

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2015

5:30 Nora Luftus
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Vincent Caruso, 90th Birthday, living
10:30 Bernard Huening, First Anniversary
12:00 Rosario Flores

Monday, November 30, 2015

7:00 In Thanksgiving
8:30 Annamma Thomas

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

7:00 Laura Abdelghafar
8:30 Louis Massaro, First Anniversary

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

7:00 Patrocinio E. Quijano
8:30 Eve Boschker

Thursday, December 3, 2015

7:00 In Thanksgiving
8:30 Mike Nicolich

Friday, December 4, 2015

7:00 Adrienne Kallen
8:30 Dargaret Dorney

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Memorial Mass
8:30 David Jenkins
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2015

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:00 Claudia Costello
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Mario & Rosauro Cajucom

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

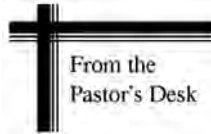
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

NO FIGURES AT TIME OF PRINTING

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 December 6, 2015

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



Advent opens our eyes to the most exciting journey of our lives – why we are Christians and where our life is heading. The Christian faith stands for the truth that history is going somewhere. We are not like adult-sized mice on an eternal treadmill. All of history has a goal-line, and it is Jesus Christ, Lord of all creatures.

Advent reminds us that we are women and men living in a constant state of expectation. As the baby in Mary's womb is growing, all of our hopes for healing, wholeness, and new life are growing, too. You know how you jump off the couch, on full alert, watching your team seconds before the winning touchdown? That's the spirit of expectation we should have while waiting for Jesus! He says, watch it! Don't let your hearts get drowsy from carousing and drunkenness, and the anxieties of daily living.

The world says, be successful, make money, have it your way! But Jesus turns this upside down: expect my return--get ready to meet me face to face! Keep the excitement, but wait with a mellow spirit. In the 1960s, people mellowed out on drugs. But we're talking about being balanced and steady.

A content and mellow person takes in everything happening around them, the good, the bad, and the ugly, but sees the bigger picture, and keeps a compassionate spirit. Be like a wise bee-keeper who moves meditatively around his or her bees. If you are too fast and jerky, you'll be stung!

Let us not be fast and jerky with the people and life around us, but quietly alert for the coming of the One we owe our life to! Above all, let us remember and proclaim in all we say or do: **"Jesus is the Reason for the Season!"**

✠ Thank you to all who donated, collected, and delivered turkeys for our **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**. Also, thank you to all who contributed to and participated in our **40th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving**. It was so nice to see so many Ascension faces in the congregation. Special thanks to Glenn Gordon and our choir members for leading us in song-filled thanks to God.

✠ Thank you to Brian Driscoll and our friends at **THE BAKERY** in Bergenfield, for their generous donation of bread for our Thanksgiving Day celebration. It is always such a treat!

✠ Please take some time to review the information from last week's bulletin about our **2015 Parish ADVENTure**. So many opportunities are offered to help each of us to prepare for the Lord's coming. We have inserted our **Advent Calendar of Good Deeds** in the bulletin and the ushers will distribute **Calendars for 2016** graciously donated by Michael Mittenzwei of Boulevard Funeral Home.

✠ Our **Advent Giving Tree** has been prepared to help us to Share the Spirit of Christmas! Further information is in this week's bulletin. Also, don't forget to take a copy of **Five Minutes with the Word for Advent**. Copies are in the book rack at the entrance to the church.

✠ **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 30th at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.** Refreshments will be provided.

✠ Next weekend, December 5th/6th, Bethlehem Crafts will be with us at all Masses offering us their Olive Wood creations which make beautiful Christmas gifts. Please give them your support.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

Congratulations to Transfiguration Academy 8th grade student Paolo Go who won the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Paolo's poster was 1 of 54 posters submitted to the Bergenfield Lions Club. His poster will now move to the district competition.

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, December 5, is Transfiguration Academy's annual Christmas shopping Barnes and Noble Book Fair at the Riverside Square Mall in Hackensack. We have events showcasing our students scheduled throughout the day. Some of the events include: poetry recitation, Christmas caroling, dance team, story time, drama club performance of selections from Aladdin Jr., and a Broadway Cabaret. **Our academy earns a percentage of any purchases you make if you provide this book fair ID: 11665833** at the time of checkout. Barnes & Noble is not just books any more. They have food, music, science experiments, games, puzzles, and toys.

A final schedule of all events and a flier with relevant information will be available on the school website www.transfigurationacademy.org by December 1st. You can also shop online from anywhere in the United States using the instructions on the flier. We encourage you to share it with family and friends. Thank you for your continued support of Transfiguration Academy.

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.



The Service Ministry would like to thank all who donated to our Turkey Drive. It was a huge success!

SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS

A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Calendar:

Sunday, November 29th -- No Religious Education
 Monday, November 30th 6th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, December 2nd 6th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Sunday December 6th -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

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:

- Ä 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.
- 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 & 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.

A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS

All marriages begin in hope, a hope that the couple will love and cherish each other for the rest of their lives. However, it is the sad reality of our times that this hope is not always fulfilled. Marital breakdown is a fact of life and few families are immune. This reality poses a question for the Church about the pastoral response to a situation that we cannot ignore. During the recently concluded Synod on the Family, there was much media attention paid to the question of the status of the separated, divorced, and remarried in the Church. It became clear in these reports that there was a certain amount of confusion about what the Church actually teaches and what people have come to believe. While the Synod may have indicated a different attitude towards the special circumstances of the divorced and separated, it did not change the fundamental doctrine on marriage and the sacraments. Nor did Pope Francis change the doctrine in his *Motu Proprio* which streamlined some Tribunal procedures. As we look forward to the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy, a clarification of the rights of separated and divorced Catholics could be helpful for a better understanding of their place in the Church.

1. Rights and duties in the Church are acquired through baptism and may be exercised according to one's state in life unless legitimately restricted by lawful authority. (Canon 96)
2. Any baptized person not prohibited by law can and must be admitted to Holy Communion (Canon 912). Those who are separated and/or divorced are not excommunicated; even those who are remarried civilly are not excommunicated but they would be excluded from communion since the Church does not recognize civil marriage.
3. Both parties to a marriage which has suffered divorce have the right to approach the Tribunal to ask for an annulment (Canon 1674). While there are fees involved with the Tribunal process, justice is not dependent upon a person's ability to pay and in cases of hardship, arrangements can be made. Tribunal fees do not cover the whole cost of maintaining the Tribunal; it is subsidized by the diocese.

All persons have the right to attend Mass even if they are prohibited from receiving communion.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
Gerard Patrick Lee



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
Philip D. Wyks



First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2015

Advent Giving Tree

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO Religious Education

Monday, November 30, 2015

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

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Mass ó 2:30pm

Ministry of Word ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Ministry of Worship/Liturgy ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg.Rm.

Wednesday, December 2, 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, December 3, 2015

Altar Server Training ó 4:30pm - Church

Ministry of Service ó 7:00pm ó Gathering Room

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

First Friday, December 4, 2015

Communion Visits to homebound

First Saturday, December 5, 2015

Confession ó 11:00am - Church

Children's ó 4:00pm ó Church

Bethlehem Crafts Olive Wood Sale after all Masses

In the Gathering Room

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2015

Religious Retirement Fund

Bethlehem Crafts Olive Wood Sale after all Masses

In the Gathering Room

Children's Liturgy of the Word - 9:00am ó Church/GRm

Religious Education ó 10:15am - School



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015

MINISTRY OF WORD

7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

&

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY

7:30PM IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015

MINISTRY OF SERVICE

7:00PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

ST. FRANCIS GIFT SHOP

CHRISTMAS FAIR

KNICKERBOCKER RD. TENAFLY

10:00AM-4:00PM

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION'S GIVING TREE

Starting **this 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 13th. 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.**

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.

Angels and Pins



How many angels fit on the head of a pin?

This is an age old question which has perplexed many philosophers and theologians as well as college students. Although the answer may not seem to have any deep ramifications for everyday living, there are certain questions which do impact daily existence. One such question is, "Do I have enough money to buy food today?" So many people do not. Catholic Charities through its food pantry program distributes thousands of pounds of food to local parishes throughout the Archdiocese. In the spirit of Christmas giving, please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on your church grounds. You just may be a "Christmas angel" to a hungry person.

Thank you.

The Archdiocese Responds to all Allegations Quickly and Appropriately

In line with Archbishop Myers's personal directive and a Memorandum of Understanding with County Prosecutors, the Archdiocese reports all allegations of sexual abuse of minors to the local County Prosecutor, and cooperates with law enforcement in any investigation.

Those accused of abuse are removed from ministry or assignment while investigations are underway. If substantiated, the removal is permanent.

Since his arrival in 2001, Archbishop Myers has removed permanently from ministry 19 priests against whom allegations were substantiated and who faced penalties under Church law. Two Archdiocesan priests have been convicted criminally or misconduct involving minors during this same time, and they have resigned or been dismissed from the priesthood. No Archdiocesan priest has been charged with a crime of misconduct involving minors since 2004.



Please patronize our advertisers. They help us GROW.

**A LAUNDRY CHUTE
 201-262-WASH**

Please remember to patronize, who help make this bulletin possible

END OF BULLETIN
ANY TEXT OR GRAPHICS ENTERED ON THIS PAGE
WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE PRINTED BULLETIN

CHURCH NAME: **Church of the Ascension**

CHURCH CITY: **New Milford, NJ**

ROUTING CODE: **W**

RUN NUMBER: **6**

FILE NAME: **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

PHONE NUMBER: **201-836-8961**

FAX NUMBER: **201-836-5896**

EDITOR/ CONTACT: **Serina Sharkey**

CURRENT FORMAT: EBSWTD – TEXAS DOUBLE

Comments:
