

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**



**Sunday, November 20, 2016**

5:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 7:30 Jose I. Zuniga  
 9:00 Czarina Viduya, Thanksgiving (L)  
 10:30 Andrew & Eric Comer  
 12:00 George McEwan

**Monday, November 21, 2016**

7:00 Sally & Harold Bates, Sr.  
 8:30 Thomas Meyer

**Tuesday November 22, 2016**

7:00 Maureen Finigan  
 8:30 Madeline Ubriaco

**Wednesday, November 23, 2016**

7:00 Flora B. Ursal  
 8:30 Brian & Regina McCann

**Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24, 2016**

8:30 **Mass of Thanksgiving**

**Friday, November 25, 2016**

7:00 Patricia E. Burke  
 8:30 Angelina Iuliano

**Saturday, November 26, 2016**

8:30 Adeline Getson  
 5:30 John Coringrato

**First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016**

7:30 Theresa Mulvihill  
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
 10:30 John & Lillian Brandon  
 12:00 Anita Barbagallo, First Anniversary

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

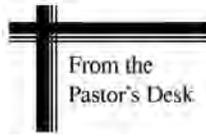
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

<b>November 15, 2015:</b>	<b>\$7,322.00</b>
<b>November 13, 2016:</b>	<b>\$7,161.00</b>
<b>ParishPay September:</b>	<b>\$3,589.80</b>
<b>Food Pantry:</b>	<b>\$ 833.00</b>

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 27, 2016**

**Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/  
 Mt 24:37-44**



We all have power, and we all use power in every action, relationship, or conversation. But the feast of Christ the King helps us see Jesus' power as a paradox. Jesus was powerful not by violence, but by his powerlessness.

Picture a room full of powerful movers and shakers of industry. Then picture a baby being brought into the room. There is a sudden lull in conversation as the most unlikely people start talking 'goo-goo, ga-ga,' and others stand back in a kind of wonder, just gazing at this miracle of new life. So the baby has power, but the baby does nothing to exert its power; the power is in the way people react to the innocence, the truth, the vulnerability of a baby.

Have you ever used the phrase, 'Go ahead' make my day? We all know that most of us react to violence by becoming violent. It's like saying, 'It was okay for you to use violence against me' because now I'm going to use it against you! Not smart at all.

Today's Gospel from St. Luke, which takes us back to Jesus' crucifixion, shows us that Jesus' power came from living his message of love and nonviolence. When we serve the King of Truth by bringing justice and peace to a cheating and violent world, we, too, face persecution, even death. All the martyrs, all who work for justice know this, from Martin Luther King to Bishop Oscar Romero to Erin Brockovich and beyond. How about you?

Christ, the King of Peace, asks us to end selfishness, and our addictions to money and pleasure, and to live as if we are the only hope some people have. Because we are the only one whose ears may hear a particular person in need. Let us all embrace the powerlessness of Jesus, and find the power of love there.

✠ Remember! we will be collecting turkeys on Sunday from 7am to 1pm in the parking lot on the Rectory side of the church for our **Parish Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**. Please help us help the hungry.

✠ We invite all parishioners to join us for our 41<sup>st</sup> **Annual New Milford Community Interfaith Thanksgiving** which will be celebrated this Sunday at 4pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Center Street in New Milford. Please, come and join with our community leaders and our brothers and sisters from New Milford Presbyterian Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and our Jewish brothers and sisters, 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.

✠ Thursday is **Thanksgiving Day**. Please join us as we gather for Mass at 8:30am to give thanks to God the giver of all good gifts! The Rectory and Religious Education offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday.

✠ **Advent is Coming!** Members of our Service Ministry will once again offer us the opportunity to bring the message of Christmas to our needy brothers and sisters. Our **Parish Advent Giving Tree** will be in place on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at all Masses. It is imperative that you follow the directions for delivery dates so that the gifts for different organizations can be delivered on time. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

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



**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

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 23 and will remain closed November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving recess.



**Discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:**

- É Call to pick up registration 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.

**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!

**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 Registered Parishioner
- \_\_\_ to change my address
- \_\_\_ to advise you that I am moving out of the area
- \_\_\_ to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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**BOULEVARD FUNERAL HOME & Cremation Service**  
201-692-0100

Please remember to patronize, who help make this bulletin possible



Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone for the Religious Education Program

**Calendar:**

- Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)
- Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> ó 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> ó No Religious Education
- Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> ó No Childrenø Liturgy or Religious Education

There will be NO Childrenø Liturgy of the Word Sunday, November 27, 2016. We will meet again on Sunday, December 6, 2015

**Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace:** Our parish children preparing for First Reconciliation will be learning this week about contrition and Godø forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All parishioners can join these children in spirit by praying and thinking about ways in which we all are called to sincere sorrow for our sins and to Godø forgiveness through this sacrament of healing and mercy.

**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. Please be on time for pick-up.**

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

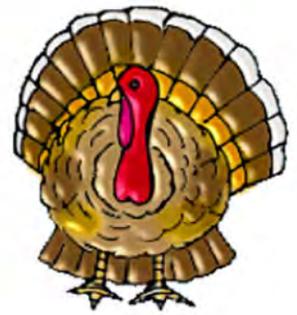
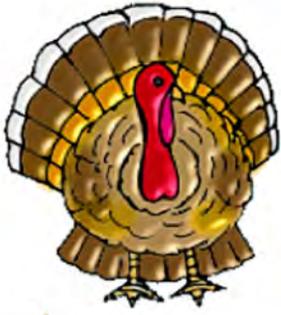
It has come to the attention of the Religious Education office that when a HOME or EMERGENCY phone numbers are called, these numbers are not being answered. It is Very important that we have a number that will be answered in the event of a true emergency; we are not able to consent to treatment for any child that may need emergency treatment. Please make sure that we have a number that will be answered.

**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 Childrenø 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



**DON'T FORGET  
ASCENSION'S**

**THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE**



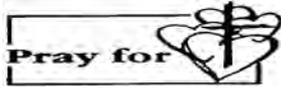
**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Church Parking Lot  
7:00am to 1:00pm**

*For further information, call Joan Stephens @ 201-836-6684*



*Thanksgiving  
Blessings!*





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

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

Rose Dæufemia, 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, 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



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



**Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday, November 20, 2016**

**Catholic Relief Services**

**Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am

Church/Gathering Room

Religious Education, Pre-K-6 ó 10:30am

Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church

**Interfaith Thanksgiving – 4:00pm**

**At St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**

**Monday, November 21, 2016**

Religious Education Grade 8 ó 7:00pm - School

**Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

**Wednesday, November 23, 2016**

Harrison House

Confirmation Prep ó 7:00-8:45pm

Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Filipino Core Mtg. ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

**Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24, 2016**

**One Mass at 8:30am**

**Rectory & Religious Education Offices Closed**

**Friday, November 25, 2016**

**Rectory & Religious Education Offices Closed**

**Saturday, November 26, 2016**

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

**Advent Giving Tree**

**First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016**

**Advent Giving Tree**

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

**NO Religious Education**

**FATHER DAVID'S  
40<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION WEEKEND**



**JUNE 24 & 25, 2017**

*\*additional information will follow\**

**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.



The Rectory & Religious Education Offices will be closed Thursday, November 24th. & Friday, November 25th. In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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



**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 11<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.

**\*\*Please note that unwrapped toys will be given to the Bergen County Sheriff's Department for distribution to local children in need. Please do not wrap these items.**

**Thanksgiving**

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

- 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



**Interfaith Thanksgiving**  
**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**  
**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**  
**225 Center Street, New Milford**  
*Offering of food & money donations*  
*for New Milford Good Will Fund*



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.

**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 (at doors of church)** or you may use this form. Please drop it in the collection basket or in the black mail box outside the rectory door. **Please Print all information clearly.**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

**Please Print**

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

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

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

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

**AN 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!) We could sure use your help.

**Our next date is on Thursday, December 8th.**

Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

**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: \$297,576.43**  
**Amount received to date: \$ 91,508.23**

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.

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