

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016

5:30 John Coringrato
7:30 Theresa Mulvihill
9:00 People of Ascension Parish
10:30 John & Lillian Brandon
12:00 Anita Barbagallo, First Anniversary

Monday, November 28, 2016

7:00 Gloria Santos
8:30 Angelina Iuliano

Tuesday November 29, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Rosario Flores

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

7:00 Patricia Burke
8:30 Annamma Thomas

Thursday, December 1, 2016

7:00 Emilia Chiddo
8:30 The Gutierrez Family

Friday, December 2, 2016

7:00 Eve Boschker
8:30 James Ochs

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Memorial Mass

8:30 Gorgonia Serrano, Alphonse Giella
Maureen Finnegan
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2016

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 Frederick Balagot
10:30 Regina & Brian McCann
12:00 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

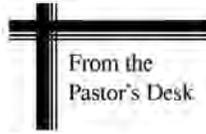
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Readings for Sunday, December 4, 2016

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/
Mt 3:1-12



On this **First Sunday of Advent**, the first day of the new Church year, I have a really important message for you. Are you ready for this? It's been brought to my attention by Management that you're not busy enough!!

Well, the Scriptures don't say it in those words. But children and adults alike are on such jam-packed schedules that it is doing violence to our spirits. We are busy, indeed, but the question that Jesus forces us to face today is what is the business of our busyness?

We have become almost robotic in taking care of business each day. The more frantic we become, the less we are able to take care of the real business of the heart. In **A Christmas Carol**, do you remember what Marley said to Ebenezer Scrooge when Marley appeared wearing a huge, heavy chain, woven of cashboxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, and heavy purses? Marley says, "The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence were, all, my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!" (*Chap. 1*) Marley wears this chain for misusing his chances to make a difference for others in life.

When Jesus says, "Keep awake," he means take time and silence to pray and choose carefully how to spend your and your family's time. God has a bigger plan at stake. Do our choices build up God's priorities? Or do they waste the short and precious time we have been given to create a more just and loving world, as God's partners? When Jesus returns at an unexpected hour, may he find us not breathless with exhaustion but with hopeful expectation!

✠ Thank you to our Service Ministry and to all who donated, collected, and delivered turkeys for our **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**. Also, thank you to all who participated in our **41st annual Interfaith Thanksgiving**. Special thanks to Glenn Gordon and our choir members for helping 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 **2016 Parish ADVENTure**. Once again our Service Ministry has our **Parish Advent Giving Tree** in place. This and so many other opportunities help each of us to prepare for the Lord's coming.

✠ Advent would not be complete without a very special opportunity to make straight the way of the Lord in our hearts and in our lives. Please plan to join us on Monday evening, December 19th, at St. Mary's Church in Dumont for our **Tri-Parish Advent Celebration of Reconciliation with Individual Confession**. Come and experience this beautiful sacrament as one of God's grace-filled Advent moments. What a treat God has in store for us!

✠ Please see the flier in the bulletin about our parish's **YOUTH ENCOUNTER** to be offered by Fr. Teo on Saturday, December 3rd here at Ascension. What a great way for our youth to begin the season of Advent and to recognize how important Jesus is in their lives.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

We thank the veterans from our parish and school community representing all branches of the armed forces as well as five active members of the military from the Teaneck Armory who took part in our observance of Veterans Day.

Congratulations to Transfiguration Academy 5th grade student Uma Nath who represented the school singing the Star Spangled Banner at the Bergenfield Veterans Day ceremony.

Congratulations to Transfiguration Academy 7th grade student Bianca Arcayena who won the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Her poster will now move to the district competition.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair: On Saturday, December 10th all Transfiguration Academy friends and family are invited to join us at a Book Fair at Barnes & Noble at Riverside Square. Students will perform throughout the day and their artwork will also be on display. Additionally, if you make a purchase at Barnes & Noble that day and mention Transfiguration Academy, they will donate a portion of the sale to the school. Please come out and support us by your presence and by doing some of your Christmas shopping that day.

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!

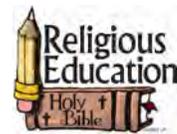
I would like....

- ___ 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: _____



Calendar:

- Sunday, November 27th ó No Childrens Liturgy or Religious Education
- Monday, November 28th ó 7th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, November 30th ó 6th 9th Grade from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, December 4, 2016 ó Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

There will be NO Childrens Liturgy of the Word Sunday, November 27, 2016. 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 disuse 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 opardon and peaceo in the words of absolution. Please continue to keep these 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 3rd grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:30 am. Please be on time for pick-up.

All 7th, 8th and 9th 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 Childrens 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

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Youth Encounter

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Saturday, December 3, 2016

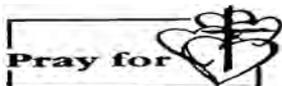
9am to 7pm

*"You too, dear young people
can be witnesses of His love..."*

Franciscus

For registration please call the parish office at 201-836-8961
or contact Fr Teo 201-445-4466 ext. 168

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"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, Private Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Camp Gieger, NC, 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..."

Rita Capezuto, Carmen Salazar

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of the **Patrocinio Quijano**

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



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of the **Anita Barbagallo**



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.



First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016

Advent Giving Tree

NO Childrenø Liturgy of the Word

NO Religious Education

Monday, November 28, 2016

Confessions at Transfiguration Academy

Religious Education Grade 7 ó 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Confirmation Prep ó 7:00-8:45pm

Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

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

Combined Choirs ó 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Ministry of Service ó 7:00pm ó Gathering Room

First Friday, December 2, 2016

Communion Visits to homebound

Finance Council Meeting ó 7:30pm - Rectory

First Saturday, December 3, 2016

YOUTH ENCOUNTER ó 9am-7pm ó FBC/Church

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

Childrenø Choir ó 4:15pm ó Church

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2016

Religious Retirement

Childrenø Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am - Church

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

Baptism Prep ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room



**MINISTRY OF SERVICE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 7:00PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 7:30PM
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

FATHER DAVID'S 40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND



JUNE 24 & 25, 2017

additional information will follow



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 11th.** However, some will be due back at an earlier date. ***It is imperative that you observe the dates 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 are in this 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.**

SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS

Your donation works for aging religious. I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious, a donor writes. That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work.* Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one of 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.



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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.

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