

# Church of the Ascension

Parish Mission Statement: Committed to build, strengthen and nurture the Body of Christ

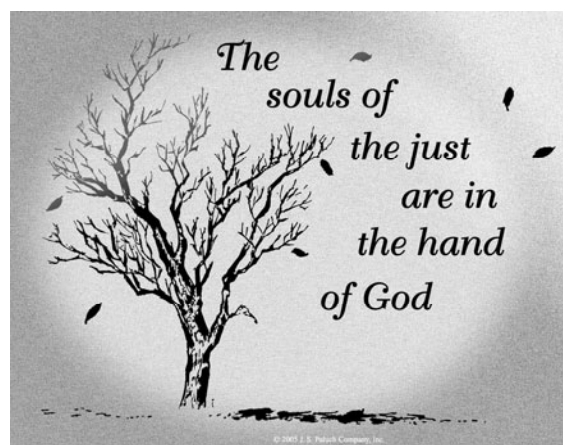


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**ALL SOULS DAY NOVEMBER 2, 2008**

## WELCOME

*Our community welcomes all who come  
through our doors to worship and  
seek spiritual nourishment.  
As a Stewardship parish we respect and embrace  
an individual's time, talent and treasure.  
To join our faith community,  
please contact the office.*



## PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

**Pastor:** Rev. John T. McDonough  
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**Coordinator of Middle School Youth Ministry:** Sandy Bercel  
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**Facilities and Maintenance Supervisor:** Steve Bonomolo  
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## PARISH COMMUNICATION

**Web Site:** [www.ascensionfh.org](http://www.ascensionfh.org)  
**Parish E-Mail:** [ascension@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:ascension@diocesephoenix.org)  
**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30AM-5:00PM  
**St. Vincent de Paul Help Line:** (480)837-7287

## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Daily Masses:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri - 8:00AM  
**Weekend Liturgies**  
**Saturday:** 5:00PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 5:00PM  
**Holy Days:** 7:00PM Vigil Mass (day before)  
8:00AM Holy Day  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30-4:30PM  
**Adoration:** First Friday of month 8:30AM-5:00PM  
**St. Dominic's Mission—Rio Verde**  
**Sundays:** 10:00AM  
Rosemary Palys - Secretary - (480)471-2112

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Jan, Apr, May, July, Sept, and Nov. Call the parish office to enroll in classes prior to the second Sunday of those months.  
**Marriages:** Six month notice  
**Sick Calls:** Immediately Call- (480) 837-1066

**A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

**October 25-26**

Attendance 1040  
 See next weeks bulletin for details.  
 Weekly Budgeted Income \$16,860

**If, then, we have died with Christ,  
 we believe that we shall also live with him.**

-Romans 6:8



On the feast of All Souls we pray for those who have gone before us and stand in judgment before God. May we share with one another the treasure of love's memory, and console one another with the assurance of resurrection.

**This is Commitment Weekend!!**

**LITTLE BURGUNDY BOOK  
 STEWARDSHIP**

*Spend some quiet time with the Lord*

The passages in The Little Burgundy Book end this weekend. We hope that you found it a benefit as you discerned your annual commitment to this faith community. Commitment cards are in the pews this weekend and will be available in the narthex during the next few weeks.

*Prayer Requests*

James Munn, Pam Couture, Ann Branski, Martha Moyses, Ken DeFelice, Terri Konchan, Florence Cochran, Robyn Becher, Nicholas & William Scott, Helen Asher, Marie Koshier, Mary Ann & Joe Goysich, Gaffney Family, Roland Hentz, Misty Davis, Bill Hite, Astrid Asche, Lance Swearingen, Dave Rice, Don Doran, Barb Coffey, **and all who care for the sick. Please call 480-837-1066 if you wish someone to be placed on the**

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**



'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

If you wish to add a name, please call the parish office at 837-1066, and we will add them to the list.

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| Sgt. Major John Amaral      | Sgt. Jeff Collins     |
| Sgt. /Platoon Terry Blogg   | Sgt. John Campbell    |
| 1st. Lt. Chris Colbert      | HT2 Dustin Cooper     |
| Pvt. Michael J. Carroll     | PFC Christopher Derby |
| PVT. Raymond Cataline       | UB2 Joseph Fank       |
| Cpl. Adam M. Delaney        | Spc. Joey Galvin      |
| SG Thomas Ericksen          | Spc. Jesse Hardin     |
| PFC Russell Gilliland       | Capt. Bryan Hall      |
| Capt. Joe Hockmuth          | Sgt. Jeremy Juetten   |
| USMC Steven Kenealy,        | PFC,E2 Kallie Koontz  |
| C.W.O. Ara Kotchikian       | Capt. Jonathan Keller |
| Sgt. William J. MacDonald   | Lt. Brad McNally      |
| ADM. John Messerschmidt     | 1st Lt. Brent McNally |
| MDSP Robby Petrosik         | Cpl. Sean Pickel      |
| Sgt. Joseph D. Ramirez      | Capt. Blaine Peterson |
| M. Sgt. Jeffrey Stepanek Jr | Capt. Adam Travis     |
| Corp. Jonathan Strang       | W.O. Dan White        |
| Col. Doug Turlip, USMC      | 2nd Lt. Kyle Frazer   |
| Peter James Tramonte A.F.   | US Navy Ryan Adlam    |
| Pvt. Blake E. Weeden        | ENS. Michele Rollins  |



01-Saturday	5:00pm	+ Ted Putnam
02-Sunday	8:00am	+ Jerry Wilhelm
02-Sunday	10:00am	People of the Parish
02-Sunday	5:00pm	+ Joseph & Lucrezina Patruno
03-Monday	8:00am	+ Ken Yeko
04-Tuesday	8:00am	+ Emma & Henry Schoening
05-Wednesday	8:00am	+ Anne Spinner
06-Thursday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
07-Friday	8:00am	+ Clement, Josephine & Clement Jr. Sikora
08-Saturday	5:00pm	+ June Malzone
09-Sunday	8:00am	People of the Parish
09-Sunday	10:00am	+ Robert Oroni
09-Sunday	5:00pm	+ Vity Saladino

**Symbols Used in Our Mass Intentions**

- + = Deceased loved one
- ♥ = Wedding Anniversary
- \* = Living Intention

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Material for the parish bulletin must be submitted to the parish office by noon on **Friday** for the next week's Sunday's bulletin..



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



### PRESIDER FOR WEEKEND LITURGY\*

November 8-9

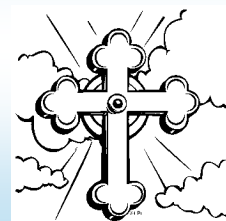
**Saturday 5:00PM-Fr. Frank**

**Sunday 8:00AM-Fr. Wack**

**Sunday 10:00AM-Fr. Wack**

**Sunday 5:00PM-Fr. John**

\*schedule subject to change



Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14  
 Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24  
 Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33  
 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10  
 Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Lk 16:1-8  
 Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15  
 Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

## Scripture Reflection for next Sunday

Year of Social Justice

### Reading 1 Ezeckiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Reflection

Today's first reading offers a beautiful picture of abundant water flowing from the temple, restoring fertility to the arid ground. It symbolizes a return to the original beauty and abundance of the first paradise described in the Book of Genesis. Water signifies great blessings. We are reminded of the life-changing blessings we received in our Baptism. Today's feast and Ezekiel's vision remind us that the dynamic presence of God among us and within us challenges us to remain open; only then will we be able to recognize and respond to that sacred presence whenever, however, and wherever it is made manifest.

### Reading 2 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 Reflection

Paul and all others who are called to the service of the gospel are to build upon this sure foundation. Only then will the living temple which is the Church remain a vital and authentic witness to the good news of salvation and to the presence of the God which gives it life, meaning, and purpose.



### Gospel John 2:13-22 Reflection

Today's gospel presents a rare picture of Jesus expressing his anger at the misuse of the Temple. Merchants had turned the house of prayer into a marketplace for buying and selling. Jesus overturned their money tables and drove them out of the Temple. Jesus' reaction helps us to realize how easily we can get our priorities mixed up. The merchants had surely lost sight of why people came to the Temple. It was built to be the people's holy place and visiting it was their time to worship the Lord; it was not intended as a place to do business. This bad practice probably started small and increased over a period of time.

Like the Jerusalem Temple, churches, mosques and other holy places built of stone and mortar will eventually crumble and fall, but the presence of Jesus remains. Gathered together in his name and empowered by his presence, the community of believers is a living temple, a holy people, a holy place.

**Question of the week:** How does your parish exercise stewardship?

## Social Justice

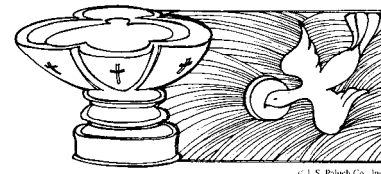
Year of Social Justice



**The Peace and Justice group** will be conducting a letter writing campaign sponsored by the Bread for the World on November 19<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall at 8:30 a.m. Letters are requested by this organization to be sent to the senator and local representative of our district encouraging them to promote bills and initiatives dealing with improvement on hunger and poverty issues, as well as the Global Initiative Bill to end hunger by the year 2015. We need the support of many individuals to "hand write" letters. We will supply information regarding this campaign, as well as paper and pen. We will gather in the parish hall at 8:30 a.m. It will only take a few moments of your time. If you cannot make it at that time, the hall will be available until 6:30 p.m. so that you may stop in anytime during the day and write a letter. For more information please call Leann at 837-1066.

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

One of the most terrifying events in a parent's life is the discovery that his or her child has become addicted to drugs. But with love, parents can begin the long road to recovery both for their child and for themselves. Early on, one difficult aspect of this recovery is the addict's tendency to want to isolate him or herself away from the world. They are ashamed, angry, embarrassed; it is easier for them to resist temptation by shutting out the world, but their parents have a tough time understanding this. All they see is someone existing, not living.



Jesus makes a tremendous promise in today's Gospel reading from John. To all those who are simply existing, he extends the invitation of life. He describes himself as the bread of life and says, "I will not reject anyone who comes to me?" No one is excluded! No tricks, no exceptions, only the invitation to come into his loving arms. Jesus understands the pain of a life that simply exists; in his message today, we once again are offered the bread of life, a life we must hunger for.

Just as we sit down each day for our "daily bread," food that will sustain our physical life, our spiritual life is nourished through the partaking of holy Communion. Do you simply exist in the activities of your daily life? When you next receive the holy Eucharist, pause for a moment to contemplate what it truly means, nourishment for your soul that will sustain you for all eternity. Remember the invitation of Jesus that all who come to him are welcome. Choose to live! ©2008 Liturgical Publications Inc



**BAPTISM MINISTRY**

The Baptism ministry is currently in need of someone to come forward to fill the role of Baptism interviewer. This individual will work as part of rotating team member to interview families that desire infant baptism. Please call Therese at 837-1066 for more information about this rewarding ministry.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

This ministry is open to women and men, age sixteen and above, who have been fully initiated. They should be practicing Catholics, in good standing with the parish community, and possess a love of the Eucharist. We are currently seeking individuals for the **10:00AM Sunday Mass** who would be willing to serve as a Eucharist Minister and/or Sacristan. Please contact Bernadette Hanlon at 816-1687.

**MISSALETTES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE** The Liturgy of the Word cycle B missals are now available for parishioners to purchase. The missal has the readings for the entire cycle year and is a great resource for domestic prayer. They are \$3.00 a copy and can be purchased in the parish office.

*Adult Formation*

**Arizona Center for Theological Studies And Fountain Hills Ecumenical Forum**

***Invites you on a pilgrimage as Rev. Vernon Meyer, Ph.D. presents:***  
**PAUL AND HIS LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES OF GALATIA AND ROME**

This three week series will look at Paul, his letters and the history and background of Paul's letters to the churches of Galatia and Rome. In these letters, he challenges the Jewish members of the community to go beyond the law of the Torah to the new freedom of Jesus' law. He also challenges the Gentile members to a new faithfulness in Christ that moves them to a new understanding of faith.

**November 6th at Ascension - 9:00a.m.- 11:00a.m.**

**November 13th at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church- 9:00a.m.- 11:00a.m.**

**November 20th at The Fountains United Methodist Church- 9:00a.m.- 11:00a.m.**

Elementary Ken Blakeman at 837-1066 or email kblakeman@diocesephoenix.org

Elementary Religious Formation

The next session for religious formation, K through 5th grade is Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 6-7:30 pm in the parish hall. We do not meet October 21st due to fall break. At the November 4th meeting the children will do the diocesan required annual safe environment education. This year they will view the DVD Time to Tell.

CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

The next session for Confirmation/First Eucharist preparation is Sunday, November 9, 2008 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. At least one parent or guardian must attend with the candidate. If you missed the first session and the Rite of Welcome, you need to call or email Ken Blakeman.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

The next session for First Reconciliation preparation is Sunday January 11, 2009, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. At least one parent or guardian must attend with the candidate. If you have any questions, please call or email Ken Blakeman.

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Catholic IQ - A Question for Fun and Enlightenment

Answer to last week's Question:

(d) This period of time, during which up to three men claimed to be pope at the same time, is know as the Great Schism

This week's Question:

Angelo Roncalli was the original name of (a)Pope John Paul I; (b)Pope John XXIII; (c)Pope Paul VI; (d)Pope Benedict X.

A FLASH Life is the flash of a firefly in the night.

NEW!

Children's Bulletins

On Table in the Narthex

Please try them-let us know what you think.

e-mail: mkubes@diocesephoenix.org

Youth Ministry



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEWS

NEXT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, November 9th 6pm-7:30pm

FAIR TRADE COFFEE WEEKEND

We will be selling coffee after all masses on November 8th & 9th

Please sign-up for your time slot.

Sunday, November 23rd 6-7:30pm

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

Questions? Sandy Bercel at 837-1066 or sbercel@diocesephoenix.org

Ascension Youth Group



We have so many wonderful things coming up, such as pancake breakfast, adopt a family, working on our skits and much more!!

Teens if you plan on attending YOUTH DAY in February, please get in your paper work and deposit, If you have any questions about Youth Day, please feel free to contact me.

Friday, October 31st, High School gathering has been cancelled; this is do to the fact of all the other events happening in the community. Have a safe and pleasant Halloween!

Up Coming Events

Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, November 2nd Breakfast 8am - 11:30am

\*Teens and volunteers 6:30am till 9:30am & 9:00am till Noon\*

Thanks to all the teens that helped cut out pumpkins, for the Fountain View Center Residents!!

The Lifer Side

ALL SOULS



November  
Noviembre

### EVENTS AT OUR PARISH NOV 3RD-9TH

Nov. 3 MON  
Nov. 4 TUES ELECTION DAY— DON'T FORGET TO VOTE  
NOV. 7 FRI FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION  
NOV. 9 SUN CONF/EUCHARIST SESSION 3-4:30  
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 6-7:30



In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us!

### ANNUAL SVDP FOOD DRIVE

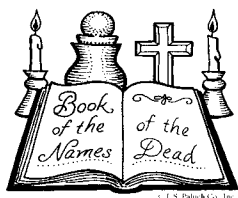
The food bag donation collection for Thanksgiving for those less fortunate is coming. The bags will be given out the weekend of Nov. 8th & 9th, and collected on the 15th & 16th of November. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**ADVENT PARISH MISSION with Fr. Larry Dolan O.F.M.**  
**December 7-9, 2008 6:30 p.m. nightly**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The K of C would like to say **THANK YOU TO THE PARISH** for their generosity for the Tootsie Roll Campaign to help people with Intellectual Disabilities. Your donations helped us achieve our goal for 2008.



During November, we are called in a special way "to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest" (Eucharistic Prayer II). We have placed a book in the Narthex where you are invited to inscribe the names of your departed loved ones. Once the name or names are written in the book you are invited to write the name(s) on a leaf and place it on the tree of life.

### WOMEN, THE BIBLE/TANAK AND STORIES OF LIBERATION

**Sunday, November 9, 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Arizona Center for Theological Studies and Claremont School of Theology**

The voice of women and their stories of liberation have often gone unheard and unnoticed in our churches and synagogues. The interfaith panel will look at various stories from the Hebrew Scriptures and Christian scriptures that tell of individual women and their struggle for justice and liberation.

**Registration is \$25.** Call Jill at the Arizona Center for Theological Studies at 602-944-1704 to register or for more information.

**Location:** Crossroads United Methodist Church 7901 N. Central Ave. Phoenix

### Help a Habitat for Humanity family... and help yourself!

The **ARIZONA CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT** allows you to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona state income tax when you give to Habitat for Humanity. This means your dollars can benefit your neighbors, and you'll receive the added satisfaction of knowing you're helping others.

**What does this mean to me?** It costs you nothing to donate to the good work of Habitat for Humanity! A tax credit reduces your final tax liability. It comes right off the top of your state tax bill, lowering the amount of money you will pay. Although your charitable contributions increase, your tax liability is decreased by the same amount up to \$400 if filing jointly; \$200 if filing a single tax return. You must complete and include AZ Form 321 with your state tax forms in order to receive this tax credit. Habitat has copies of the form and it will **automatically** be sent with the acknowledgement letter of your tax donation. The form is also available from your tax preparer.

The **ARIZONA CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT** for organizations that serve the working poor is different from the tax credit you can receive for supporting private school tuition and public school extra-curricular activities. **You are eligible to receive dollar-for-dollar tax credits for all three.** For further information, please contact Shirli Mederlet 480-836-2187