Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 22, 2013
5:30 Rose & Nicholas Lanza
7:30 Lourdes Cruz
9:00 Rayminda M. Pacia
10:30 Strandvold-Kane Family
12:00 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, September 23, 2013
7:00 Tirso H. Aguilar
8:30 Catherine & Theresa Gallagher

Tuesday, September 24, 2013
7:00 Archimedes & Macaria Antolin
8:30 Theresa Gallagher

Wednesday, September 25, 2013
7:00 Angelo Lanzilotti
8:30 Mario LaBarbera

Thursday, September 26, 2013
7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Patrick, Karen & Connor (living)

Friday, September 27, 2013
7:00 Nicholas Marconi
8:30 Caroline M Sabo

Saturday, September 28, 2013
8:30 Bernard Sullivan
5:30 Sam Carbone

Sunday, September 29, 2013
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 People of Ascension Parish
10:30 Alejandro Cabacoy
12:00 Anthony & John Montuori

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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Readings for the Week of September 22, 2013

Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

FROM THE PASTOR

Today Jesus speaks again about our relationship to our money and our possessions. Maybe we picture the people of Jesus' time as poor, living in small thatched homes, walking around in sackcloth and sandals. There were many poor people following Jesus, because he was their only hope. But notice that Jesus' concern for everyone, rich or poor, is about our core relationship with money. Personally, I think Jesus was far more respectful of money than we are. He dealt with the reality before him. When it comes to money and possessions, we indulge in a lot of fantasy thinking. We listen to the lies in commercials and convince ourselves, "Oh, I don't really spend that much," or, "I had a rough day, I deserve a treat," or "We can always take out a second mortgage to pay off the new furniture…"

In the popular book, "Tuesdays with Morrie," the older man, Morrie, says, "We've got a form of brainwashing, going on in our country. Do you know how they brainwash people? They repeat something over and over: 'Owning things is good. More money is good. More property is good. More commercialism is good. More is good.' We repeat it and have it repeated to us over and over until nobody bothers to even think otherwise."

If there were no deeper meaning to life, maybe all this would be fine. But Jesus constantly reminds his disciples, "Keep awake! There's more to this life than meets the eye." We are people created to be in a deep love relationship with God and all of the creatures we live with. We are to be stewards, caretakers, not to be "users" of the creation around us. Money is a symbol for power; before we spend money, do we think about what impact our purchases will have on our life?

✠ Religious Education classes have begun. Please check the bulletin for the times of the class sessions. Also, now that Religious Education classes have begun, please be extra careful driving on the church and school grounds.

✠ On Saturday, September 28th our Parish will celebrate **San Lorenzo Ruiz's feastday** at 5:30pm Mass followed by light refreshments in the Fr. Benedict Center. On Sunday, September 29th, a solemn Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to honor San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and Companion Martyrs.

Lorenzo Ruiz was a family man, a catechist, a missionary, helper of immigrants, the sick, and those with any adversity in life, and above all, a martyr of our faith. We are inspired by his brave words of martyrdom on September 20, 1673 in Nagasaki, Japan, "I am Filipino and a Christian. I would rather die a thousand deaths than renounce my faith!" San Lorenzo and companion martyrs, pray for us.

✠ **CFM**, Christian Foundations for Ministry, Year I, begins on Monday, September 23rd, at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room. We will be studying the Old Testament in the Fall sessions. There is still time to sign up if you are interested. Contact Fr. David.

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

Have a great week!

Fr. David

TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy since its inception has supported the 40 Days for Life program. As a private CATHOLIC Elementary School we join with Catholics around the world in the movement to protect mothers and babies.

"40 Days for Life" is a peaceful, prayerful pro-life campaign that has been embraced by more than half a million people worldwide, saved 7,536 lives from abortion led to the conversion of 83 abortion workers, and seen 40 abortion facilities close.

The next Peaceful vigil is scheduled for SEPTEMBER 25, 2013, at:
Women's Choice Abortion Clinic
10 Zabriskie St. Hackensack
Between the hors of 7am to 7pm
Please see if you can spend an hour to save a life

Learn how you can speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, right here in Bergen County, by contacting:
Margaret Scully, 201-805-0937, scullyfam@yahoo.com
Linda Maliani, 551-265-8121, lindamaliani@yahoo.com
Mary Campell, 201-723-5356, doctorted2@verizon.net

ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES OF 8TH GRADERS
All public school 8th graders wishing to attend Catholic High Schools in September, 2014 must register and take the Catholic High School entrance exam (COOP). **The test will be given on November 8, 2013**.
Students need to register for this exam by going to www.coopexam.org, calling 1-888-921 2667 or visiting a Catholic high school to obtain registration materials.
Registration for the COOP Exam is now open.

You can get more information about Transfiguration Academy by going to our website www.transfigurationacademy.org or calling 201.384.3627.

Religious Education

CALENDAR:
Sunday, September 22nd -- Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
Monday, September 23rd – 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, September 29th -- Pre-K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 1015 am to 11:45 am.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp.

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 and share their faith while working with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

Office Hours:
Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday: 10 am to 12 pm (Noon)
Closed; Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

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:_____

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201)407-3256.

ASCENSION HOUSE OF PANCAKES
FALL
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, September 22, 2013
8am to 12 Noon
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
FR. BENEDICT CENTER
1092 CARNATION DRIVE
NEW MILFORD
Donations:
$6.00 per person
(Children under 3...Free)
Eagle Scout Project
Sponsored by Nicholas Adams
and Boy Scout Troop 5
to benefit Ascension Parish

"To everything there is a season…

"a time to be healed…"

John Burke, Sue Figalora, Bob Stasi, Peggy Funesti, Denis Mullins, Thomas Furlong, Patricia Burke, Eleanor Pompeo, Jerry Gordon, Alyssa Brady, Theodore DeSteno, Dolores DeMatteo, Barbara Riley, Alex Kuhr, Jim Crowley, Linda Krahling, Barbara Santore, William Schettinger, Yvonne Payne, Rosemarie Salimbene, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Marlene Hellriegel, Monica Vivas, Margaret Bitteti, Theresa Ruocco, Kay Harrington, Adem Shavelli, Joseph Albanese, Joe Hartney, Marguerite Morris, Ann Marie Lopresti.
And those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

"a time to serve..."

Lt. Ronald W. Layne, Jr., Afghanistan,
Cpt. Jack Massingale, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan
All Men and Women serving in our countries
Armed Forces.

"a time for peace…"

President Barack Obama, 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
Cecilia Laureys

BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
Strandvold-Kane Family

AVAILABILITY FOR 2013
SANCTUARY CANDLE ($15.), BREAD & WINE ($40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS ($50. each basket) for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.

OUR MASS BOOK FOR 2014 IS NOW OPEN
PLEASE COMPLETE FORM & STOP BY
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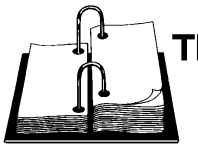
MONDAY-FRIDAY-1:30-3:00PM



The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 22, 2013
Parish Pancake Breakfast-8:00am-12:00pm
Father Benedict Center
Religious Education - 10:15am - School

Monday, September 23, 2013
Religious Education - Grade 7 - School - 7:00pm
CFM - 7:30pm - Gathering Room

Tuesday, September 24, 2013
Arts & Crafts - 10:00am - Gathering Room
Woodcrest Center, Communion Rosary, 2:30pm

Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Harrison House
Novena - 7:30pm - Church
Contemporary Choir - 8:00pm - Church
Filipino Core Meeting - 8:00pm - Gathering Room

Thursday, September 26, 2013
Children's Choir - 3:45pm - Church
Traditional Choir - 7:30pm - Church

Friday, September 27, 2013
No event

Saturday, September 28, 2013
Confession - 11:00am - Church
Set-up for San Lorenzo Ruiz Reception
5:30pm Mass for San Lorenzo Ruiz
Reception follows in Father Benedict Center

Sunday, September 29, 2013
Religious Education - 10:15am - School
Mass for San Lorenzo Ruiz/San Pedro Calungsod
at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

YEAR OF FAITH

In the spirit of the Year of Faith, the Filipino Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark will celebrate the feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz and the recent canonization of San Pedro Calungsod on September 29 at three in the afternoon in the Cathedral Basilica of Newark. The Most Reverend Julito B. Cortes, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Cebu (Philippines) will preside and preach at this liturgical celebration.

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Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

MEMORIAL CANDLES:	**$150/1 Year**
	$20/30 Days
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE	**$40**
ALTAR FLOWERS	**$50 (per basket)**
SANCTUARY CANDLE	**$15**

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Our R.C.I.A. helps prepare unbaptized adults to become members of our Faith, baptized Christians of other denominations who desire to convert to Catholicism, and Catholic adults who for some reason did not receive Communion and/or Confirmation when they were younger to complete their Full Initiation.

The unbaptized pass through a two year process of information and formation, and those already baptized who have previously had some foundation in Christianity pursue a one year process. The first step is to begin a conversation about the reasons for their decision and to offer some background of what has led them to this point. Please contact Fr. Ernie if you or someone you know might be interested but is not a regular churchgoer, please extend the invitation to them to contact us for further information.

If you are new to our parish…

WELCOME!

Please stop by the rectory to register with the parish and introduce yourself to one of the priests.

If you must leave the parish…**We're sorry to see you go.** Please stop by the rectory or give us a call (201)836-8961 so we may update our records.

Rainbows Program to Start a New Season

Beginning Our 23rd Year

"Rainbows" is a non-sectarian support group for children, ages 5 through 13, who have experienced parental separation, divorce or death. A new session will begin Tuesday, September 24. Groups meet every Tuesday, from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Life Center of St. John the Evangelist, Bergenfield.

The children meet in small groups, with a trained facilitator. Workbooks, stories, games and crafts are used to explore many topics. Enhanced self-esteem, exploration of fears and worries and learning to trust are some of the topics covered.

"Rainbows" is made available, completely free of charge to all participants, due to donations from the Bergenfield-Dumont Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes of Bergenfield-Dumont.

A parent/caregiver sign-up meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Further information is available by calling 201-951-4843.

The Parish Events Committee holds an arts & crafts class on Tuesday mornings at 10am in the gathering room of the church. All items made will be sold at our annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair. If you are talented in knitting, crocheting, or are willing to learn, please come join us.

Physician-Assisted Suicide – What is at Stake? Consider this: People who request death are vulnerable. They need care and protection. To offer them lethal drugs is a victory not for freedom but for the worst form of neglect. (Excerpt USCCB *To Live Each Day With Dignity* p. 3) **Oppose the NJ Death with Dignity Act (A3328/S2259). Visit: www.usccb.org/toliveeachday**

If you had your portrait taken please stop by the rectory office during business hours and pick up your copy of our Parish Church Directory. Thank you!

FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

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