

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



**Solemnity of Christ The King,
November 23, 2014**

5:30 Mary & Michael Rowland
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 People of Ascension Parish
10:30 Lillian & John Brandon
12:00 Margaret Murphy

Monday, November 24, 2014

7:00 John Foran
8:30 Brian & Regina McCann

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

7:00 Luz Dizon
8:30 Annamma Thomas

Wednesday, November 26, 2014

7:00 Gerard P. Lee
8:30 Antonio Munoz, First Anniversary

Thanksgiving, November 27, 2014

8:30 Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28, 2014

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Thanksgiving, Mangosing Family (living)

Saturday, November 29, 2014

8:30 Kenneth Russell Montecillo (living)
5:30 Anne & Harry Somo

First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Mary Hickey
10:30 Ann Frederikson
12:00 Rosario Flores

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



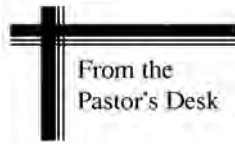
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, November 16, 2014: \$6,400.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$1,430.00

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
November 23, 2014**

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



From the
Pastor's Desk

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.

✠ Remember we will be collecting turkeys on Sunday from 7am to 1pm on the Rectory side of the church for our **Parish Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**. Please help us help the hungry poor.

✠ We invite all parishioners to join us for our **39th Annual New Milford Community Interfaith Thanksgiving** which will be celebrated on Sunday, at 4pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on River Road.

Please, come and join with our community leaders and our brothers and sisters from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and New Milford Presbyterian Church, as we offer this special Thank You to God for his many blessings on our community. White Bags for non-perishable food donations to the New Milford Good Will Fund are in the front vestibule of the church. Please bring your white bag directly to the celebration. A free will offering will be taken up during the service.

✠ Thursday is **Thanksgiving Day**. Please join us as we gather for Mass at 8:30am to give thanks to God the giver of all good gifts!

The Rectory and Religious Education offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday.

✠ **Advent is Coming!** On Saturday, November 29th, we will celebrate the beginning of a new Church year. Our **Parish Advent Giving Tree** will be in place on Saturday, November 29 / Sunday, November 30 at all Masses.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Fr. David



**TRANSFIGURATION
ACADEMY**



Happy Thanksgiving

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Transfiguration Academy*

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Begin learning lessons for a successful life.
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201-384-3627
www.transfigurationacademy.org

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.



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**BOULEVARD FUNERAL HOME
& Cremation Service
201-692-0100**



Calendar:

Sunday, November 23rd -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
Monday, November 24th ó 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Wednesday, November 26thó NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sunday, November 30th ó NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be NO Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday, November 30, 2014. We will meet again on Sunday, December 7, 2014

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace: As our parish children prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they are learning about the rite of the sacrament. This week the children will discuss contrition, confession, penance, and absolution. All parishioners are invited to think about how important the Sacrament of Reconciliation is in our own lives as we seek pardon and peace in the words of absolution. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.



**IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADES:
CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2014**

Monday December 1, 2014 -- 7th Grade will meet
Monday December 8, 2014 -- 7th & 8th Grades will meet-- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, all will be going to Mass at 7:30 pm
Monday December 15, 2014 -- 8th Grade will meet

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.

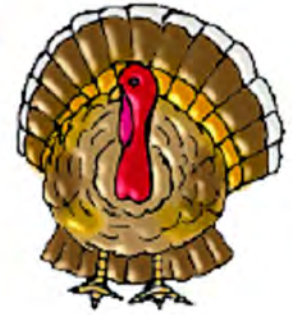
Religious Education Office Location & Hours:

New Location: 356 Azalea Drive
Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
Location: 1092 Carnation Drive
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment



TOYS FOR TOTS

Boulevard Funeral Home will be collecting new unwrapped toys this holiday season for Toys for Tots. Donations can be dropped off at 1151 River Road, New Milford from 9-4 daily. All donations will stay local. Please contact 201-692-0100 with any questions.



**DON'T FORGET
ASCENSION'S**

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE



**Sunday, November 23rd
Church Parking Lot
7:00am to 1:00pm**

For further information, call Joan Stephens @ 201-836-6684



*Thanksgiving
Blessings!*





"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

Candance Golomb, Derek Junger, Ayden Madamba

"a time to be healed..."

Charles Brown, Rose D'Eufermia, 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 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



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**
burns this week in loving memory of
Patrick Mangosing



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



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
Philip D. Wyks



Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23, 2014

Turkey Drive ó 7:00am-1:00pm
Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School
Interfaith Thanksgiving at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
River Road ó 4:00pm

Monday, November 24, 2014

Religious Education Grade 8 ó 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 26, 2014

Harrison House
NO Religious Education Grade 9 - 7:00pm - School
Novena ó 7:30pm- Church
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room
Contemporary Choir ó 8:00pm - Church

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, 2014

One Mass 8:30am
Rectory & Religious Education Office Closed
No afternoon or evening activities

Friday, November 28, 2014

Rectory & Religious Education Office Closed

Saturday, November 29, 2014

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church
Advent Giving Tree

First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014

Advent Giving Tree
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
NO Religious Ed. K-6 ó 10:15am ó School



Come... Join Us...

We Invite you to Gather Together and Share...
The 39th Annual
New Milford Community
Interfaith Thanksgiving
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
River Road, New Milford
This Sunday, November 23, 2014 at 4:00pm



Catholic Campaign For Human Development

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Special Collections last weekend. Your generous gifts will help end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and overall economic development. Once again thank you for your prayers and generous support.

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Just a reminder for those who made a pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2014. We need \$5,391.50 to fulfill our pledges. If you have not fulfilled your pledge please do so. Every fulfilled Pledge Counts! Thank you.



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION'S GIVING TREE

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 some of our charities, and our delivery teams, most gifts will be due back by Sunday, December 14th.** However, some will be due back at an earlier date. **It is imperative that you observe the dates we will publish in next week's bulletin for the return of gifts. 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.**



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.

****Please no outdated/expired items****

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.



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.

Please print clearly on all requests.

Donation \$15.00 for Each Intention
One intention for each donation will be listed on the
Christmas Flower Donations bulletin insert

Please put your donation and intention in the **Christmas Flower Envelope** that you received in the mail or pick one up at doors of church and drop it in the collection basket or in the black mail box outside the rectory door.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of: _____

or the Intention of: _____

Donated by: _____

Phone: _____

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: _____



The Rectory & Religious Education Offices will be closed Thursday, November 27th. & Friday, November 28th. In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

"As a family of faith and love, we give You thanks Oh Lord."