

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Sunday, October 11, 2015

5:30 Margaret Bitetti
7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:00 People of Ascension Parish
10:30 Carmen Vega
12:00 Francis White

Monday, October 12, 2015

7:00 Roberto Jose Espino
8:40 Elizabeth Morris

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

7:00 Maureen O'Brien
8:30 Judi Sexton

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

7:00 Maureen O'Brien
8:30 Eileen Culhane

Thursday, October 15, 2015

7:00 Sadako Fujii
8:30 Simplicio C. Ordanes

Friday, October 16, 2015

7:00 Thomas Olsomer
8:30 Paul J. Figalora

Saturday, October 17, 2015

8:30 Selicitas Cristi
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Sunday, October 18, 2015

7:30 Lorelei Habana
9:00 Thomas Agner, Sr.
10:30 Mary Walsh
12:00 Joseph Ricciardone

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
Sunday, October 4, 2015:	\$6,820.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,968.00

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 18, 2015

Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45



A junior officer in a company decided to encourage co-workers by telling them how he admired them, and giving them a blue ribbon. His own boss, Tom, was a crabby workaholic, but the worker felt Tom was truly a creative genius, so he told him so. Tom was stunned, but accepted the ribbon gratefully.

That night, Tom told his son Sam that story. "Imagine! He told me I'm a creative genius, and to pin a ribbon on someone else who makes a big difference in my world. And you're that person. I know my days are hectic and I yell at you too much. I'm sorry and I love you." Sam began to cry. He then said, "Dad, I just finished writing a letter to you and mom it's upstairs on my bed. After you went to bed, I was planning to commit suicide tonight. I didn't think that you cared at all."

How incredible that moment of astonishment must have felt! Both looked to be living "normal" lives; yet, neither felt appreciated or loved for who they were. There is a similar moment of astonishment in the gospel today when Jesus teaches a hard lesson: We are not saved by our virtue. The rich young man could proudly say, "I've kept all the rules." Yet, he could not give up the one thing Jesus asked of him: his attachment to his possessions.

"Follow me," Jesus asks us, beyond all your money, your houses, your job, all you hold dear to a state of living that puts it all in perspective. The kingdom of God demands the depth of self-giving, all-inclusive love. That is a far cry from just keeping the rules.

✠ 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. Maybe we could gather at home and pray the rosary as a family. 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.

✠ Thank you to all who joined us to help us collect food for the hungry in the **Action Against Hunger** last Sunday. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations. Confirmation candidates, high school students, this is a great opportunity for you to fulfill some of your required service hours.

✠ Missionaries work in many fields including education, healthcare, orphanages, pastoral care, spiritual education, administration and formation of seminarians and novices. The work of missionaries is a vital element in protecting human rights and religious freedom in countries suffering oppression and injustice. Missionaries also work in projects that make the difference between life and death in many countries by providing basic necessities - food, clothing, healthcare, shelter and education. Through our missionaries, we offer the precious gift of Jesus' life to so many peoples throughout the entire world. Next Sunday is **World Mission Sunday**. May our prayers and our monetary offerings help our missionaries to be the gift of Jesus, the Good News, to the world.

✠ **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

It's not too late to register your child at Transfiguration Academy. There are still seats available in some grades.

The Transfiguration Academy Junior Rosary Society celebrated the month of the Rosary by leading our middle school students in the praying of the rosary on October 2 before the 9:00 AM Mass.

Students and staff are preparing to participate in the Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk for a Cure on Sunday, October 18 in Ridgefield Park.

School is closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 14, 7 PM - Pocketbook Bingo - play bingo and win designer pocketbooks.

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@transfigurationacademy.org



Calendar:

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

Monday, October 12th 6th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, October 14th 6th 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, October 18th -- 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

Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun during the 9 am Mass for the children in Pre-K to 5th grades. Remember this is a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

All Families are asked to help support our "Respect Life" Baby Shower going on all month long. Please bring your donations in to the Church and place them in the crib on the right hand side of the Church. Thank you for your support



Volunteers Needed:

- 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
- 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.
- We are in need of Catechists for our 7th and 8th Grade program. The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 8:45 pm, anyone interested is asked to call the Religious Education Office during the week.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday & 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



To show our respect for life, during the entire month of October 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. Please put monetary donations in envelope marked "Respect Life" in collection basket.



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.



Please remember to patronize,
NATURE'S WAY IRRIGATION, INC.
201-265-8367
who help make this bulletin possible

Church of the Ascension

MUSIC MINISTRY

invites YOU to

Come out and
Sing to the Lord...

Share your talents...



Join us...

...as a member of one of our choirs

♪ **Children's Choir** (all parish children grades 1-8 welcome)

Sings each Sunday at 9am Mass
Rehearses Saturdays 4:00pm

♪ **Contemporary Choir**

Sings Sundays 9am Mass
Rehearses Wednesdays 8:15pm*

♪ **Traditional Choir**

Sings Sundays 10:30am Mass
Rehearses Thursdays 7:30pm*

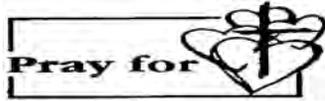
...as a Leader of Song
...as an instrumentalist

* Some rehearsals are with combined choirs

To sign up or to receive further information,
contact Glenn Gordon after Mass or at (917) 414-2697.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"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, 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.

...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.

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 2015!

Help is needed for 2016...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2016. 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.



Sunday, October 11, 2015

Food Pantry Sunday
Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 Mass ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-9
Celebration for the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz at
Sacred Heart Basilica, Newark ó 3:00pm



Columbus Day * Monday, October 12, 2015

Religious Education, Grade 7 ó 7:00pm ó School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

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

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Religious Education Grade 9 ó 7:00pm - School
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, October 15, 2015

Altar Server training ó 4:30pm - Church
RCIA ó 7:00pm ó Rectory Mtg. Room
Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church



Happy
Boss's Day

Friday, October 16, 2015

Altar Server training ó 4:30pm ó Church
Finance Council Mtg. ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg. Room

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Confession ó 11:00am- Church
Children's Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church

Sunday, October 18, 2015

World Mission Sunday
Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 Mass ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-9
Baptism ó 1:30pm - Church



**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 267 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$47,743.60 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

**BUS TRIP – TO ATLANTIC CITY
Saturday, October 24, 2015**



Come Ride with Us To

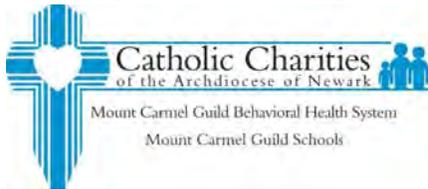


The Filipino Community of Ascension Church is sponsoring a fundraising trip, leaving Ascension parking lot at 8:45am. The cost of the trip is \$35.00/per person with casino voucher back of \$15.00. Make your check payable to: Church of the Ascension. For further information, please call Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817.

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.

October gives us a unique beauty



October is resplendent with the beauty of nature. The fall gives us an invigorating lift. We seem to feel "fully alive" looking forward to a new beginning filled with energy. Would you be willing to channel some of that energy to help those less fortunate by sorting through your unwanted clothing and shoes and giving them to Catholic Charities? 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). The donation bin is readily available outside the Church. Thank you.

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Thank you to all those who served dinner or donated baked items for 120 guests at the recent Hackensack Walk-in dinner. The Service Ministry thanks you for your help and continued support of this important ministry in serving those in need.



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.

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

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