By opening our hearts to his love and mercy, we let Christ dwell in us and we see more deeply the intricate and unique beauty of each person! *We must respond to Pope Francis' call with great urgency.* Opening our hearts to life in Christ empowers us for loving, merciful action toward others. We must give witness to the Gospel of Life and evangelize through our lives.”

The Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark promotes the Catholic Church's teaching on the respect, care and protection of human life from conception to natural death, and does so with great urgency. The Respect Life Office works with crisis pregnancy centers to direct people to proper prenatal care and information when faced with a crisis pregnancy.

The Respect Life Office provides resources and necessary tools for parish involvement for Pro-Life activities throughout the entire Archdiocese. From retreats to special Pro-Life training, they offer effective opportunities to engage others in the Pro-Life movement. For example, the Rachel's Vineyard retreat was created to help men and woman who have had an abortion, find hope and healing. To date there have been over 65 retreats, healing over 700 men and women. Thank you for your support of the Annual Appeal, which makes the Respect Life Office a reality!



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.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Bergen Regional Medical Center, Paramus, needs volunteers to transport in-house residents to and from hospital Masses: Wednesdays (11:00am), Saturdays (3:30pm) and Sundays (11:15am). Also needed are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Sunday mornings or afternoons. If you are 18 years of age or older and wish to volunteer, please contact Fr. John Quill at 201-421-0009 for more information regarding the application process. God will reward you for your kindness.

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