

*Church of the Ascension
New Milford, NJ 07646*

Office of the Pastor

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Dear Ascension Parishioners,



Over 60 years of Faith and Service!

Cardinal Joseph Tobin says that we are often reminded by our Holy Father Pope Francis and Sacred Scripture that in order to love one another we must share the blessings which God has provided to us.

*“Be of One Mind: share each other’s troubles with mutual affection;
be compassionate and humble.” 1 Peter 3:8*

As Catholics, we are called to serve our neighbors with compassion and humility. This weekend we begin the **Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal** which offers each of us the opportunity to share in the troubles endured by our brothers and sisters in Christ by funding ministries and programs which provide social, educational and spiritual support to thousands of people each year.

Our 2017 goal is set at **\$43,000.00**. If you have already contributed, I want you to know how grateful I am for your generosity. If you have not yet contributed, I write to you now to ask for your help. I ask that each parish family make a financial commitment to the Annual Appeal so that, with God’s help, we may surpass our goal. **Give a lot...Give a little...but, please, Give something for the Glory of God!** It is with great trust in God and in our parishioners that I ask every Ascension family to say “yes” to our Annual Appeal by contributing, at the very least, a one-time donation of \$5.00 or \$10.00, more if your means allow. This would ensure surpassing our goal and receiving a substantial rebate. Perhaps, you could make the Appeal part of your Lenten fasting.

May we grow in faith, hope and love; inspire us to be generous in supporting the Sharing God’s Blessings Appeal; and allow us to see the face of Jesus in all those we serve.

Only you can decide what gift is right for you in light of your circumstances and in light of the blessings God has given you. The ideal way to give is to select a gift that you can manage on a monthly basis rather than a one-time gift. Pledging a monthly gift enables you to give more generously in balance with other important economic responsibilities. Thank You for your consideration!

Please, consider Sharing God’s Blessings.
May God bless you for your generosity!

Know that I pray for you and your family each and every day. Please keep me in your prayers.

God Love You!

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