

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, October 30, 2016

5:30 Robert Barratt  
7:30 Luis Mendoza  
9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
10:30 Victoria Daquigan, First Anniversary  
12:00 Oscar Anthony Poli

### Monday, October 31, 2016

7:00 Alphonse Giella  
8:30 Gregory DeCarlo

### All Saints' Day, Tuesday November 1, 2016

7:00 Olivia Reyes  
8:30 Balagot & Viduya Families  
7:30 **Mass of Remembrance**

### All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2

7:00 All Souls Novena  
8:30 All Souls Novena

### Thursday, November 3, 2016

7:00 Agripina Gervo  
8:30 All Souls Novena

### Friday, November 4, 2016

7:00 All Souls Novena  
8:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis

### Saturday, November 5, 2016

#### Memorial Mass

8:30 Eufrocina Lazaro, Rafaela Miniz  
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

### Sunday, November 6, 2016

7:30 Claudia Costello  
9:00 Dylan Rohwoht  
10:30 David Jenkins  
12:00 Peter Buckley

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 25, 2015:	\$6,902.00
October 23, 2016:	\$4961.00
World Mission:	\$1,600.00

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

### Readings for Sunday, November 6, 2016

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes 2:16--3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38



Jesus was passing through Jericho, and Zacchaeus was seeking to see who Jesus was. So he climbed a sycamore tree to get a better view. What did he see from up there? A man covered with dust, hair blown around by the wind, talking to his friends, and paying no attention to him.

Then, suddenly, Jesus looked up at him. What did Zacchaeus see? He saw eyes filled with welcome and acceptance, sparkling with humor, eyes that warmed him through and through.

Eyes that cut to the chase, that saw many hidden things—eyes that touched his deepest heart. But suddenly, in those eyes of Jesus, Zacchaeus felt a spark of hope and that spark burst into a flame of joy. Without knowing why, he felt accepted and loved. Jesus invited him: "Come down quickly, Zacchaeus....For today I must stay at your house."

What do I do today if I want to see Jesus? I might look at a holy picture or an icon or statue.

I might go to church, see a crucifix, or have a powerful experience in prayer. But I can find Jesus readily in the eyes of another:

A friend who comforts me in my loss, or shares my disappointment, understands my upset,

or someone who just accepts me as they find me—even though I think I am a mess.

They accept me as I am right now.

Then we have found Jesus in another: "God with skin on."

✠ November is almost here. Please remember these upcoming November Parish events:

✠ Looking for some Halloween fun? Support our boy scout troop by visiting their "Nightmare on River Road" fundraiser this weekend!

✠ 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.

✠ Don't forget to turn your clocks **back** an hour for Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, as **Daylight Saving Time ENDS**.

✠ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.

✠ **Interfaith Thanksgiving** on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Grand Avenue off River Road in New Milford at 4pm

✠ **Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30am**

✠ **Parish Advent Giving Tree** on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at all Masses

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**

**TIGER FOR A DAY**

Transfiguration Academy invites you to see why our students excel both in and outside of the classroom. On November 10th and 11th, 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, receive a complimentary lunch and take home a small gift in remembrance of their Tiger for a Day experience. Attendees will get to meet and interact with our students and faculty on a one-to-one basis.

We know that testing is not the only measure of a child's education. Your child will get to experience the nurturing and engaging academic environment Transfiguration Academy has become widely recognized for.

For more information and to register your child, please contact the school office Monday-Friday during school hours at 201-384-3627 by Monday, November 7. To learn more about Transfiguration Academy please visit [www.transfigurationacademy.org](http://www.transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook.

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



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
MASS SCHEDULE  
7:00AM\*8:30AM\*7:30PM**

**Thanks**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$1,600.00-generous help that will reach the Church in Mongolia and local churches throughout the Missions, where the poor receive practical help and the experience of God's love and mercy. His hope and peace. For more information, please visit

[www.IAmAMissionary.org](http://www.IAmAMissionary.org)



**Calendar:**

Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 6 No Religious Education

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, November 6<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:** Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will learn more about God's love for them. Think about your own awareness of God's love for you and the ways you respond to this love. Please remember these special children in your prayers.

**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

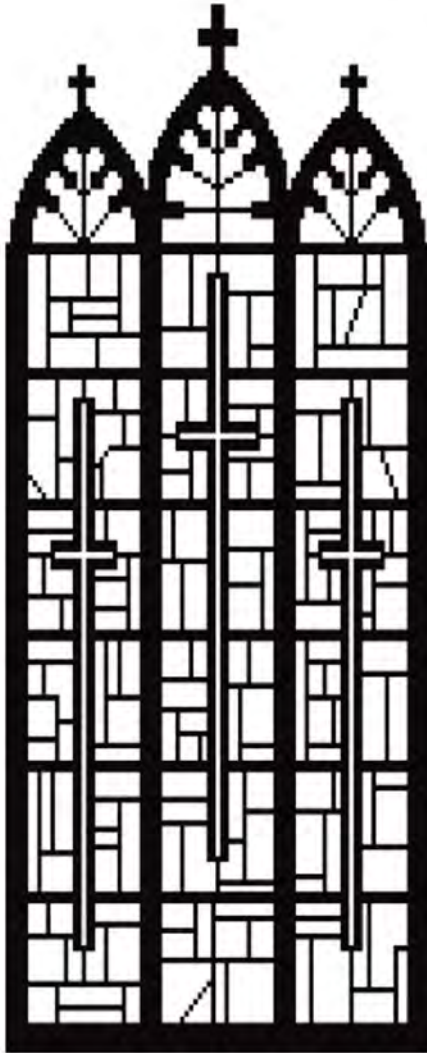


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OCTOBER 30, 2016

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.

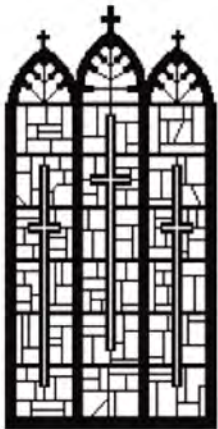
Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2016 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

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

In the Lord's Peace,

Fr. David and Your Ascension Parish Family

*Annual Prayer of Remembrance*



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

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

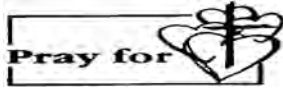
*Relationship to Me* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date of Death in 2015-16* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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

Rose Døufemia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, 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  
**Tony & Gregory Poli**



BREAD and WINE this week  
are in loving memory of  
**Cudina & Boylan Families**



### 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.

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



### Sunday, October 30, 2016

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



### Monday, October 31, 2016\*Happy Halloween

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



### Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Masses: 7:00 & 8:30am & 7:30pm  
Woodcrest Center, Mass - 2:30pm  
Mass with Prayer of Remembrance – 7:30pm



### All Souls' Day, Wednesday, November 2

Masses: 7:00 & 8:30am  
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, November 3, 2016

Altar server training ó 4:00pm ó Church

### First Friday, November 4, 2016

Communion Visits to Homebound  
Altar server training ó 4:00pm ó Church  
Buildings & Grounds ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Mtg. Room

### First Saturday, November 5, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church  
Childrenø Choir ó 4:15pm ó Church

### Sunday, November 6, 2016

Daylight Saving Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)  
Parish Maintenance & 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



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH AT 7:30PM  
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

**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:** \$ 88,495.27

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.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Our stock of many most needed items has been depleted. We depend on the generosity of our parishioners to keep us up and operating, serving those in need in our community. The following is a list of items that we desperately need to stock our shelves. Your continued support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

- CRANBERRY JUICE\*COFFEE\*TISSUES\*
- APPLE SAUCE\*EGG NOODLES\*HAIR CONDITIONER
- OATMEAL\*SALAD DRESSINGS\*CANNED FRUIT
- APPLE JUICE\*CAKE MIX\*PEANUT BUTTER
- CRACKERS\*TOMATO SAUCE\*TEA
- CLAM CHOWDER SOUPS

Would you like to be involved in this ministry to the poor? The Service Ministry is always looking for people who share our concern for those in need. If you are interested in learning more about what we do, and possibly joining our small but dedicated group, speak to Father Ernie and he will introduce you to our team.

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

**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.



I wanted to thank all my fellow parishioners of Ascension for all their prayers for me during my surgeries and recuperations. I greatly appreciate their time and efforts on my behalf. I also pray daily for all of you and all the other people who are in the book of the sick.

May God Bless You All.

Sincerely,  
 Barbara Santore

**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!



Set clocks back at 2:00am on Sunday, November 6th