

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Sunday, September 27, 2015

5:30 Peggy Evans, healing
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Aldo Biscottini
10:30 Macaria & Archimedes Antolin
12:00 Gregory Poli

Monday, September 28, 2015

7:00 Jose Ignacio Zuniga
8:40 Bernard Sullivan

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

7:00 Leandro Cabacoy
8:30 Gavin Family

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

7:00 Marlene Hellriegel
8:30 John Trimarchi

Thursday, October 1, 2015

7:00 Rosita Meneses
8:30 Elizabeth Morris

Friday, October 2, 2015

7:00 Abraham Thomas
8:30 Manuel Garcia

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Memorial Mass

8:30 Thomas Olsomer
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, October 4, 2015

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Thomas Meyer
10:30 Steven LePage
12:00 Ellen M. Delaney

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

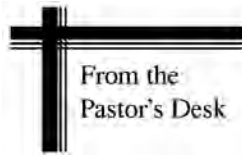
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, September 21, 2014: \$7,082.00
Sunday, September 20, 2015: \$6,096.00
Food Pantry: \$ 980.00
August Parish Pay: \$3,184.14

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

Readings for Next Sunday October 4, 2015

Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



Remember that great movie in the 80s, **Pretty Woman**? Julia Roberts plays a beautiful woman of the streets who meets Richard Gere; he's a distant and cold, money-crazy business man who hires her. As they begin to drop their masks and show their true selves to each other, they discover mutual kindness and respect for each other's quirks and inner qualities. He sees a deeper integrity in her, though others mock her; and she sees and feels compassion for his pain. This leads each of them to want to be different. So they leave behind destructive former lifestyles to begin a vulnerable, but authentic, life together.

Change happened because of their honesty with each other. Deep honesty is the way to connect to God's presence, which is grace. This is at the heart of everything Jesus teaches. The apostles get jealous that other healers are using Jesus's name to cast out demons. Shouldn't Jesus stop them? But Jesus knows that the power of God works through authenticity and a sincere heart. "Any person who is doing mighty deeds in my name is not against us; they are for us!"

Even the smallest kindness done to someone else is a sign that God's grace is being activated and increased in the world. So, the person doing the kindness will be rewarded— even if they don't know exactly who God and Jesus really are. God can be very tolerant, because only God knows the heart of that person. For us, holiness is removing all the barriers to being our authentic selves in the world, and then open ourselves completely to Jesus's guidance. May Jesus guide us to be one with others in every way that we honestly can be.

✠ 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. To show our respect for life, 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 3rd, 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. **Don't forget to bring a pet item for our Animal Shelter Collection.**

✠ Please plan ahead to help us collect food for the hungry. Please join us in the **Action Against Hunger** on Sunday, Oct. 4th, from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations. Confirmation candidates, this is a great opportunity for you to fulfill some of your required service hours.

✠ **Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, please pick up your ministry schedules in the sacristy after Mass this weekend.**

✠ **Italian Treasures** await you! Our parish will travel to the cities of Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome in **October of 2016**. Please see brochures at doors of church or stop by the rectory office for complete information.

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



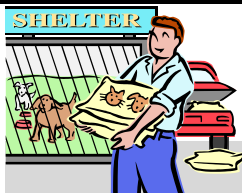
TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

The Home and School Association will hold its first meeting of the new school year Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 PM. All parents are requested to attend.

Friday, October 2nd is an early dismissal day. School will close at 12:00 PM and all school faculty and staff will be attending the annual Mass for all Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Help Wanted: a cook is needed for our school lunch program, 5 days a week from 10 ó 1:30. Please see Ms. Tina Dube in the cafeteria any school day for more information.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school please call (201)384-3627, visit our website at trasfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook or email principal@trasfigurationacademy.org



ANIMAL SHELTER COLLECTION

As part of our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals **next week-end**, 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 on Saturday, October 3 at 2:00pm, to please bring an 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 or put in collection basket in an envelope marked "Animal Shelter".

Thank you for your continued support.



Calendar:

Sunday, September 27th - K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, September 28th ó 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, September 30th ó 9th Grade from 6:30 pm to 9 pm (MPR)

Sunday, October 4th -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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. Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3rd grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:45 am.

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

First Reconciliation Parents, there is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting on Sunday October 4, 2015** at 10:15 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least one parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at the 9 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



Volunteers Needed:

Ä We are in need of Class Parents for ALL GRADES in 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

Ä 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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*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 3, 2015
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..."

Caden Liam Mui

"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 Kleck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Jessie Brown, Robert Barratt, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Don Evans, 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..."

Camille Zampino

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
Tony and Greg Poli

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 or call the rectory office to check availability.



PLEASE HELP

The Food Pantry continues to collect manufacturer's coupons. There is a small box in the back of the church where coupons can be deposited. With your assistance, the Service Ministry is able to stretch our buying dollars. Some coupons are doubled in value. Quite often, with coupons, we are able to buy needed items at a fraction of its original value. Thank you for assisting with this ministry.



Sunday, September 27, 2015

Pet Supplies Collection
Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-9
Noon Mass, Celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz

Monday, September 28, 2015

San Lorenzo Ruiz
Religious Education, Grade 7 ó 7:00pm ó School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

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

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Parish Trip Leaves for The Adirondacks
Religious Education Grade 9 ó 6:30pm - School
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
Contemporary Choir ó 8:00pm - Church
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Hackensack Homeless
RCIA ó 7:00pm ó Rectory Mtg. Room
Traditional Choir ó 7:30pm - Church

First Friday, October 2, 2015

Communion Visits to homebound
Parish Trip Returns

First Saturday, October 3, 2015

St. Francis of Assisi
Respect Life Giving Crib
Confession ó 11:00am- Church
Blessing of Animals ó 2:00pm ó St. Mary's Shrine
Children's Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Parish Maintenance & Repairs
Respect Life Giving Crib
Pet Supplies Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 Mass ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-9
First Reconciliation Parent's Mtg. ó 10:15am
Action Against Hunger ó 12 Noon ó 4:00pm
Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room



**PARISH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE CHURCH**

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.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the **264** parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at **\$47,470.50** 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

ACTION AGAINST HUNGER

Feeding the Hungry is a year-round job. Please join the **Ascension Service Ministry** with your donations of food and/or cash in front of Shop Rite of New Milford on **Sunday, October 4 from Noon to 4:00pm**. Your donations go directly back into our community through our Food Pantry. If you cannot help out in that manner, we hope you can still come by ShopRite to see us and make a donation to help us continue to serve those in need in New Milford and nearby communities.

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: _____



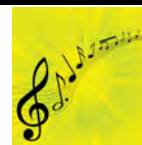
**Please remember to patronize,
 THE ITALIAN CONNECTION
 201-385-2226
 who help make this bulletin possible**

**2016 MASS BOOK
 IS NOW OPEN**

*ALL Request are to be printed clearly using the Parish Form (please pick up in Rectory Office or download from Website)
 *No Requests will be taken over the phone.

HACKENSACK WALK-IN DINNER

The Service Ministry at Ascension will be serving dinner at the Hackensack shelter on Thursday, October 1. On this day we expect to serve between 85-125 dinners to people in need. Through your generosity and donations we are able to continue our service to the needy. We are always told by the client base at the shelter that we provide the best meal which includes homemade desserts. Would you please consider baking an item (cake, cupcakes or cookies) so that we can bring smiles to some faces that rarely get recognized. Desserts can be left in the Rectory on Thursday October 1 before 2:00PM. As always thank you for your generosity.



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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Open House Sunday October 4th**

St. Joseph Council #3814 Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Recruitment Event with a Continental Breakfast Open House on Sunday October 4th at the Knights of Columbus Hall 199 River Road, New Milford after all the masses. Prospective members and their families are invited as well as members wishing to re-connect with the Council. For those unable to attend Prospect Cards will be provided at the doors of the Church. These can be filled out and dropped in a basket that will be located near the entrance of the Church. The breakfast is free of charge. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal and charitable organization with over 1.8 million members worldwide. Members must be practicing Catholic men ages 18 and above.