

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1, 2015

5:30 Luis Mendoza
7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:00 Balagot & Viduya Families
10:30 Mary Karwoski
12:00 **Mass of Remembrance**

All Souls Day, Monday, November 2, 2015

7:00 All Souls Novena
8:30 All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

7:00 All Souls Novena
8:30 John Brandon

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

7:00 Rev. Thomas E. Davis
8:30 All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 5, 2015

7:00 All Souls Novena
8:30 Eric J. Comer

Friday, November 6, 2015

7:00 Frey & John
8:30 All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Memorial Mass

8:30 Eufrocina Lazaro, Fermin Abalos
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, November 8, 2015

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Lois Barrett
10:30 All Souls Novena
12:00 Peter Buckley

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

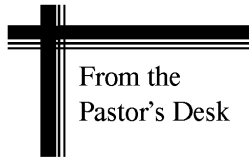
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, October 26, 2014: \$6,408.00
Sunday, October 25, 2015: \$6,902.00

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 November 8, 2015

Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
Mk 13:24-32



From the
Pastor's Desk

Remember the funny movie called "The Mask" where a meek banker named Stanley Ipkiss gained incredible powers when he put on a mysterious mask? When he's cornered by the police, he whips out some huge machine guns, and breaks into a Clint Eastwood impression: "So—you have to ask yourself one question: **Do you feel lucky?**"

Well, today on the feast of **All Saints Day**, do you feel lucky—to be a follower of Jesus Christ? Seems like a strange question, but we talk about luck as we buy a lottery ticket, we say "good luck" to friends, and we might even go to the casino or the bingo hall with our lucky troll dolls, or carrying a rabbit's foot.

But today Jesus goes up on a mountain to teach the crowds that there is something more basic in our lives than "dumb luck." We don't need luck, because God has created us in the state of blessedness, out of God's own heart. All Saints Day celebrates everyone who is on the path of living out this blessedness. Another word for "blessedness" is "beatitude".

Today Jesus describes the "**Beatitudes**" as all the blessings of the Christian life. For example, "**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...**" When we see evil and say, "God, where are you? Where is the justice in this world?", Jesus says we are actually blessed to feel this longing; and "**Blessed are you who mourn...**" Are you grieving a loss right now? Jesus himself has mourned and Jesus promises us the truth about the Christian life: every true and sacred hunger and longing **WILL BE FILLED!**

Saints are all of us, living and dead, who put one foot in front of the other, sincerely trying to walk the way of the life of Christ. **Remember, sainthood is our life process; and to live in Christ, we don't need luck—just hope!**

✠ Please remember these upcoming November Parish events:

◆ **Ministries Appreciation Gathering** on Saturday, November 14th in the Fr. Benedict Center following the 5:30pm Mass.

◆ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on Sunday, November 22nd from 7:00am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.

◆ **New Milford Interfaith Thanksgiving** on Sunday, November 22nd here at Ascension at 4pm. Refreshments will follow in the Fr. Benedict Center. **We need your help.**

We need your presence at this wonderful New Milford gathering to give thanks to God, the giver of all gifts.

We need parishioners to provide refreshments for the gathering. Please see the flier on page 3 of the bulletin.

✠ **Italian Treasures** await you! Our parish will travel to the cities of Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome... 10 glorious days in **October of 2016**. Please see Fr. David 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

Pre-Kindergarten

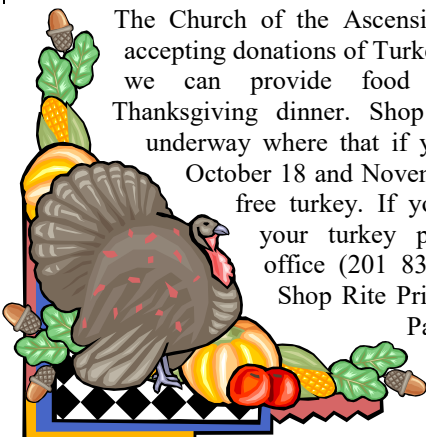
It's not too late to register your 2+ - 4 year old who is potty trained in our Pre-K classes. Even though the official school year has started, we accept students throughout the year. Our Pre-K classes teach social and academic skills that children need to succeed in Kindergarten. A strong emphasis on faith development also prepares them spiritually. Call the school office for more information or to schedule a visit.

POCKETBOOK BINGO: This first major fundraiser of the year will take place on **Saturday, November 14, 7 PM** in Conlon Hall. Play bingo and win designer pocketbooks from Coach, Furla, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Cole Haan, and more. Tickets are \$20 and include 1 bingo card and light refreshments. For more information and tickets please contact the school office: 201-384-3627 or Ann at 201-349-3870.

Thanksgiving Dinner: The Transfiguration HSA is again hosting a "Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner" on Saturday, November 21 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in Conlon Hall. Enjoy a meal of turkey with all of the trimmings and dessert. Live entertainment will also be provided. Advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children (5-11 years) and are available at the school office. Tickets at the door are \$17 for adults and \$13 for seniors and children.

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 or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org. Please visit our website at trasfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook.

DONATION OF TURKEYS



The Church of the Ascension Food Pantry will be accepting donations of Turkeys and trimmings so that we can provide food pantry families with Thanksgiving dinner. Shop Rite has a promotion underway where that if you spend \$400 between October 18 and November 26 you qualify for a free turkey. If you would like to donate your turkey please call the Rectory office (201 836 8961) and leave your Shop Rite Price Plus number. A Food Pantry volunteer will pick up your turkey at Shop Rite using your Price Plus number.



Calendar:

Sunday November 1st -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
 Monday, November 2nd –8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, November 4th – 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Sunday, November 8th -- 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.

Thank you to all Families that support our "Respect Life" Baby Shower. Please know the mom's at Several Sources thank you for your support.



Volunteers Needed:

- † 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.
- † 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.

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



We Need Your Help...

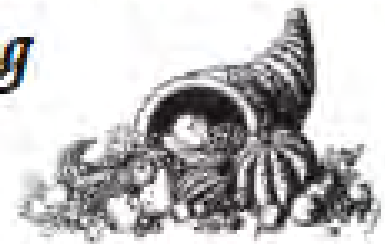
as we Gather Together and Share...

*The 40th Annual
New Milford Community
Interfaith Thanksgiving*

*Church of the Ascension
Sunday, November 22, 2015
4:00 P.M.*



*Interfaith Thanksgiving
Refreshments*



Name _____

Phone Number _____

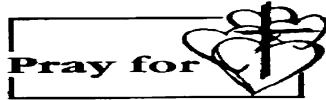
*I will bring the following refreshments for the
Interfaith Thanksgiving (Check one or more)...*

 hors d'oeuvres

 salad

 dessert

ALL SAINTS' DAY



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose D'Eufemia, 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, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
Mansueto & Brigida Lagutan



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

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.

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.



Sunday, November 1, 2015

Daylight Saving Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00 Mass – Church/Gathering Room

Religious Education – 10:15am Pre-K-6

Mass of Remembrance 12 Noon

Baptism Prep. – 1:30pm – Gathering Room



All Soul's Day, Monday, November 2, 2015

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am - Rectory

Religious Education, Grade 8 – 7:00pm – School

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room



Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Mass – 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Religious Education Grade 9 – 7:00pm - School

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Filipino Core Meeting – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

First Friday, November 6, 2015

Communion visits to homebound

Buildings & Grounds – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Confession – 11:00am - Church

Children's Choir – 4:00pm – Church

Sunday, November 8, 2015

Food Pantry

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00 Mass – Church/Gathering Room

Religious Education – 10:15am Pre-K-6



**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015
7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

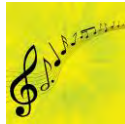


Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 268 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$47,916.70 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



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.

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.



**Please remember to patronize,
MADISON
SPINE & PHYSICAL THERAPY
201-594-9312
who help make this bulletin possible**

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 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.

Thanksgiving

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.



All are welcome to the 2nd Annual HARVEST MOON DANCE at the KofC St. Joseph's Council Hall on Saturday, November 7, 8pm-12. A live band will perform music from the fifties and sixties. \$25. Admission will include coffee and dessert, you may bring table snacks. Cash bar. For more information contact Bob at 201-519-3296.