

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Sunday, November 19, 2017

5:30 Rose Santangelo
7:30 Felicia Aita
9:30 Sally & Harold Bates, Sr.
11:30 Peter Buckley

Monday, November 20, 2017

7:00 Czarina Viduya, Thanksgiving (L)
8:30 George McEwan

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

7:00 People of Ascension Parish
8:30 Jose Ignacio Zuniga

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

7:00 Severina Verenguel
8:30 Florencia Dolotina

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23, 2017

8:30 **Mass of Thanksgiving**

Friday, November 24, 2017

7:00 Flora B. Ursal
8:30 Thomas Meyer

Saturday, November 25, 2017

8:30 Gloria Bautista
5:30 Gloria DaCruz

Christ the King, Sunday, November 26, 2017

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:30 James Barrentine
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

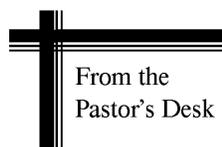
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

November 13, 2016: \$7,161.00
November 12, 2017: \$5,727.00
Food Pantry: \$1,707.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
Christ the King
November 26, 2017**

**Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1
Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46**



From the
Pastor's Desk

There is a popular picture out there of an old sailing ship with the saying underneath, **“A ship in the harbor is safe—but that is not what ships are built for.”** A boat’s true calling is not a passive one! Of course, there are risks; but most sailors take the risks because the pay-off of making the effort is huge: to feel fully alive!

Today’s gospel of the lazy servant who didn’t invest the Master’s money makes people squirm. Here I’m doing my best to keep what’s been given to me safe and sound, and the angry Master says, “Why didn’t you invest it?” Wow—can’t I please anybody?

The Master is really attacking the common trap of fearing to risk. God gives us gifts, but we call them “ours”—and we start protecting “our” things...from “our” toys, to “our” house, to “our” kids. We build a life and get settled, and we soon quit taking our ship out of safe harbor. But—and this is a hard saying these days—the gifts God has given us belong to the world.

One family of 10 ran a small store. But they were never so focused on their own family that they didn’t notice and help other poor families with free food or extended credit when needed. Another family limited sports so they could work at the homeless shelter one night a week. The daughter helped cook, the son sat and talked to the homeless men. These families remained conscious and alert to the state of the world around them—they took their ships out of harbor to help strangers. What a life lesson!

From age 9 to 90, we have to ask the hard question, “Am I in a comfortable rut?” Look around to see if the grieving, the poor, the lonely or homeless need us—because we need them to help us go beyond security, into the open seas of love. **“A ship in the harbor is safe—but that is not what ships are built for.”**

✠ Remember...on Sunday we will be collecting turkeys from 7am to 1pm 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 42nd **Annual New Milford Community Interfaith Thanksgiving** which will be celebrated next Sunday, November 19th, at 4pm at New Milford Presbyterian Church on River Road. Please, come and join with our community leaders and our brothers and sisters from New Milford Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, as we offer this special “Thank You” to God for his many blessings on our community. You are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food donations for the New Milford Good Will Fund directly to the celebration.

✠ 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.

Rev. David



**Transfiguration students learning STEM
(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)**

6th grader Uma Nath recently completed an at home project, creating a fan from recyclable materials, a battery, motor and some electrical wires. She shared her work with her fellow 6th graders as well as the lower school grades. We applaud her as we do all our students as they explore and create with enthusiasm.



Upcoming events:

Our 10th annual “Celebrating the Arts” Barnes & Noble Bookfair is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 2 at the Barnes & Noble Paramus located at 765 NJ-17 South. Students will be displaying and performing skills they have developed for family, friends, and store shoppers. Transfiguration Academy earns a percentage of all purchases made using the Transfiguration Academy name at checkout.

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. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum or to schedule a tour of our Academy, located at 10 Bradley Ave in Bergenfield, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627. Transfiguration Academy is an investment in your child's future and much more affordable than you would expect. **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, November 19th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)
- Monday, November 20th – 8th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, November 22nd – No Religious Education
- Thursday, November 23rd – Happy Thanksgiving- Mass at 8:30 am
- Sunday, November 26th – No Children’s Liturgy of the Word & No Religious Education

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together. There will be NO Children’s Liturgy on Sunday, November 26, 2017. We will resume, Sunday, December 3, 2017.

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace:

This week children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they are learning about the rite of the sacrament. This wee the children will discuss 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 “pardon and peace” in the words of absolution. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

Our Sunday Mornings program is from **10:45 to 12 Noon**. The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th 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**.

Reminder:

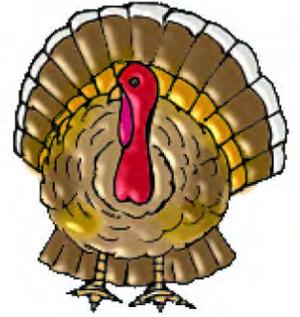
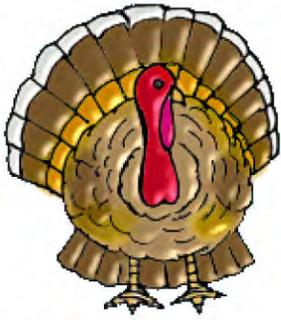
When your child/ren are going to be absent from class you must call the Religious Education office and let us know. We will call the home is you do not call us, so **PLEASE** make sure you have a working home or cell number that we can contact you especially in the event of an emergency.

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



**DON'T FORGET
ASCENSION'S**

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE



**Sunday, November 19th
Church Parking Lot
7:00am to 1:00pm**

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



*Thanksgiving
Blessings!*



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PRAY FOR . . .

“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 Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Thomas Gonzalas, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloeblen, Richard Gabettie, Judith & Tom Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Paul F., Roger & Paul J. Figalora



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, November 19, 2017

Catholic Relief Services

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

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

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

Food Pantry Distribution

Baptism – 1:00pm – Church

Interfaith Thanksgiving – 4:00pm – NM Presbyterian

Monday, November 20, 2017

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Religious Education (grade 8) – 7:30pm – School

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

No events

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Harrison House

NO Confirmation Prep.

NO Novena

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23, 2017

One Mass at 8:30am

Rectory & Religious Education Offices Closed

Friday, November 24, 2017

Rectory & Religious Education Offices Closed

Saturday, November 25, 2017

Confessions 11:00am – Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm - Church

Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday, November 26, 2017

NO Religious Education



Interfaith Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 19th at 4:00pm

Presbyterian Church of New Milford

737 River Road, New Milford

Offering of food & money donations

for the New Milford Good Will Fund

will be accepted

SHARE YOUR JOY at CHRISTMAS

Catholic Charities’ Help A Family Project provides a unique and personal opportunity for an individual or family to help critically needy families in the Newark Archdiocese who would not have Christmas without some outside support. Donors are asked to provide 2-3 age appropriate gifts and grocery store gift cards for their selected family. For more information, please call (973) 266-7966.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 183 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **We are currently at \$35,939.00** 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

Thanksgiving

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 19TH**

The following are items most needed to restock our shelves this month. Any item or items you can purchase for our pantry would be greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your continue support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- Hot Cocoa-Apple Juice-Grape Juice-Cranberry Juice
- Ketchup-Mustard-Canned Mushrooms-Canned Beets
- Canned Spinach-Fruit Cocktail-Canned Peaches
- Raisins-Apple Sauce-Canned Pears-Beef Stew
- Mandarin Oranges-Vegetarian Chili-Grated Cheese
- Instant Stuffing-Bread Crumbs-Egg Noodles
- Pancake Mix-Baked Beans-Canned Potatoes
- Tomato Sauce-Frosted Flakes-Raisin Bran
- Chicken Broth-Bathroom Tissue-Paper Towels

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: _____



**Please remember to patronize
who help make this bulletin possible,
A LAUNDRY CHUTE
201-262-WASH (9274)**



O God of all things in heaven and on earth,
 you give all your people in the world the gift of life,
 the gift of family, the gift of work, and the gift of rest.
 On this, our national day of Thanksgiving,
 we turn all our thoughts to you, from whom all blessings flow.
 Bless all our work, our friends, and our families both near and far.
 We humbly ask for the ability to continue
 our work for your kingdom
 and the ability to gather freely to worship you without fear.
 We ask you to give our years ahead your blessing and protection.
 We ask all this through Christ the Lord, your Son and our brother.
 Amen.

SPECIAL HEALING MASS
St. John the Evangelist Church, Bergenfield
Friday, November 24, 2017
8:00pm – Chapel Lower Church
Celebrant Fr. Bill Halbing
Teaching Talk on "Deliverance"
For more information please call:
George Corbo
At 201-450-1205 or 201-450-1206
Sponsored by Charismatic Prayer Group

**ANY 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!)

Our next date is on Thursday, December 14th.

We could sure use your help.
Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!



The Rectory & Religious Education Offices will be closed Thursday, November 23rd. & Friday, November 24th. In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
"As a family of faith and love, we give You thanks Oh Lord."