

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Sunday, September 13, 2015

5:30 Roy Temena
 7:30 James Ochs
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish
 10:30 Lillian Person
 12:00 Maria Totengo

Monday, September 14, 2015

7:00 Mary Arana
 8:40 David Russell

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

7:00 Natividad Gicaro
 8:30 Thomas Meyer

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

7:00 Marie Oberst, healing
 8:30 Manuel Garcia

Thursday, September 17, 2015

7:00 Francis X. White
 8:30 John L. Chaffiotte

Friday, September 18, 2015

7:00 Theodore Bates
 8:30 Mary Arana

Saturday, September 19, 2015

8:30 Agnes Kelly
 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Sunday, September 20, 2015

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
 9:00 Julie & Phil Carbone
 10:30 Kathleen Maurer
 12:00 Buckley & Mullane Families

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, September 6, 2015: \$6,312.50
Eastern Europe: \$1,057.00

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 13

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/
 Mk:27-35
 Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/
 Jn:13-17
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27
 or Lk 2:33-35
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/
 Jas 3:16:3/Mk 9:30-37

It must have been a brutal shock for the apostles to hear Jesus say, "I will soon suffer terribly, be rejected by all, and be killed and I will rise again after three days. But the worst is yet to come: If you want to come after me, you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me." What? Does he mean follow him to his suffering, his shame even his death? Yes if you want to save your life, you will lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake, you will save it.

No one can ever say they were urged to follow Jesus with promises of comfort, pleasure, or money. Jesus never bribed anyone with the offer of an easy way. In fact, none of us here would have any idea of what Jesus is talking about except that we have taken up our crosses and followed him.

Each one of us has personally experienced what it means to deny ourselves, haven't we? In various ways, we have said no to our natural love of ease and comfort in order to make life better for the poor and needy, or a loved one. We have tried to say no to actions based on self-seeking and self-will. We have instead tried to say yes to Christ, and his will.

If you are trying to live the Christ lifestyle, you will probably quickly admit that you could not walk your walk without the support, the friendship, wisdom, strength and humor of the rest of the community surrounding you. As one writer says, "Self-help is no help at all." People may try to walk alone on their spiritual path, by separating themselves from a spiritual community but that's not how Jesus called us to live his life.

We need faith-filled friends, so that we don't end up with just an intellectual faith. Sometimes people come to church and all they want is their own privacy. The last thing they want is to make eye contact or pray or sing with the gathered community. "All these other people here are bothering me they're interfering with my prayers to God." They admit that they want to be fed but not by each other. And this is where they part company with Jesus, and with St. James, when he says, "Faith without works is dead."

✠ We mourn the death of Maureen O'Brien who for so many years faithfully coordinated our parish ministry to Woodcrest Center. She was a dedicated disciple of the Lord and faithful parishioner. We will miss her active presence. May she rest eternally in the arms of Jesus' peace.

✠ Today is **Grandparents Day**. We offer our prayers and best wishes to all grandparents. Through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, may God bless you in the special role you play in the life of your grandchildren.

I hope and pray that all parishioners will make an effort to join us for our **Parish Picnic honoring Grandparents**. Please remember to bring a salad or dessert to be shared by all. May God continue to bless us as we witness to the power of the Spirit in our lives through the faith we live and share.

✠ Next Sunday we celebrate **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**. It is an opportunity to recognize our parish catechists who give of themselves so generously and unselfishly in this most important work of bringing the good news of Jesus to others. These include those who work with our children as teachers, substitutes, and aides, those who work with our baptism and marriage preparation programs, RCIA, Small Christian Communities, Open our Hearts Lenten Groups, CFM, and the Ministry of the Word.

Our Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday will be at 9am Mass followed by "Back to School" Meeting for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K through 9th Grade Confirmation Program) at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center.

✠ **Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, I will be working on the ministry schedule for October through Advent. If you have dates you will not be available for ministry, please submit them to me ASAP.**

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

Full day classes as well as before and after care begin for all students on Monday, September 14. Back-to-School Night will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 PM and there will be a social for new parents on Friday, September 25.

It's not too late if you are still considering Transfiguration Academy for your child. There are still seats available in several grades. Please contact the school office for further information.

Call 201-384-3627

Visit our website:

www.transfigurationacademy.org

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50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your SummerFest 2015 Mega 50/50 Raffle Tickets. Drawing will take place at our Parish Picnic this Sunday!



SUNDAY*SEPT. 20*NEXT WEEK

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

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The Music Ministry at Church of the Ascension is looking for new choir members. We invite you to join us as a member of one of our three choirs: Traditional Choir, Contemporary Choir, or Children's Choir. No audition required. To sign up or receive further information, please contact Glenn Gordon after Mass or call or text him at (917)-414-2697



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Calendar:

Sunday, September 13th, 2015-Parish Picnic for all from 2pm to 6pm
Sunday, September 20th-Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9am
Sunday, September 20th Mandatory Parent Meeting K- 9th grades at 10:15am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)
Monday, September 21st 6th Grade from 7pm to 8:45pm (MPR/SCH)

Please Note:

There will be a Catechist Meeting on Wednesday September 16, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Father Davis Multi-Purpose Room. All Catechists as requested to attend.

Catechetical Sunday is Sunday September 20, 2015 all catechist, parents and students are asked to attend the 9am Mass where Fr. David will commission the catechist and bless the beginning of our new year as we grow closer to Jesus. There will be a meeting in the Fr. Benedict Center for all Parents and Students following Mass. This is a Mandatory meeting.

Registration for 2015-2016:

Registration forms for the 2015-2016 School year were distributed to all students please look for them in your child's backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office ASAP. **Today the Religious Education Office in the School will be open until 12:30pm.** Please note there is a \$10 late fee as of June 30th. If your family is not registered please come to or call the Religious Education office during weekday hours.



Volunteers Needed:

- We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2015-2016 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 in Rectory:

Monday & Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

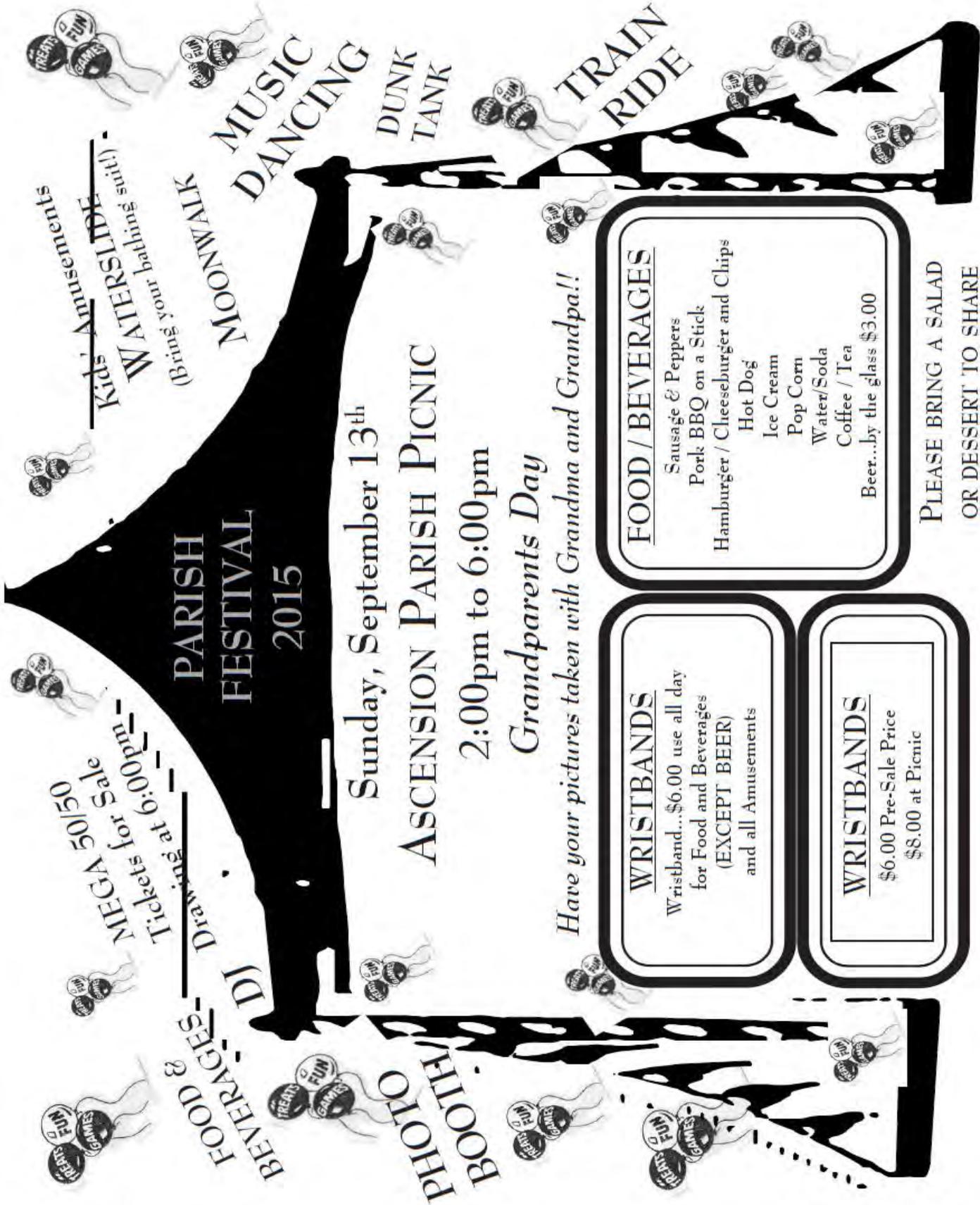
During Religious Education in School:

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment



**PARISH
FESTIVAL
2015**

Sunday, September 13th
ASCENSION PARISH PICNIC
2:00pm to 6:00pm
Grandparents Day

Have your pictures taken with Grandma and Grandpa!!

Kids' Amusements
WATER SLIDE
(Bring your bathing suit!)

MOONWALK
**MUSIC
DANCING**

**DUNK
TANK**

**TRAIN
RIDE**

MEGA 50/50
Tickets for Sale
Drawing at 6:00pm

**FOOD &
BEVERAGES**
DJ

**PHOTO
BOOTH**

FOOD / BEVERAGES

- Sausage & Peppers
- Pork BBQ on a Stick
- Hamburger / Cheeseburger and Chips
- Hot Dog
- Ice Cream
- Pop Corn
- Water/Soda
- Coffee / Tea
- Beer...by the glass \$3.00

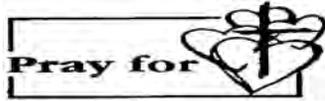
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OR DESSERT TO SHARE**

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(EXCEPT BEER)
and all Amusements

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\$8.00 at Picnic



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Ann & Jack Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Jessie Brown, Robert Barratt, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, 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.

"a time to die..."

Maureen O'Brien Brett Paton

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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 or call the rectory office to check availability.

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.

BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY

*Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:
TAJ MAHAL*

Monday, September 21, 2015

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am. Tickets are available for \$27.00/per person (rebate of \$30.00). Make your checks payable to: Church of the Ascension, and drop off at the rectory in an envelope marked "Atlantic City Trip." Any questions, please call Marge at (201)265-5675.

September

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

Grandparent's Day, Blessing of Grandparentø at all Masses

Pet Supplies Collection for Animal Shelter
Baptism Prep ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

Parish Picnic – 2:00-6:00pm at Parish Grounds
Mega 50/50 Drawing – 6:00pm

Monday, September 14, 2015

Pastoral Staff Meeting ó 9:00am - Rectory

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Catechist Mtg. ó 7:30pm ó Multi-Purpose Room

Boy Scouts ó 8:00pm ó Fr. Benedict Center

Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, September 18, 2015

Set-up for Red. Ed Parent/Student Meeting

Buildings/Grounds ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg. Rm.

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Confession ó 11:00am- Church

Childrenø Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church

Sunday, September 20, 2015

Catechetical Sunday

Food Pantry Sunday

Pet Supplies Collection

Commissioning of Catechists at 9:00am Mass

Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-9

Mandatory Parent Meeting ó Father Benedict Ctr.

Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

FALL FOLIAGE TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

A meeting will be held on Thursday, sept. 17th in the Gathering Room at 7pm.

We will review the itinerary, give out the luggage tags and answer any questions you may have.

If you cannot attend this meeting contact Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)3872632.

Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the **258** parishioners who have made a pledge to this year’s Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at **\$47,040.50** pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

This year our Parish Goal is \$53,403.00

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing, like us on facebook at Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



2016 MASS BOOK

WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM 9:00AM-12 NOON IN THE RECTORY OFFICE

- *Request are to be printed clearly using the Parish Form (please pick up in Rectory Office)
- *Requests will be assigned on a first come, first served basis
- *No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail
- *One Form per person

There will be a Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass limit of three (3) for each person requesting masses. **Weekday masses will be limited to five (5) for each person.** Christmas, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and all legal holidays are always for the intentions of the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish. In addition, one Sunday Mass per weekend is offered for the Parishioners of Ascension Parish. The 8:30am Mass on the First Saturday of the month is always available as a Memorial Mass for persons who have recently died.

Please note that the Church governance requires that only one intention (person) per Mass. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners. We will adhere to the following: Two first names with the same last name (i.e. John and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Smith and Jones Families) will be allowed per intention.

Those who are homebound or unable to visit the office may mail-in or give completed forms with payments to another person to drop-off to office. These requests will be processed starting September 21st.

CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this Collection, you are helping to restore the Church and build the future. **Please** visit www.usccb.org (search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe”) to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.

ANIMAL SHELTER COLLECTION

As part of our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals in early October, we will be collecting items for local animal shelters during the month of September. There will be a box in the vestibule for you to place items which will be distributed to animals that are waiting to find their homes. Please help us, in the spirit of St. Francis, to help make life a bit more pleasant for these animals.

We also ask that you spread the word for anyone coming to the Blessing of the Animals to please bring and item or two for these animals.

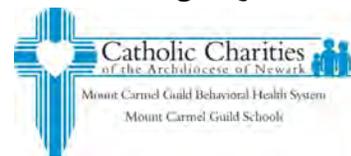
Items that are in need include:

Dog and Puppy food, Cat and Kitten Food, Kitty Litter, Litter Pans, Dog and Cat Toys, Gently used towels & Blankets, Dog and Cat Treats, Pet Beds, Paper Towels, Cleaning Products, Disposable Gloves, Training pads.

If you would like to give monetary donation, it can be dropped off at the rectory office in an envelope marked “Animal Shelter Collection”.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Demanding Month of September needs a meaningful pause.



September is one of the busiest months of the year as students return to school and most adults resume a normal working schedule after summer vacation.

Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take a few minutes to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities?

Drop them in the Catholic Charities donation bin located on the Church grounds. Please note that in addition to all forms of used clothing we also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books).

Thank you.