

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



## Solemnity of Christ the King

**Sunday, November 22, 2015**

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:00 In Thanksgiving, The Viduya Family

10:30 Lillian & John Brandon

12:00 Isabele & Cornelio Nional

**Monday, November 23, 2015**

7:00 John Coringrato

8:30 Frances Morena

**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

7:00 Lee, Forman, O'Connor Families

8:30 Brian & Regina McCann

**Wednesday, November 25, 2015**

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 In Thanksgiving

**Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26, 2015**

8:30 Mass of Thanksgiving

**Friday, November 27, 2015**

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 Lucille Tarallo

**Saturday, November 28, 2015**

8:30 Anthony Triggiano, healing

5:30 Nora Luftus

**First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2015**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:00 Vincent Caruso, 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, living

10:30 Bernhard Huening, First Anniversary

12:00 Rosario Flores

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

**Sunday, November 16, 2014: \$6,400.00**

**Sunday, November 15, 2015: \$7,322.00**

**Catholic Relief Services: \$ 875.00**

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 29, 2015

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



I believe that every person is, in some way or other, looking for truth. Young people especially are looking hard for truth. So, what is the deepest truth of life? What penetrates and pervades and saturates every blade of grass, every cloud in the sky, every rock, every single human heart? What fills everything that is, was, or will be, with an utter fullness? Only one truth—the everlasting, unbreakable, overpowering love of God. Without God's love, nothing would exist, nothing would have meaning.

That is what Jesus witnesses to today, as we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King**: "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." That's why we call Jesus a King—the King of Truth. Jesus is everything—the everything we need or will ever need. And Jesus is the face of God. Yet, for all this, we still take Jesus and the love of God for granted in life.

Let's say you're totally weak and ill, yet you have one person who devotes herself to your every need and care. Would you be so grateful to that person, you would never forget her? You'd probably tell everyone about her. God not only takes care of us, God gives us our very life. Yet we treat life as if it is ours—even abusing our bodies, treating our souls carelessly, forgetting whose life this really is. How to change that attitude? Maybe by practicing gratitude, for starters. Appreciate the love God put into your heart, so you have it to give to someone else.

We didn't invent love! So thank the inventor.

✠ Thank you to those who caught the omission of our 2015 Easter Collection amount in our Financial Report. Sorry. The amount was \$24,898.00. I am so glad people are reading the bulletin.

✠ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**—This Sunday from 7am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.

✠ We invite all parishioners to join us for our **40<sup>th</sup> Annual New Milford Community Interfaith Thanksgiving** which will be celebrated on Sunday at 4pm here at Ascension. Please, come and join with our community leaders and our brothers and sisters from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, and New Milford Presbyterian Church, as we offer this special "Thank You" to God for his many blessings on our community. Please bring non-perishable food donations for the New Milford Good Will Fund.

✠ Our **Parish Advent Giving Tree** will be in place next weekend for the First Sunday of Advent.

✠ **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. **An information meeting for anyone interested in this pilgrimage will be held on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.** Refreshments will be provided.

✠ Just a reminder...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. **We still need \$4,961.30 to fulfill our goal of \$53,403.00.**

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Transfiguration Academy News**

Congratulations to Transfiguration Academy 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Uma Nath who represented the school singing the Star Spangled Banner at the Bergenfield Veterans Day ceremony.

**HSA Movie Night:** The HSA are hosting a movie night on Saturday, November 28 from 6 to 10 PM in Conlon Hall. Cost is \$5 per family and includes a bag of popcorn. The snack stand will also be open.

**Barnes & Noble Book Fair:** On Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> all Transfiguration Academy friends and family are invited to join us at a Book Fair at Barnes & Noble at Riverside Square. Students will perform throughout the day and their artwork will also be on display. Additionally, if you make a purchase at Barnes & Noble that day and mention Transfiguration Academy, they will donate a portion of the sale to the school. Please come out and support us by your presence and by doing some of your Christmas shopping that day.



The students, faculty and staff wish everyone a healthy and blessed Thanksgiving. The school and school office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 25 and will remain closed November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving recess.

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](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org). Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook.

**Thanksgiving**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Please help as we 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. **Thank you for your continued help & support of this ministry.**



Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone  
from the Religious Education Program

Calendar:

Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> -- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> No Religious Education

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> -- No Religious Education

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

There will be NO Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday, November 29, 2015. We will meet again on Sunday, December 6, 2015

**Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace:** As our parish children prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they are learning about the rite of the sacrament. This week the children will discuss contrition, confession, penance, and absolution. All parishioners are invited to think about how important the Sacrament of Reconciliation is in our own lives as we seek pardon and peace in the words of absolution. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.



**Volunteers Needed:**

- We are in need of Catechists for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade program. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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



**TOYS FOR TOTS**

Boulevard Funeral Home will be collecting new unwrapped toys this holiday season for Toys for Tots. Donations can be dropped off at 1151 River Road, New Milford from 9-4 daily. All donations will stay local. Please contact 201-692-0100 with any questions.

***Come... Join Us...***

*We Invite You to Gather Together and Share...*

***The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual  
New Milford Community  
Interfaith Thanksgiving***

*...offering of food and money donations  
for New Milford Good Will Fund*

***Church of the Ascension  
256 Azalea Drive, New Milford***

***Sunday, November 22, 2015  
4:00 P.M.***

*Refreshments will follow  
in the Fr. Benedict Center*



# CHRIST THE KING



*"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, Anthony Triggiano,  
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..."*

**John Coringrato**

*...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**



**Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday, November 22, 2015**

**Turkey Drive, 7:00am – 1:00pm**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00 Mass ó Church/Gathering Room

Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-6 - School

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Ascension – 4:00pm**

**Reception follows in Fr. Benedict Center**

**Monday, November 23, 2015**

Religious Education, Grade 7 ó 7:00pm ó School

**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

**Wednesday, November 25, 2015**

Harrison House

NO Religious Education (grade 9)

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

**Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26, 2015**

**One Mass 8:30am**

**Rectory & Religious Education Offices Closed**

No afternoon or evening activities

**Friday, November 27, 2015**

**Rectory & Religious Education Offices Closed**

Altar Server training ó 4:30pm - Church

**Saturday, November 28, 2015**

Confession ó 11:00am- Church

Combined Choirs ó 3:30pm ó Church

**Advent Giving Tree**

**First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2015**

**Advent Giving Tree**

**NO Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**NO Religious Education**

**Monday, November 30, 2015**

Confessions at Transfiguration Academy ó 1:00pm

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

Italian Treasures Information ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Rm.



**ASCENSION'S  
THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE  
THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND  
CHURCH PARKING LOT  
7:00AM TO 1:00PM**

## 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.



## Catholic Campaign For Human Development

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Special Collections last weekend. Your generous gifts will help end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and overall economic development.

Once again thank you for your prayers and generous support.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION'S GIVING TREE**

Starting **next weekend** we invite you to *Share in the Spirit of Christmas* by participating in our parish's traditional **Giving Tree** outreach program. Besides our own local gift giving to children in the area, we also provide gifts to local nursing homes, homeless shelters, a local shelter for unwanted teenage boys, and to children in communities who would, were it not for our program, receive nothing for Christmas. **Please note that due to the requirements some of our charities, and our delivery teams, most gifts will be due back by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. However, some will be due back at an earlier date. It is imperative that you observe the dates we will publish in next week's bulletin for the return of gifts. Please do not bring in gifts after this time as they may not be delivered to the various charities. It is important you do not take an ornament that cannot be returned on time as this may result in someone not receiving a gift this year. Please also remember to securely attach your ornament to the package so that the gift will go to the correct recipient.**

Details on what each ornament means will appear in next week's bulletin. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help deliver some of these gifts, please call Joan Stephens @ 201-836-6684. May God continue to bless you for your generous support of this ministry of love and care.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

You are invited to make a donation toward the Christmas trees, wreaths and flowers which will be used to decorate our church this festive season.

**Please print clearly on all requests.**

**Donation \$15.00 for Each Intention  
One intention for each donation will be listed on the  
Christmas Flower Donations bulletin insert**

Please put your donation and intention in the **Christmas Flower Envelope** that you received in the mail or pick one up at doors of church and drop it in the collection basket or in the black mail box outside the rectory door.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

or the Intention of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sharing God's Blessings Appeal**

Just a reminder for those who made a pledge to the Sharing God's Blessings Appeal for 2015. If you have not fulfilled your pledge please do so. Every fulfilled Pledge Counts! Thank you.

"Thanks-giving"  
A Distinctive Meaning



Catholic Charities is deeply thankful for your positive response to the donation bin. As we all know, one way to give thanks is by giving. Just as the Lord has given so many blessings, this is an ideal time to give away any unwanted clothing to the Catholic Charities donation bin. 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). Catholic Charities will report in December on the amount of money generated from the bin.

Happy Thanks-giving



The Rectory & Religious Education Offices will be closed Thursday, November 26th. & Friday, November 27th. In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

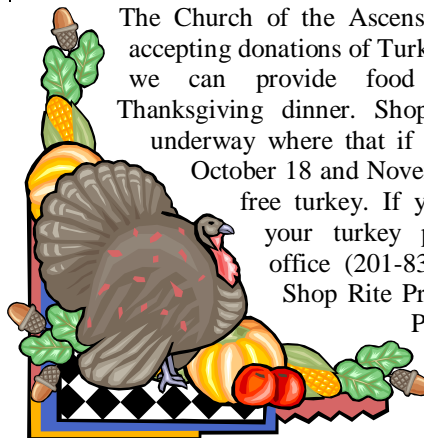
*"As a family of faith and love, we give You thanks Oh Lord."*

**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.



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