

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 25, 2016
 5:30 Bernard Sullivan
 7:30 Marge Bruno
 9:00 Rose Caruso
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
 12:00 Gregory James Poli

Monday, September 26, 2016
 7:00 Peggy Evans (L) Birthday
 8:30 Nitto Itona

Tuesday, September 27, 2016
 7:00 Caroline M. Sabo
 8:30 Members of the Delaney Family

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
 7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Tony & Gregory Poli

Thursday, September 29, 2016
 7:00 Leandro Cabacoy
 8:30 Romana Tababan

Friday, September 30, 2016
 7:00 John Trimarchi
 8:30 Marlene Hellriegel

Saturday, October 1, 2016
Memorial Mass
 8:30 Abraham Thomas,
 Michael Tumang
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, October 2, 2016
 7:30 Steven LePage
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish
 10:30 Manuel Garcia
 12:00 Antonino Speciale

PARISH **\$**TEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
 Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

September 20, 2015:	\$6,096.00
September 18, 2016:	\$5,762.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,000.00
Louisiana Flooding Aid:	\$ 800.00

We thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

Readings for Sunday, October 2, 2016

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



Saint Mother Teresa once said, "Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty." Think about it - who are the people you see around you who might feel the most unwanted? Sometimes it is one of our own children who feel this way. Some husbands say they feel this way. Then there are the people we see on the street, who dress strangely, or hang out on corners. What kind of relationship do we have with the poor, lonely, or needy? We all have a relationship with them, but is it a good one, or one with blinders on?

The rich man HAD a relationship with Lazarus - he ignored him! If the rich man had first listened to the prophets, he would know that there is a real and living relationship between God and every living creature. All of us, regardless of our bank statements, our standard of cleanliness, our swift or slow brains, are ALL sons and daughters of God. That is the "divine claim" that we each have on each other! That is the relationship that already exists between the man begging on the corner and the well-dressed socialite at the Art Museum.

But our role here is to keep awake - to look beneath the masks, to sweep the landscape of life with our vision, so that we never miss the needs of our brothers and sisters lying at our gate.

✠ I take this opportunity to thank our Parish Picnic Committee Chairperson, Brendan Suter and our Picnic Committee for their labors of love to make last Sunday's Parish Picnic a parish event not to be forgotten. Our celebration of Parish was filled with food and fun and entertainment - and NO RAIN! Thank you, Picnic Staff - all the up-front and the behind-the-scenes workers - who gave of themselves so tirelessly on the various committees: Set-up, Food, Beverage, DJ, Ticket Sellers, Games/Amusements, First Aid, and Clean-up. Thank you, parishioners, who came out to celebrate parish. All of you make me so very proud to be your pastor. Together may we continue to inspire each other by our good stewardship - our faith in action - and be proud to be the Ascension Parish Family!

✠ Congratulations to our parishioner, Ines Toriano, the winner of our "Full of Dollars" Mega 50/50. Thank you to all who participated and helped to raise the total amount to \$6,520.00. Ines won \$3,260.00! The proceeds from our 50/50 have already been designated to our Parish Capital Improvements Fund. Again, special thanks to Theresa Carbone, Dena Sedlak and Peggy Evans the 50/50 chairpersons, and to all who participated in our **Parish Mega 50/50**.

✠ Please plan to help us collect food for the hungry in the **Action Against Hunger** this Sunday, September 25th, from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations.

✠ **ATTENTION, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS...**

In order to have an opportunity to pray together and to review the procedures associated with your ministry, we will meet in the church on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:30pm. It is imperative that you attend this session so that you can continue to serve in your ministry with knowledge and reverence.

✠ Don't forget to put this on your calendar: October 1 (Saturday) - **Elvis and Friends** - Fr. Benedict Center - \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at door.

✠ This week we bid farewell to Fr. Hilary. Let us thank him for sharing himself with his friendship, reflective homilies and holiness. May God continue to bless Fr. Hilary in his ministry. Thank you Father Hilary!

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

School has been back in session for a few weeks and our PreK thru 8th grade students and faculty are busy with a wide range of academic and extracurricular activities. This is an exciting time of year we invite families looking for a well-rounded school environment for their children to call us to arrange a tour to see for themselves how engaged and energized our students are.

Congratulations to the following 8th grade students, recently elected to leadership positions in Transfiguration Academy's Student Council:

- President: Ella Fajardo
- Vice President: Timothy Pak
- Secretary: Tracy John
- Treasurer: Eric Rollins

It is not too late to register for the 2016-2017 school year. Transfiguration Academy knows that testing isn't the only measure of your child's education. **Discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:**

- É Call to pick up registration materials and/or for a tour: **201-384-3627**
- É **Email: principal@transfigurationacademy.org**
- É **Visit our website: transfigurationacademy.org**
- É **Visit us on Facebook** to experience how engaged our students and families are

Transfiguration Academy is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and serves students in Grades PreK 2+ through Grade 8.

ANY EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!

Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 150 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2 pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods!)

Our next date is on Thursday, October 13th.

We could sure use your help.

Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

AVAILABILITY

SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.



Calendar:

- Sunday, September 25th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)
- Monday, September 26th ó 8th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, September 28th ó 9th Grade from 6:30 pm to 9 pm (Gathering Room)
- Sunday, September 25th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 10:30 am to 11:30 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 11:30 am.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp.

On Wednesday, September 28, 2016 the 9th grade will meet in the Gathering Room. Please be here by 6:30 pm SHARP. The Gathering Room is located next to the Church.

First Reconciliation Parents, there is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting on Sunday October 16, 2016** at 10:30 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least one parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the 9 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

Catholic High School Cooperative Admissions Examination for 2016 is Friday, November 11, 2016. If anyone is interested in more information please contact Mrs. Carbone in the Religious Education office.

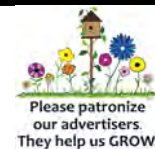
Volunteers Needed:

Ä We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2016-2017 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 in Rectory:

- Monday ó Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm
- Thursday: 9 am to 12 Noon
- Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
- During Religious Education in School:
- Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm
- Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 11:45 am
- Other times by appointment



Please remember to patronize, RIEWERTS MEMORIAL HOME INC. 201-384-0700 who help make this bulletin possible

*Church of the Ascension
invites you
to our annual*

***Blessing of Animals
in honor of
St. Francis of Assisi
in the
Blessed Mother Courtyard***

***Tuesday, October 4, 2016
4:00pm***

*(Don't forget to bring in a donation for our
animal friends in shelters.)*





"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

Dean Zachary Sta. Maria

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DøEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Barbara Santore, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Marcella Sweeney, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Elnora Gordon, Thomas Gonzalas, 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, Ian Belthoff, Recruit, U.S. Marine Corps, Paris Island, SC, and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

"a time to die..."

Archbishop Emeritus Peter Gerety

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of **Gregory & Tony Poli**

BLUE MASS

The twenty-fourth annual liturgy of the Blue Mass honoring and in memory of law enforcement personnel will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 10am. Luncheon to follow. Tickets are \$20. Please call 1-800-427-7651 or BLUEMASS@EMBAROMAIL.COM



OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if for the intention of your loved one.



Sunday, September 25, 2016

Religious Education, Pre-K-9 ó 10:30am
Action Against Hunger ó 12 Noon ó 4:00pm
Noon Mass Parish Celebration for Feasts of San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro

Monday, September 26, 2016

Religious Education Grade 8 ó 7:00pm ó School CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm
Parish Eucharistic Ministersøó 7:30pm - Church

San Lorenzo Ruiz * Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Harrison House
Confirmation Prep (9)
6:30pm ó 8:45pm
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center
Filipino Core Mtg. ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room
Combined Choirs ó 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, September 29, 2016

No events

Friday, September 30, 2016

No events

First Saturday, October 1, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church
Childrenø Choir ó 4:15pm ó Church
Elvis and Friends ó 8:00pm ó Fr. Benedict Center

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Parish Maintenance and Repairs
Childrenø Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education, Pre-K-6 ó 10:30am
Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room
Celebration of San Pedro ó 3:00pm
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Newark



**PARISH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPT. 27TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE CHURCH**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER/DANCE

St. Joseph Council #3814 Knights of Columbus will have a Columbus Day Dinner/Dance/Karaoke Night on Saturday, October 15th from 6:30pm to 10:30pm at the KofC Hall 199 River Road New Milford. Advanced ticket sales only \$35. Per person. For additional information call Grand Knight, Bob Luongo, at 201-519-3296.

WE ARE LIVING STONES

Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.

Our Parish Goal: \$592,239.00
Number of Pledges to date: 180
Our Pledges to date: \$295,276.43
Amount received to date: \$ 78,935.94

Remember our plan is to use the We Are Living Stones proceeds to address the following needs for our parish.

- *Entrance Vestibule Enlargement with ADA Restroom
- *Main Chiller Compressor Replacement (Church)
- *Five-Ton Air Handler in Church
- *Replace windows in Rectory

Our goal is within reach! With each additional sacrifice, our goal becomes that much more attainable. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.

PARISH PICTURES WANTED!!

Do you have pictures of parish events that you would like to share with your fellow parishioners? If yes please transfer them onto a flash-drive and give it to Father David or drop it off at the parish office. We can then show the pictures on the monitor in the vestibule of the church for all to enjoy! Pictures of Special Events, Sacraments, Holy Day and Liturgical Celebrations are welcome. Thank you for sharing your Stewardship of talent with us!

MEMORIALS

ōTHANK YOUō 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: _____

2017 MASS BOOK

IN NOW OPEN

- *Please print clearly using Request Form
- *No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail
- *Payments: Checks made payable to Ascension or Cash no Credit Cards

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS SHELTER COLLECTION

On October 4th we will once again be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis with the blessing of our beloved pets.

At this time we feel it is also important to remember those animals who are less fortunate; who are stuck in shelters waiting for that special person to give them the love they deserve. During the months of September and early October we will have a box in the front vestibule for donations to a local shelter. Items needed include:

- Clean sheets, towels, blankets, playpens, bird cages, rabbit hutches, safari cages, pet carriers, pet food dishes, scratching posts.
- Purina Pro Plan dry dog food.
- Canned Pedigree dog food.
- Dry and canned cat food, kitty litter.
- Strained meat baby food (for foster kittens).
- New heating pads (for kittens, puppies and wildlife infants).
- Toilet tissue, paper towels, bleach, detergent, cleaning supplies.
- Pens, pencils, scissors, tape dispensers, note paper.
- Batteries (AA and AAA) for microchip scanners
- Coffee cans with plastic lids.
- PetCo or PetSmart gift cards

If you would like to make a cash donation, you may hand that to one of our priests.

WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners

The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the rectory office. Thank You!

I would like....

- ___ to become a Parishioner
- ___ to change my address
- ___ to receive envelopes
- ___ to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM