

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 13, 2011

5:30 People of Ascension Parish
 7:30 Bobby Barbagallo
 9:00 Dylan Rohwohl
 10:30 James R. Kane
 12:00 Fermin M. Abalos

Monday, November 14, 2011

7:00 Fred Greene
 8:30 Ida Mangieri

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

7:00 Rose & Nicholas Lanza
 8:30 Eulogio Batac Jr.

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

7:00 Mario LaBarbera
 8:30 Antonio Special

Thursday, November 17, 2011

7:00 Robert Mozia
 8:30 Zuniga, Garcia, Hall & Cox Families

Friday, November 18, 2011

7:00 Robert Mozia
 8:30 Robert Figueroa

Saturday, November 19, 2011

8:30 Sally & Harold Bates, Sr.
 5:30 Thanksgiving, Czarina Viduya (living)

Sunday, November 20, 2011

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Daniel Piro
 10:30 Regina & Brian McCann
 12:00 John Zuleg & Deceased families

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
 WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



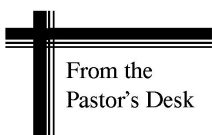
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Last Weekend:	\$10,788.18
ParishPay:	\$ 996.10
Archdiocesan Assessment:	\$ 1,877.00

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

Readings for the Week of November 13, 2011

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 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! Next Sunday we will be collecting turkeys 7:30am 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 **36th Annual New Milford Community Interfaith Thanksgiving** which will be celebrated next Sunday, November 20th at 4pm right here at Ascension.

Please, come and join with our community leaders and our brothers and sisters from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Congregation Beth Tikvah, New Milford Presbyterian Church, and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, as we offer this special "Thank You" to God for his many blessings on our community. White Bags for non-perishable food donations to the New Milford Good Will Fund are in the front vestibule of the church. Please bring your white bag directly to the celebration.

✠ Please plan ahead. On Saturday, November 26th, we will celebrate the beginning of a new Church year with our **Parish Advent Wreath/Filipino Star Supper**. St. Nicholas has promised me that he will stop in for a visit and pose for family pictures. A flier with response form is inserted in this week's bulletin. Please complete and return it today so you don't forget.

♦ **Parish Advent Giving Tree** on Saturday, November 26 / Sunday, November 27 at all Masses.

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

P. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Catholic education: Does it still make a difference?

Information taken from the National Catholic Reporter 10/24/2011, Article Details By Mary Gautier.

Catholic schools are less available now than they were 50 years ago and fewer Catholics are sending their children to a Catholic school.

Does Catholic schooling make a difference in the way Catholics practice their faith and in their attitudes about the church? The data from a survey conducted by the National Catholic Reporter shows that, at least in terms of the way Catholics practice their faith, attending a Catholic high school makes a difference. When asked about why they attend Mass, Catholic schooling also makes a difference.

Attending a Catholic school also makes a difference in some aspects of Catholic identity. Six in 10 who attended a Catholic elementary school, and seven in 10 of those who attended a Catholic high school say they would never leave the church; less than half of those without Catholic schooling said the same. Catholics who attended a Catholic high school, agree that being Catholic is a very important part of who they are and strongly agree that it is important to them that younger generations of their family grow up Catholic.

The survey also found that for minorities there is a stronger association between Catholic schooling and socioeconomic success.

Does Catholic Education Make a Difference? We think so. What do you think?

Transfiguration Academy, prepares students to face the challenges of a changing society and become the leaders of tomorrow through, strengthening faith, enlightening minds and transforming hearts, one student at a time.

For more information, or to arrange a tour of the Academy, or to register, please call us at: 201-384-3627, or visit us at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621. **"Begin the Transformation"**

Transfiguration Academy H.S.A. would like to invite you to join in celebrating the beauty of the season with a **TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER and LIVE ENTERTAINMENT** on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 6:30 until 8:30 in St. John's Conlon Hall, 19 N. William Street, Bergenfield. We will offer a traditional dinner of Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea and Dessert. Advance tickets are available at Transfiguration Academy's school office during regular school hours. The cost of the dinner is Adults \$10.00, Children (5-11) and Seniors \$7.00. Tickets will be available at the door for Adults \$13.00, Children (5-11) and Seniors \$9.00. Any questions or to purchase advance tickets, please contact Craig Von Der Osten at 201-280-2119 or Irene Sanders at 201-264-9258.

Altar Servers

We are in need of several Adult Altar Servers to assist in Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the Rectory (201)836-8961 and sign up for a training class.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

Tuesday and **Thursday**

9:00am to 4:00pm. & 6:00 to 9:00pm

Saturday, from 9:00am to 2:00pm

We are closed for lunch from 12noon to 1:00pm daily



This Week:

Sunday, November 13th 6 Pre-K thru 6th grades from 10:15 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

Monday, November 14th 6 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, November 16th 6 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, November 20th 6 Pre-K thru 6th grades from 10:15 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun during the 9 am Mass for the children in Pre-K to 5th grades. Remember this is a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Catechists, Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program. 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.

Coupons for our Food Pantry All families are asked to drop off coupons from the Sunday paper that you do not use to the Religious Education Office or put them in the box in the back of Church. They will be used to purchase need food items for the food pantry.

Office Hours:

Monday thru Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Monday and Wednesday Evening: 6:30pm to 8:45 pm

Sunday 10 am to 12 Noon

Other times by appointment

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
ALTAR FLOWERS	\$40 (per basket)
SANCTUARY CANDLE	\$15

MEMORIAL FUND

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Donation Amt.: _____

In Memory of: _____

Date Requested: _____

Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

Invites You to Gather Together and Share...

Parish Advent Wreath Supper

Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 6:45pm

Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room

- ◆ *Pizza Supper* ◆ *Advent Wreath/Filipino Star Activity*
 - ◆ *Wreath forms, candles, and greens will be supplied*
 - ◆ *\$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family*
 - ◆ *Please bring a dessert to be shared*

Questions...please call Fr. David at 201-836-8961

*Please detach and return form below to the Rectory
by Monday, November 21st*



Church of the Ascension Parish Advent Wreath Supper



Name _____ *Telephone* _____

Number of Adults attending _____

Number of Children attending _____ *Ages of Children* _____

Please return this form by Monday, November 21st



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Theresa Ruocco, Kay Harrington, Edward Harrington, Adem Shavelli, Ann Sullivan, Jean Cangelosi, Joanne Albanese, Joseph Albanese, Joe and Edith Hartney, Rev. James Flannigan, Marguerite Morris.

And those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

"a time to serve..."

All Men and Women serving in our countries
Armed Forces.

"a time for peace..."

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders
and all World Leaders.

"a time to die..."

Richard Reilly, Jr.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
James R. Kane



Sunday, November 13, 2011

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School
RCIA ó 10:30pm ó Gathering Room
Couples for Christ ó 2:30pm ó MPR

Monday, November 14, 2011

Deanery Meeting ó 1:30pm
Religious Education, Grade 8 - 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Arts & Crafts ó 10:00am ó Gathering Room
Woodcrest Center Communion Service ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Religious Education , Grade 9 ó 7:00pm ó School
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Children's Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church
Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm ó Church

Friday, November 18, 2011

No events

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Confession ó 11:00am ó Church

Christ the King, Sunday, November 20, 2011

Food Pantry Sunday

Turkey Drive until 1:00pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word ó 9:00am
Church/Gathering Room

Religious Education ó 10:15am ó School
RCIA ó 10:30pm ó Gathering Room

Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church

Interfaith Thanksgiving at Ascension – 4:00pm

"PRAY FOR" INTENTIONS UPDATE

Please take note our "Pray For" intentions has been updated. If you have a loved one who's name you would like to be included in our "Pray For" a time to be healed or a time to serve intentions we ask that you please contact the parish office at 201-836-8961.

HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2011!

Help is needed for 2012...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 6/8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2012. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or Mary Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help in this worth while ministry. Thank you.



Please remember to patronize,
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201-501-0615
who help make this bulletin possible



Ministry to the residents at Woodcrest Center

Yes, Father I would like to volunteer an hour once a month on Tuesday to bring the joy of Jesus to the residents of Woodcrest Center through prayer and Holy Communion. Please contact me.

MY NAME: _____

Please Print

PHONE #: _____ Best time to reach me: _____

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

7:30AM-1:00PM

On Sunday, November 20th, members of Ascension's Service Ministry will be outside the rectory from 7:30am-1:00pm collecting turkeys for the needy for Thanksgiving dinner. Please help those in need by stopping by and dropping off your donations to our Confirmation candidates who will be there to help take your donations. If you have any questions, please call Joan Stephens at 201-836-6684. Members of the Service Ministry wish all a very blessed Thanksgiving and thank you for your continued support!



Excerpts of the people's parts from the Roman Missal
November 13, 2011 – Part 7 of 7

On November 27, 2011, the English speaking Church in the USA will begin using a new translation of the prayers used at Mass (The *Roman Missal*). In order to become familiar with these changes before they are implemented, samples of the new texts will be printed here. Please check here weekly.

Communion Rite

Priest: The peace of the Lord
be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called
to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Concluding Rite

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

Prepared by the OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP ó www.RomanMissalNewark.org

**THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE
HOSTED BY CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH. AT 4:00 PM**

This year we are hosting the New Milford Interfaith Service. It is customary for the hosting parish to prepare a reception for all who attend the service. We need lots of help to show our neighbors the same hospitality that they have shown us in past years.

We are asking for help in set-up, serving and clean-up for the event. Most importantly, we need help in preparing some food items to serve. Some of the items we can use are:

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| Macaroni Salad | Potato Salad | Pasta Salad |
| Fruit Salad | Cookies | Cupcakes |
| Cakes | Brownies | Pies |

If you can help with any of the above, we are asking that you contact us via phone or e-mail due to the short time available to set everything up. Please call or e-mail Joan Stephens @ 201-836-6684; joanstephens@optonline.net; include what you might bring, when you can help, and a contact phone number.

Thank you for volunteering to help. We hope to see all of you at the service; we all need to Thank our Lord for the gifts we receive each day!



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19th & 20th

The following items are currently in need to stock our pantry shelves. As we are gearing up for our Thanksgiving holiday meals, you will notice some items that will help us to supply complete holiday meals to our clients.

- TURKEY GRAVY* CANNED YAMS***
CRANBERRY SAUCE* INSTANT POTATOES*
CANNED CHICKEN* CANNED FRUIT*
CORNED BEEF* CORNED BEEF HAST*
CANNED CHILI* CANNED STEW*
PAPER TOWELS* TOILET PAPER*
PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

As always, we thank all who support our efforts, both with monetary donations and with donations of food items. May God Bless you for your continued support of our very important ministry!

CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS AND BAKE SALE

Our Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts and Bake Sale will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3rd & 4th in the Gathering Room of the Church from 9am-4pm and after the 5:30pm Mass and after all Masses on Sunday.** Delicious Home Baked Cakes and Breads, Jewelry, Handmade Wreaths and Crafts and Many Gifts for your family and friends will be sold at very reasonable prices.

We would appreciate donations of home-baked cakes, cookies, bread, etc. Please fill in the coupon below and drop off at rectory mailbox. Many hands are needed to make this event a success. If you would like to help setup on Friday, Dec. 2nd starting at 10am or help out any time on Sat. or Sun. after the masses and cleanup. Please fill in the coupon below. Thank You.

 YES I WILL BAKE _____
 NAME _____ PHONE# _____

Please drop off all baked goods at the rectory
by **Friday, Dec. 2nd**

Any questions, call Josie McEwan, (201) 265-0485

YES I WOULD LIKE TO HELP
 NAME: _____ PHONE# _____

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Archbishop's Annual Appeal Update

Thank you to the 367 parish families who have pledged to the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**. Because we are close to our stretch goal, which will give us maximum rebate, we ask that you **Please fulfill your commitment**. Give a lot...Give a little, but, please, let all families give something! Please, let's pray and work together, that with God's help, we can go over goal again this year.