

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

### Sunday, October 29, 2017

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Victoria & Tino Daquigan

9:30 Honorato Pueyo

11:30 Oscar Anthony Poli

### Monday, October 30, 2017

7:00 Luis Mendoza

8:30 Oscar Anthony Poli

### Tuesday, October 31, 2017

7:00 Montecuollo & Lewis Family

8:30 Oates Family

### All Saints' Day, Wednesday, November 1

7:00 Zuniga-Gutierrez Family

8:30 Balgot/Viduya Families

7:30 **Mass of Remembrance**

### All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2

7:00 All Souls Novena

8:30 All Souls Novena

### Friday, November 3, 2017

7:00 Gullermo & Leonora Mosquete

8:30 All Souls Novena

### Saturday, November 4, 2017

#### Memorial

8:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis, Frank J. Cecco,  
Raniel Hernandez, Soledad Tanyag

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

### Sunday, November 5, 2017

7:30 Fermin Abalos

9:30 David Jenkins, Second Anniversary

11:30 Eufrocina Lazaro

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### **WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

October 23, 2016:	\$4,961.00
October 22, 2017:	\$5,220.00
World Missions:	\$2,177.00

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

### Readings for Sunday November 5, 2017

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1  
Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12



The cartoonist Charles Schulz died in 2000; but his beloved characters, Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus and the others, will never die. It surprises people that Schulz suffered throughout his life from anxiety and depression; he often reminded his friends, "There is complexity in the world"—depths of both beauty and tragedy.

In today's gospel, the Pharisees miss the point that the commandments were made for people—not people for the commandments. In the abstract, they did love people—much like Linus who said it best: "I love mankind—it's people I can't stand." They quibbled endlessly about fine points of the law.

So Jesus tells them, "You can quit arguing. Here it is in a nutshell: Love God with your whole heart, your whole soul, and your whole mind. Oh—and love your neighbor as you love your own self."

Sounds simple, doesn't it? Yet, if we know how to love God or our neighbor, why is there so much casual use (even among church-goers) of rude or hate-filled words? "I can't stand her." "I hate him!" "She is such an idiot." "He's a troll." "What a loser!" But what if we stop tinkering with ourselves and other people as if we were broken-down cars, and instead, *see ourselves and others as God sees us?*

Use your imagination to picture Jesus on the Cross, gazing at certain people in your life, forgiving them and loving them in spite of their violence, dishonesty, or evil intentions. We learn that we do not manufacture compassion... but we become compassionate when we choose to let ourselves see God having compassion on others. This way, you won't have to say, "I love God—it's people I can't stand!"

✠ This weekend is the last weekend to experience our Boy Scout Troops project, "Nightmare on River Road" a true Halloween extravaganza! Please support our Boy Scouts in their endeavors.

✠ Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is the **Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day obligation** to attend Mass. We will celebrate Mass at 7:00am, 8:30am and 7:30pm. During the evening Mass, we will celebrate our annual **Prayer of Remembrance**, a special time for us to remember our parishioners, family members and friends who have died during this past year. If you wish to remember someone at this Mass, please fill out and return the **2017 Prayer of Remembrance Response Form** in the bulletin and return it to the Rectory Office.

All Souls envelopes are available at the doors of the church. We will remember these deceased loved ones throughout the month of November.

✠ On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, **Daylight Saving Time ends...**turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

✠ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on Sunday, November 19<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 19<sup>th</sup> at New Milford Presbyterian Church on River Road at 4pm

✠ **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, Mass at 8:30am**

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



### Scholastic Olympics

Saint Joseph Regional High School hosted its Nineteenth Annual Scholastic Olympics program on Wednesday, October 11. Nineteen Catholic grammar schools from Bergen and Rockland counties competed in the event.

Sixteen eighth grade students represented Transfiguration in St. Joseph Regional High School's Academic Challenge. Congratulations to the entire team and especially Gabriella Macre for winning 2nd place in the Religion section.

#### Registration is Ongoing:

Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook to learn more about our academic, athletic and fine arts curriculum. Transfiguration Academy is an investment in your child's future and much more affordable than you would expect.

For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield, please email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or call the school office at 201-384-3627.

**Transfiguration Academy: Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.**



#### 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 join a ministry
- to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

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

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

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



#### Calendar:

- Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)
- Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – 7th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – ALL SAINTS DAY-- 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade meet at 7 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> -- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will celebrated at the 9:30 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:** This week children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be considering what it means to turn away from God's love. They will learn how sin can be overcome by God's grace. In your own life, have there been times when God's grace helped you overcome your own sinfulness and brought you peace and forgiveness? Continue to keep these children in your prayers.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**ALL 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes will meet at 7 pm** for attendance in the school and the go over to the Church for Mass at 7:30. All parents are asked and encouraged to join us as All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Students will be dismissed after Mass from the Church.

#### Please note the change in our hours for classes this school year.

Our Sunday Mornings program is from **10:45 to 12 Noon**. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:45 pm. Students are asked to be here by **6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp**.

#### Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in NEED of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2017-2018 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:

- Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory
- Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School
- Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School
- Closed: Thursday & Saturday
- Other times by appointment

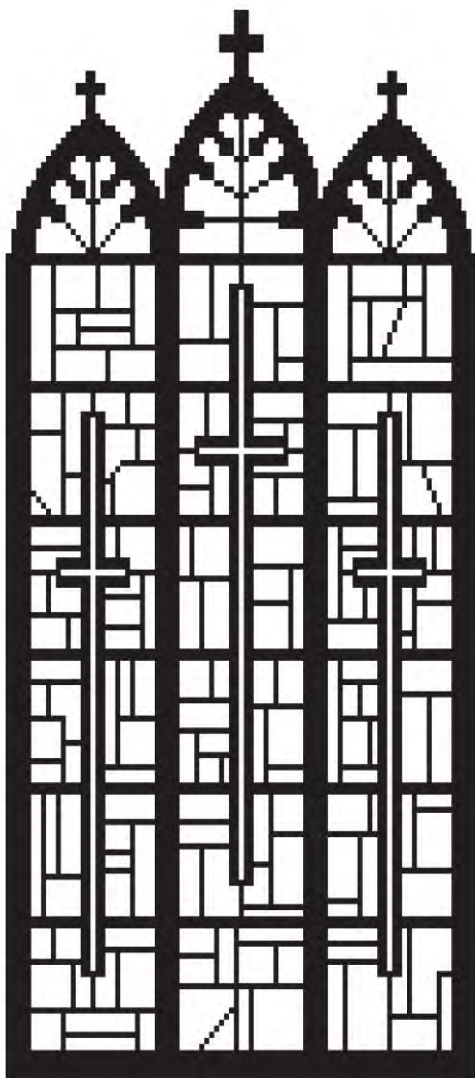
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

RITE TO LIFE TICKET RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES.

**OCTOBER 29, 2017**

*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 Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 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, 2016-Nov. 1, 2017).

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 27, 2017 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

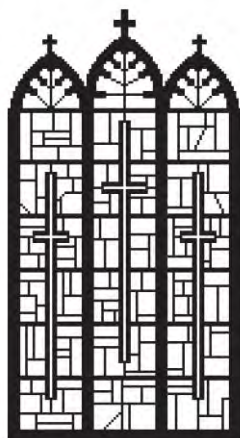
We look forward to being with you on Tuesday, November 1.

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 2016-17* \_\_\_\_\_

*Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance*

*Please, we must have this completed card by October 27<sup>th</sup>.*



## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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

Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abburzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Thomas Gonzalas, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloebler, Richard Gabettie, Judith & Tom Gonzales, 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, PFC Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Cherry Point, NC, James Penser, Goodfellow, AFB, Texas and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

*"a time for peace..."*

President Donald John Trump, our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

*"a time to die..."*

James O'Reilly, Rita Weatherly,  
Margaret "Peggy" Burke

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE  
burns this week in loving memory of  
Oscar Anthony Polis



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

### 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 it is for the intention of your loved one.



**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

Respect for Life Giving Crib  
Right to Life Raffle Tickets for sale after all masses  
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am Church/GRm  
Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 – 10:45 – School

**Monday, October 30, 2017**

Religious Education (grade 7) – 7:30pm – School  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room  
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church



**Tuesday, October 31, 2017**

Happy Halloween!



**Wednesday, November 1, 2017**

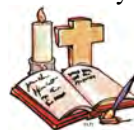
Masses: 7:00 & 8:30am

Mass with Prayer of Remembrance – 7:30pm

Rel. Ed. (Grade 7,8,9) attend 7:30pm Mass

No Novena

Boy Scouts – 7:30p, - Fr. Benedict Ctr.



**All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2, 2017**

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Masses: 7:00 & 8:30am

**First Friday, November 3, 2017**

Communion Visits to homebound

Buildings & Grounds – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

**First Saturday, November 4, 2017**

Confessions 11:00am – Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Appreciation Mass for Ministers at 5:30pm

Gathering follows Mass in FBC

**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

Daylight Saving Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am Church/GRm

Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 – 10:45 – School

Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – Gathering Room



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

### 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 \$2,177.00. Your generous help 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).





### Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 180 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **We are currently at \$35,614.00** pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

**This year our Parish Goal is \$43,000.00**

### 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.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Verifying Your New WeShare Account

If you currently give online through ParishPay, your account will soon be transferred to WeShare, our new online giving provider. This transfer ensures that your scheduled transactions will continue to be received by the parish as scheduled. The security of your personal information is important to us. If you want to make any changes to your account or adjust your giving amount, WeShare requires a one-time security verification to provide you access.

To successfully complete the verification process you will need:

- † Your ParishPay User Name
- † The last four digits of the bank account or credit card that is currently being used for your donations

And ONE of the following two options:

- † The email you used to register with ParishPay
- † A collection name and a specific amount donated in the last six months

Once verification is complete, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to our new WeShare site. Please bookmark or save this link for future access. *If you run into any issues accessing your account, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-950-9952, Option One.*

### CAN YOU HELP?

On the First Friday of each month visits are made to the homebound of our parish who are unable to attend mass. If your answer is yes, you will bring the Eucharist and visit with two or three of your fellow parishioners in their home. Please consider being part of this most rewarding ministry. Please speak with Father David or call the rectory office if interested.



### NIGHTMARE ON RIVER ROAD

Bergen County's

Premiere Indoor Haunted Attraction!

LAST WEEKEND TO BE SPOOKED!!

Saturday 6pm-10pm

Sunday 2pm-6pm

845 River Road, New Milford

Behind Brookchester Stores

(River Road to Dilworth Road)

[www.nightmareonriverroad.com](http://www.nightmareonriverroad.com)

Sponsored by Boy Scout Troops 291 & 78



Set clocks back at 2:00am on Sunday, November 5th