

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Priesthood Sunday, October 26, 2014

5:30 Rose & Nicholas Lanza
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish
 10:30 Mary Hickey
 12:00 Tracey E. Hoz

Monday, October 27, 2014

7:00 Jose R. Ruiz Sr.
 8:30 Tony Poli

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

7:00 Inday Troping Ruiz
 8:30 Anthony Poli

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

7:00 Norma Sieglen, Tenth Anniversary
 8:30 Enrique Blanco Sr.

Thursday, October 30, 2014

7:00 Graciela Garcia
 8:30 Gregory DeCarlo

Friday, October 31, 2014

7:00 Lordes R. Ruiz
 8:30 Leticia Girado

All Saints' Day, Saturday, November 1, 2014 Memorial Mass

8:30 Balagot & Viduya Family,
 Teofilo Sesante Sr., Emily Kesper
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

All Souls' Day, November 2, 2014

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Mary Hickey
 10:30 Lauro R. Sr. & Raymunda Pacia
 12:00 Margaret Bitetti

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



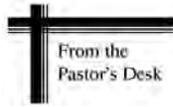
Ascension Parish is supported by people
 who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, October 19, 2014: \$7,284.00
World Mission: \$1,877.00

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 26, 2014

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/
 Mt 22:34-40
 Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/
 Mt 5:1-12a
 Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or
 Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



The cartoonist Charles Schulz died in 2000; but his beloved characters, Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus and the others, will never die. It surprises people that Schulz suffered throughout his life from anxiety and depression; he often reminded his friends, "There is complexity in the world— depths of both beauty and tragedy."

In today's gospel, the Pharisees miss the point that the commandments were made for people—not people for the commandments. In the abstract, they did love people—much like Linus who said it best: "I love mankind—it's people I can't stand." They quibbled endlessly about fine points of the law.

So Jesus tells them, "You can quit arguing. Here it is in a nutshell: Love God with your whole heart, your whole soul, and your whole mind. Oh—and love your neighbor as you love your own self."

Sounds simple, doesn't it? Yet, if we know how to love God or our neighbor, why is there so much casual use (even among church-goers) of rude or hate-filled words? "I can't stand her." "I hate him!" "She is such an idiot." "He's a troll." "What a loser!" But what if we stop tinkering with ourselves and other people as if we were broken-down cars, and instead, *see ourselves and others as God sees us?*

Use your imagination to picture Jesus on the Cross, gazing at certain people in your life, forgiving them and loving them in spite of their violence, dishonesty, or evil intentions. We learn that we do not manufacture compassion—but we become compassionate when we choose to let ourselves see God having compassion on others. This way, you won't have to say, "I love God—it's people I can't stand!"

✠ Don't forget... this Sunday, October 26th, we celebrate Priesthood Sunday with a Pot Luck Luncheon at 2pm in the Fr. Benedict Center.

✠ Saturday, November 1st, is the **Solemnity of All Saints**, a holy day **without obligation** to attend Mass. We will celebrate Mass at 8:30am.

Sunday, November 2nd, is the **Feast of All Souls**. At the 12 Noon Mass we will celebrate our annual **Mass of Remembrance**, a special time for us to remember our parishioners, family members and friends who have died during this past year. If you wish to remember someone at this Mass, please fill out and return the **2014 Prayer of Remembrance Response Form** in the bulletin and return it to the Rectory Office. All Souls envelopes are available at the doors of the church. We will remember these deceased loved ones throughout the month of November.

✠ On Sunday, November 2nd, **Daylight Saving Time ends!** turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

✠ On the weekend of November 9th and 10th Christians of the Holy Land will be with us in the Gathering Room selling their handcrafted olive wood creations.

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

Fr. David



**TRANSFIGURATION
ACADEMY**

Did you know?

Transfiguration Academy is proud to be part of the largest network of Catholic private schools in the United States. Total United States Catholic elementary/middle and high school enrollment for academic year is over two million boys and girls.

99.1% of Catholic secondary school students graduate and 84.7% go on to college, compared to approximately 44.1% of public school graduates.

Parents choose Catholic schools for any and all of the following reasons: faith formation, high academic standards, values-added education, and safe school environment.

Transfiguration Academy is an all-inclusive, welcoming learning community. While 74.2% of students enrolled in Catholic elementary/middle and secondary schools nationwide are Caucasian, Transfiguration's minority and multi-racial population approaches nearly 66%.

Based on the average public school cost of over \$12,000 per pupil, Catholic schools provide nearly 23 billion dollars a year in savings for U.S. taxpayers. Tuition paid by families constitutes a portion of the actual per pupil expenses. The average per pupil tuition in parish elementary schools is approximately 62.2% of actual costs of almost \$6,200 to educate a single student.

About 93.9% of elementary schools, including Transfiguration provide some form of tuition assistance.

The difference between the per pupil cost and the tuition charged is obtained in many ways, primarily through subsidies from parishes and the Archdiocese, diocesan or religious congregation resources and from multi-faceted development programs and fundraising activities. Invest in your child's future! Enroll in Transfiguration Academy, a leader in academic excellence. For information or to tour the school and discuss our award winning programs, call 201-384-3627.

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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Calendar:

- Sunday, October 26th ó K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
- Monday, October 27th ó 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, October 29th-- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, November 2nd ó K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word has started at the 9am 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: 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 7 pm sharp.



Reconciliation: **Pardon and Peace:** The children of our parish have begun the preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The children will learn about God's saving love and the forgiveness that comes to us through Baptism. All parishioners re asked to reflect on our baptismal call to forgive others. Please pray for these children as they begin their preparation.

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





*Church of the Ascension invites you...
Come and Join Us...*

***Christmas Spectacular at
Radio City Music Hall***

Tuesday, December 9th

- \$145.00 per person includes:***
- Bus transportation and all gratuities
(Bus leaves Ascension at 12 Noon)***
- Orchestra Seats at the 2pm Christmas
Spectacular***
- Family Style Dinner at Carmine's Restaurant
on 90th Street***
- Visit the Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center***
- Deadline for reservations: Sunday, November 9th***

Questions?

Call Jodie (201-265-0485) or Anna (201-387-2632)

Please fill out and return the form below to the Rectory Office with payment in full by Sunday, November 9th.

Radio City Music Hall Response Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Persons Attending _____

Amount enclosed _____
(\$145.00 per person)



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

Luca Frank Antoniewicz, Layla Bethany Calderon

"a time to be healed..."

Charles Brown, Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Jose Ignacio Zuniga, Frank Mottola, Shirley Busby, 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..."

Joseph Ricciardone

"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

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$1,877.00-generous help that will reach the Church in Mongolia and local churches throughout the Missions, where the poor receive practical help and the experience of God's love and mercy. His hope and peace. 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 Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.



Sunday, October 26, 2014

Priesthood Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word 6 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 6 10:15am 6 School
Priesthood Sunday Pot Luck 6 2:00pm 6 Fr. Ben. Ctr.

Monday, October 27, 2014

Religious Education Grade 8 6 7:00pm - School
CFM 6 7:30pm 6 Gathering Room

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary 6 2:30pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Religious Education Grade 9 - 7:00pm - School
Novena 6 7:30pm- Church

Thursday, October 30, 2014

Children's Choir 6 3:45pm 6 Church
Altar Server Practice 6 4:30pm 6 Church
Combined Choirs 6 7:30pm 6 Church



Friday, October 31, 2014*Happy Halloween

Altar Server Practice 6 4:30pm 6 Church

First Saturday, November 1, 2014

All Saints' Day – Mass at 8:30am
Confessions 6 11:00am 6 Church

Sunday, November 2, 2014

**Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
All Souls' Day**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends
Parish Maintenance & Repairs**
Children's Liturgy of the Word 6 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 6 10:15am 6 School
12 Noon Mass of Remembrance
Baptism Prep. 6 1:15pm 6 Gathering Room



Set clocks back at 2:00am on



All are welcome to eh HARVEST MOON DANCE at the KofC St. Joseph's Council Hall on Saturday, November 22, 8pm-12. A live band will perform Oldies and Goodies music. Admission will include coffee and dessert. Cash bar. For more information contact Bob at 201-519-3296.

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.

THIRTIETH 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: _____



All Souls Mass with Prayer of Remembrance Sunday, November 2nd at 12:00 Noon

We will commemorate all the Faithful Departed with our annual Mass of Remembrance for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (November 2, 2013 to November 1, 2014). We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

Annual Mass of Remembrance

My Name _____
 Phone Number _____
 Name of Loved One _____
 Relationship to Me _____ Date of Death _____
 _____ Yes, I will participate in the 2014 Mass of Remembrance

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.



“When I called, You Answered”

Meeting Our Parish Goals

Thank you for supporting the 2014 Annual Appeal. In order for our parish to receive a rebate, we must exceed our goal in funds collected by December 31st. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, please make sure to send it in before the deadline. If you have not yet made your gift, please complete your gift envelope as soon as possible and either send it directly to the Archdiocese of Newark or turn it in to the parish.

Currently, our parish has reached **83.89%** of our goal in funds collected this year's Appeal. Not only does your contribution benefit the many programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese, but it also has the potential of benefitting our parish with an opportunity for a rebate.

Thank you for supporting the Annual Appeal.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are beginning to prepare for our Thanksgiving Distribution. In order to complete our Thanksgiving Boxes for our Food Pantry clients, we are in need of the following items: Napkins, Salt and Pepper, Boxed and Canned Potatoes, Canned Turkey Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Apple sauce, Canned fruit, Stove Top Stuffing, Coffee, and assorted canned vegetables.



DONATION OF TURKEYS

The Church of the Ascension Food Pantry has an agreement with Shop Rite of New Milford regarding the donation of Turkeys. Once you have Shop Rite purchases exceeding \$400 anyone can leave their Shop Rite -- Price Plus number at the Shop Rite Courtesy Desk and a Food Pantry volunteer will pick up your Turkey donation. You do not have to carry the Turkey home or deliver it to the Food Pantry. Your donation will provide a Turkey to those families using our Food Pantry. Your participation is appreciated.

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.