

*Church of the Ascension
New Milford, NJ 07646*

Office of the Pastor

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Dear Ascension Parishioners,



Sharing 65 years of Faith and Service!

Next weekend the **2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal, "One Body, One Mission,"** will begin throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Each year, the Annual Appeal provides valuable resources to parishes and schools in need, helps the poor with food, shelter and clothing, supports many pastoral ministries, funds three Archdiocesan seminaries and makes housing and medical care possible for retired priests. The Appeal reminds us that we are one with all the other parishes of our Archdiocese and gives us a chance to work together for God's people by sharing our God-given gifts.

This year's appeal once again reminds us that through sharing the many blessings that we have received we become the beacons of hope for those in need, for some, the very face of God.

Supporting the Annual Appeal is an opportunity to provide hope, faith and love to so many in our community. The appeal helps the hungry, the homeless, and the sick. It also provides for religious education and makes our faith a reality for thousands in Northern New Jersey.

Our 2018 goal is set at **\$40,546.00**. 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.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. The practice of Catholic stewardship puts our faith into action. God has blessed each of us in a variety of ways. I know that everyone has unique life circumstances. Only you can decide what gift is right for you, your family, and your budget.

Thank you for your kind consideration! 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, too.

God Love You!



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