

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Sunday, November 8, 2015

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Lois Barrett
10:30 All Souls Novena
12:00 Peter Buckley

Monday, November 9, 2015

7:00 Dylan Rohwohlt
8:30 All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

7:00 All Souls Novena
8:30 Brian & Regina McCann

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

7:00 John Coringrato, healing
8:30 Zuniga-Gutierrez Families

Thursday, November 12, 2015

7:00 Charles Morgan
8:30 Dylan Rohwohlt

Friday, November 13, 2015

7:00 Albert Suter, Birthday (living)
8:30 Margaret Dorney

Saturday, November 14, 2015

8:30 Linda Habana, Birthday (living)
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Sunday, November 15, 2015

7:30 Peggy Evans, healing
9:00 Daniel Piro
10:30 Caroline Schmitt
12:00 Edward Capone

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

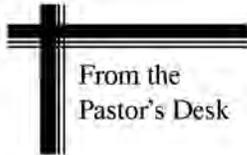
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, November 2, 2014:	\$6,733.00
Sunday, November 1, 2015:	\$6,126.00
All Saints:	\$1,107.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,985.00

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 15, 2015

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



A girl posted this question on a website: "OK. What do people think? Is religion as important to people now as in the past? Now that science knows why things like meteor showers happen, do people need religion as much?" She got dozens of replies. "Religion has never been necessary. It causes more problems and wars than anything else." Another guy says, "Reality scares people. So religion is like Valium."

I'd bet most of us have heard similar comments about religion, especially since our church was devastated by revelations of sexual misconduct by priests who were entrusted with the care of children. Sadly, Jesus shows us today that there has always been the temptation to make an idol out of religion. Religion can go down two roads: towards selfishness, power, and greed. Or, like the widow today, religion can lead down the road of truth, sincerity, and selfless giving. That is the real purpose of religion, obviously.

The lesson for us is that religion is a means to a very important means to a holy end, but **in itself**, religion cannot make anyone good. This is the terrible lesson we had to learn when we saw the evil deeds of priests and bishops, who had been put up on religious pedestals by believers.

When we go to church, we have to be careful not to use the sins of the Pharisees and our own clergy as scapegoats to relieve ourselves from looking at certain areas of our own lives in which we might be blind. Yes, it's a wonderful gift to worship at church. But every one of us must have a sharper or more humble vision of how each of us must live the Christ life more fully in our daily lives. We must live what we celebrate in our worship.



Please plan to join us for 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.



Please remember to make your final payments for the **2015 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal** in order that our parish may get the proper credit toward our goal.



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

Good luck to our 8th grade students who took the COOP Exam for entrance into Catholic High Schools on Friday and begin the process of choosing a high school to attend next school year.

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.

Thanksgiving Dinner: The Transfiguration HSA is again hosting a Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 21 from 6:30 PM to 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.



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If you have any questions, please contact Ann Gangi at 201-349-3870. Return this to the Church office we will get the book to you or you can stop by Transfiguration Academy and pick it up.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 # of books: _____ @ \$25.00 each = _____



Calendar:

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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 moms 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 to 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

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.



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*

THIRTY-SECOND 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, Robert Barratt, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, John Coringrato, 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 **William & Elizabeth Morris**



BREAD and WINE this week are in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



ASCENSION'S TURKEY DRIVE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
7:00AM – 1:00PM
OUTSIDE THE RECTORY

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sunday, November 8, 2015

Food Pantry

Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 Mass ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-6

Monday, November 9, 2015

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

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

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

Wednesday, November 11, 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, November 12, 2015

Altar Server Training ó 4:30pm ó Church
Ministry of Service ó 7:00pm ó Gathering Room
Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, November 13, 2015

Set up FBC for Ministry Appreciation Gathering
Altar Server Training ó 4:30pm - Church

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Confession ó 11:00am - Church
Children's Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church
Appreciation Mass, 5:30pm
Ministry Appreciation Gathering, 6:30pm

Sunday, November 15, 2015

Catholic Relief Services

Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 Mass ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-6
Baptism ó 1:30pm - Church



MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT 7:30PM
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

MINISTRY OF SERVICE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 7:00PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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 269 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$47,991.70 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



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.

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.

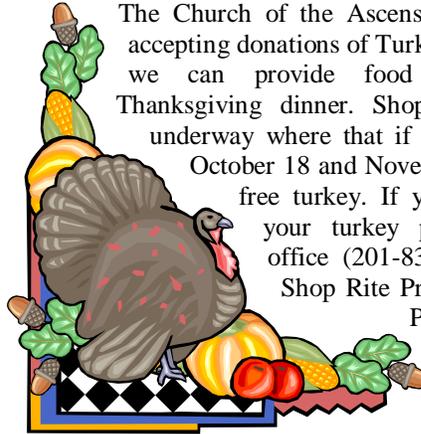


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DONATION OF TURKEYS



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.

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.



VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11TH