

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, October 23, 2016

5:30 Minerva Morales  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:00 Jack Wall  
10:30 Raymunda Catral  
12:00 Mary Zadroga

### Monday, October 24, 2016

7:00 Alphonse Giella  
8:30 William Morris

### Tuesday, October 25, 2016

7:00 Fermin Magtoto Pineda  
8:30 Alphonse Giella

### Wednesday, October 26, 2016

7:00 Fermin Pineda  
8:30 Raphael Garcia

### Thursday, October 27, 2016

7:00 Fermin Pineda  
8:30 Alphonse Giella

### Friday, October 28, 2016

7:00 Fermin Pineda  
8:30 Alphonse Giella

### Saturday, October 29, 2016

8:30 Enrique Blanco Sr.  
5:30 Robert Barratt

### Sunday, October 30, 2016

7:30 Luis Mendoza  
9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
10:30 Victoria Daquigan, First Anniversary  
12:00 Oscar Anthony Poli

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 18, 2015:	\$6,036.00
October 16, 2016:	\$6,792.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,024.00

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 30, 2016

Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10



We all compare ourselves to others— if not quite as rudely as the Pharisee today! We cannot help but notice each others' differences and similarities. Past generations taught humility as a required virtue, which means to simply accept what is, just as it is, without judgment or comparison.

But today, do we hear about the necessity of showing humility? Instead, an obsession with being the best and most beautiful has taken over. But if we humbly accepted people as they are and didn't criticize others, there would be no need to bolster up everyone's low self-esteem. Of course, there is "good pride"— the delight and joy we feel naturally at something wonderful. But the pride that our Catechism condemns is called a "capital sin" because it breeds hatred and division between the brothers and sisters of Christ. Pride leads us to say or think many cynical, rude, mean or degrading things.

Jesus says there is only one competition: it is to try to love yourself and everyone else as much as God loves us. So, you can pray at church every Sunday, but if you are jealous and arrogant— no winner there. Or, you give 10% of your income to the homeless shelter and lead all the charity golf games. But if you also feel contempt or intellectually superior to the "lesser beings" who drive you crazy each day, you have a hidden problem with pride.

As our good Sisters used to say, humility is letting things be just what they appear to be. Try simply embracing reality, and living in gratitude for who you are, just as you are. There is no other way to love God.

✠ October is **Respect Life Month** and the **month of our Blessed Mother**. I call your attention to some excellent opportunities for us as Catholics to honor Mary, the Mother of our God of Life. We pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church. During the entire month we are collecting donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "**Giving Crib**", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month.

✠ Our **Prayer of Remembrance** will be celebrated on All Saints Day, Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the 7:30pm Mass. Please come and join us as we remember our beloved dead from this past year. All Souls Envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Transfiguration Academy News**

Each week we share what makes Transfiguration Academy an excellent educational option for your child's academic, social and spiritual needs. On November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, your child has an opportunity to experience Transfiguration Academy firsthand by being a "Tiger for a Day." Students in grades K to 8 can spend one of those two days at Transfiguration Academy when the local public schools are closed for the annual NJEA Convention. Each student visitor will be partnered with a student ambassador from the Academy, attend all classes for his or her grade level, be treated to a hot lunch and take home a small gift in remembrance of their "Tiger for a Day" experience.

Transfiguration Academy knows that testing isn't the only measure of your child's education and that today children often participate in a family's decision as to where they attend school. Our "Tiger for a Day" program allows you and your child to make an informed decision.

**Register for Tiger for a Day by Friday, November 4 and discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:**

- ☒ **Call:** 201-384-3627
- ☒ **Email:** [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org)
- ☒ **Visit our website:** [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org)
- ☒ **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.



This year, the Pontifical Mission Societies, which sponsors World Mission Sunday, is focusing on the Gospel passage from Matthew, "I will build my church" (16:18).

Throughout the world, the Pontifical Mission Society spreads the good news of the Gospel far and wide. Let us pray, and offer our gift of support and money to the spread of the Gospel in faraway lands, and in our own cities and towns.

**A BIG THANK YOU**

**FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY SHELTER!**

The staff and volunteers of the Bergen County Animal Shelter offer their thanks to all who generously donated to our collection in honor of St. Francis. They were thrilled with all the items donated for our four legged friends waiting to find a loving home. God bless all those who love and honor all of God's creatures!



**Calendar:**

- Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>-- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)
- Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>-- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 9 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

**Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace:** The children of our parish have begun the preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The children will learn about God's saving love and the forgiveness that comes to us through Baptism. All parishioners are asked to reflect on our baptismal call to forgive others. Please pray for these children as they begin their preparation.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:30 am.**

**All 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp**

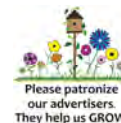
Catholic High School Cooperative Admissions Examination for 2016 is Friday, November 11, 2016. If anyone is interested in more information please contact Mrs. Carbone in the Religious Education office.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- ☒ 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
- ☒ 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:**

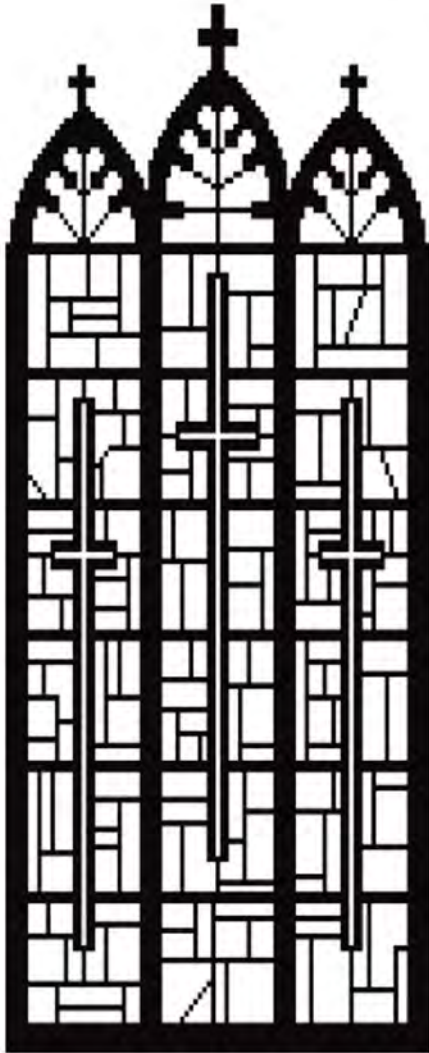
- Monday to Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm
- Thursday: 9 am to 12 Noon
- Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
- During Religious Education in School:
- Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm
- Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 11:45 am
- Other times by appointment



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RIEWERTS MEMORIAL HOME INC.  
201-384-0700  
who help make this bulletin possible**

OCTOBER 23, 2016

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



Dear Friend,

We, of Ascension Parish, feel that it is important for us to remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those persons who have touched our lives and whose presence we miss.

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, as we celebrate All Saints Day, at the 7:30pm Mass, we will anticipate the Feast of All Souls, with our annual **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE** for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (Nov. 2, 2015-Nov. 1, 2016).

We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2016 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

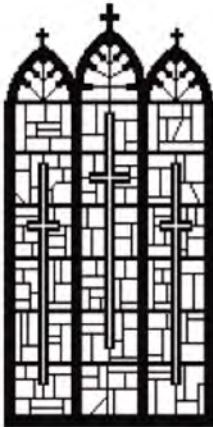
We look forward to being with you on Tuesday, November 1.

In the Lord's Peace,

Fr. David and Your Ascension Parish Family

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## Annual Prayer of Remembrance



My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Loved One \_\_\_\_\_

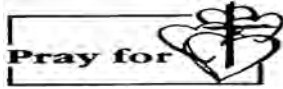
Relationship to Me \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death in 2015-16 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance

Please, we must have this completed card **by October 28<sup>th</sup>**.



# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"To everything there is a season..."*

*"a time to be healed..."*

Rose D'Eufermia, 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, Don Hellrigel,

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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Anita Barbagallo**



**BREAD and WINE** this week are in loving memory of **David Jenkins**

## 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.

## 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.

**GARAGE & BAKE SALE  
SATURDAY SUNDAY & MONDAY  
OCTOBER 22-24**

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS  
253 KNICKERBOCKER RD. TENAFLY  
10AM-4PM  
TO BENEFIT HAITIAN PEOPLE  
DEVASTATED BY HURRICAN MATTHEW**



## World Mission Sunday, October 23, 2016

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

## Monday, October 24, 2016

Religious Education grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School  
CFM ó 7:30pm - Rectory Meeting Room

## Tuesday, October 25, 2016

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

## Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Harrison House  
Confirmation Prep. ó 7:00-8:45pm  
Novena ó 7:30pm - Church  
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, October 27, 2016

Altar server training ó 4:00pm ó Church

## Friday, October 28, 2016

Altar server training ó 4:00pm ó Church

## Saturday, October 29, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church  
Children's Choir ó 4:15pm ó Church

## Sunday, October 30, 2016

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



## Monday, October 31, 2016\*Halloween

NO Religious Education  
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room



MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AT 7:30PM  
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

## THANK YOU TO OUR BAKERS!

Members of our Service Ministry would like to thank all who donated desserts for our October trip to the Hackensack shelter. Thanks to your help we were able to insure that all 110 people served enjoyed a dessert with their meal.

Our next serving date is Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated. God bless you for your generosity.

## RESPECT LIFE

To show our respect for life, during the entire month of October we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "**Giving Crib**", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month. Please put monetary donations in envelope marked "**Respect Life**" in collection basket.

**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:** 183  
**Our Pledges to date:** \$297,376.43  
**Amount received to date:** \$ 85,705.44

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**

“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: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUS TRIP – TO BETHLEHEM, PA.  
 Monday, November 14, 2016**



We are sponsoring a trip to The Sands Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. on Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. The price of \$27 includes a \$20 slot playing voucher, a \$5 food voucher, and bus transportation. The bus will leave Ascension's parking lot at 9:30am. All checks should be payable to Ascension Church and dropped off at the rectory mailbox. Please mark “SANDS CASINO TRIP” on envelope. For further info call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

**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 2016!

**Help is needed for 2017...** 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 2017. 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.

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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_