

# Church of the Ascension

Welcomes You and  
Invites You to Share with us . . .



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## + Our Pastoral Life +

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish family. Every family participating regularly in the spiritual life of our parish is encouraged to register at the Rectory. Please inform us if you are moving.

### BAPTISM:

It is mandatory to attend a baptism instruction class before scheduling the date for the baptism. Baptism is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents must be registered parishioners and must attend pre-Baptism instruction usually given on the first Sunday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing. Pre-registration at the Rectory is necessary prior to the Baptism instruction.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Other times by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated seasonally.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

Please notify the Rectory of any elderly, shut-ins, or sick at home who wish to receive the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick. Priests of the parish will be happy to visit parishioners in the hospitals in the area. Please notify the Rectory if someone from your family is in the hospital and wishes a priest to visit.

### WEDDINGS:

Please make arrangements at the Rectory with one of the priests of the parish one year in advance.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 15, 2018**

## + Our Eucharistic Celebrations +

**Saturday**  
8:30 a.m.  
5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

**Sunday**  
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

**Monday - Friday**  
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.  
7:30 p.m. (Fridays during Lent)

**Holy Days:** 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

## + Our Devotions +

Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday 7:45 a.m.



### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### RECTORY

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646  
(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896  
Website: [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)  
E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646  
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### CONVENT

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646  
(201) 836-4398

### TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

10 Bradley Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621  
(201) 384-3627 • Fax (201) 384-0293  
Website: [www.transfigurationacademy.org](http://www.transfigurationacademy.org)  
E-mail: [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org)

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Third Sunday of Easter, April 15, 2018**

5:30 People of Ascension Parish  
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
9:30 Barbara & Thomas Meyer  
11:30 Ramon Abuedo

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
8:30 Arlene Aubert

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

7:00 Patria Miranda  
8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
8:30 Anthony John Loonman

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy

**Friday, April 20, 2018**

7:00 Antonio Magro  
8:30 Edward Olsomer

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
5:30 Ramon V. Abuedo

**Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 22, 2018**

7:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
11:30 Ramon Abuedo

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

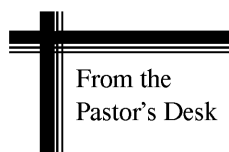
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

April 9, 2017:	\$8,106.00
April 8, 2018:	\$5,421.50
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$3,562.00
Additional Easter:	\$ 925.00
WeShare Easter:	\$1,985.00

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

**Reading for  
Sunday, April 22, 2018**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1  
Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



From the  
Pastor's Desk

The media and the internet are known for treating sin with curiosity, laughter, and entertainment—but never blame! St. John sums up sin for Christians concisely: “Those who say ‘I know (Jesus),’ but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them.” That is, if we claim to be Christians, we keep the Commandments as the ground rules on which we build a loving and healthy relationship with Jesus.

There is no such thing as “private sin.” The Commandments point to all the concrete ways that sin affects the community around us. Sin is never merely some isolated act of anger or violence or passion—it is our breaking faith with the One we long to know, love, and serve in this life, and go home to in the next. We can pretend that sin has nothing to do with the rest of our life, but, like acid which seeps into the ground beneath us, sin poisons us, weakens our own spirit, and tears apart the larger fabric of our life together in Christ.

Fortunately, we do not go to God alone, either. Together, as a community, we pray, correct each other, forgive and forget, comfort and support. But we have to become aware of the power of our own evil to crucify the Son of God, in order to really feel the radical sacrifice of love Jesus made so that sin could be wiped away, and we could live forever. May we know the power of our sin—and God’s forgiveness.

✠ Our parish Boy Scout Troop 291 will sponsor a pancake breakfast for us Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to 12 Noon. Tickets are available at the door. Please support our Scouts.

✠ Let us join in special prayer for the children in our parish family who will be receiving Jesus for the first time next weekend. They and their families have been preparing for this great event for some time now, learning what the Eucharist is all about and what it means to be part of the Eucharistic community. May our children and their families always be eager to receive Jesus at his Table of Life.

✠ Any Ascension liturgical minister (Altar Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister) who has a family member receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time and/or the Sacrament of Confirmation, and would like to serve in the liturgy, please call the Rectory as soon as possible.

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



**“12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Awards Dinner”**

Transfiguration Academy's Athletic Program celebrated our student athletes last month at our 12th annual Sports Awards Dinner held at Conlon Hall. Coach Craig Von der Osten and Coach Greg Banks started the sports program 15 years ago and it has grown significantly over the years. The program currently includes volleyball, karate and basketball.

In addition to team sports awards presented to individual players at the dinner, several student athletes were recognized with special awards for their outstanding basketball skills:

Two very special awards, created to honor the memory of Charli Roberts, a Transfiguration Academy graduate and former Tigers girl's basketball player, and Bret Paton, a beloved teacher and karate instructor, were the highlight of the evening. The Charli Roberts Award was presented to Paityn Salvaggio and Michael Icarangle for best embodying Charli's spirit and how she approached the game. The Bret Paton Service Award was presented to our Athletic Director and Head Coach, Craig Von der Osten, who has dedicated more than 15 years to creating and running our extracurricular sports programs. For further details and photos of the evening, go to our website [www.transfigurationacademy.org](http://www.transfigurationacademy.org) and click through to our Facebook page.

**Do you want to learn more?** Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum for grades PreK2 through 8 or to schedule a tour of our Academy, please email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or call the school office at 201-384-3627.

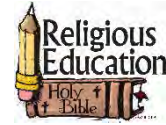
We also have a video: <https://youtu.be/I2bF37YBpbs>

**Transfiguration Academy: Strengthening faith,  
Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one  
student at a time.**



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**Calendar:**

Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> --- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)  
Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> –9<sup>th</sup> Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> --- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

**First Eucharist:**

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on the first Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Reborn of the Holy Spirit, all the baptized have been called and empowered to live as true witnesses of Christ and to spread the faith by word and deed. How are we as a parish living as disciples and followers of Jesus?

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**Confirmation Class of 2018:**

Reminder that the following paperwork was due on April 11, 2018  
PLEASE RETURN ASAP:

- Service Hours Due
- Service Hours Report – Please make sure you type this as you answer the question and not in paragraph form.

**First Eucharist:** There will be a MANDATORY Rehearsal Tuesday April 17, 2018 in the Church at 7 pm. All First Eucharist candidates and one parent are to meet at 6:50 pm so we can start on time.

**Registration for 2018-2019:**

Registration forms for the 2018-2019 School year have been distributed to all students, please look for them in your child's backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30<sup>th</sup>. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- † We are in NEED of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 School year. Anyone interested, please call Mrs. 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.

**Religious Education Office Hours:**

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory  
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School  
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School  
Closed: Thursday & Saturday  
Other times by appointment

APRIL 15, 2018

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

We welcome you all to our celebration of **Easter 2018** here at Ascension.

We especially welcome those who have been away from Ascension due to school, illness or living elsewhere for whatever reason. It is good to have you home again. Welcome to all visitors.

Thank you for choosing to celebrate your Easter with us.

Easter is the most beautiful and holiest time of year, when we celebrate Jesus' new life shared with us at Easter and all throughout the year – the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of each other.

We invite you to share in many important celebrations of Jesus' new life shared with us during the seven weeks of the Easter Season and beyond.

On the weekend of April 22, we will celebrate **First Holy Communion** at specific weekend Masses.

On Sunday, May 6th, during the 9:30am Mass we will celebrate our **Crowning of our Blessed Mother**.

We will celebrate our **Parish Feast Day, Ascension Thursday**, May 10th. Mass will be celebrated at 7am and 8:30am.

We will open our Parish 65th Anniversary Year with great fanfare as we celebrate the 7:30pm Mass, which is followed by our **"Make your own Ice Cream Sundae."**

What a special day for us!

On Saturday, May 12th at 1pm, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of our young men and women in the **sacrament of Confirmation**.

We will observe **Mother's Day** on May 13th and we will celebrate the **Blessing of Mothers** at all weekend Masses.

On May 20th, the **Solemnity of Pentecost**, we celebrate the special presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We end the Easter Season on the weekend of May 27th, **Most Holy Trinity Sunday**.

On Sunday, June 3rd, we will celebrate **Corpus Christi** at 11:30am Mass followed by our annual Corpus Christi Procession.

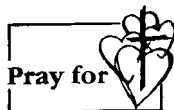
We will observe **Father's Day** on this weekend of June 17th with the **Blessing of Fathers** at all weekend Masses.

I encourage you to immerse yourself in the spirit and graces of the season by participating in these special celebrations and I ask that you bring someone you love with you.

My prayer is that the Risen Christ may live in your hearts and in your homes throughout this season.

**A Most Blessed Easter!**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*"To everything there is a season..."*

*"a time to be healed..."*

Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Joan Polis, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloeblen, Richard Gabettie, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Charles Hellriegel, John Delaney, Anita Zucconi, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Bob Quinn, Benny Santiago, Aldo Guerra, Janice P., and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

*"a time to serve..."*

Cpt. Jack Massingale, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan, PFC Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Cherry Point, NC, Airman First Class James Penser, Goodfellow, AFB, Texas and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

*"a time for peace..."*

President Donald John Trump, 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  
**James & Mary Zadroga**



**ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**  
**IN MEMORY OF** Maria Theresa Zarate  
**DONATED BY** Juanita Richardson

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if it is for the intention of your loved one.

# APRIL



### Sunday, April 15, 2018

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:30am  
Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am  
Baptism – 1:00pm – Church

### Monday, April 16, 2018

Religious Education Grade 7 – 7:00pm – School  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

### Tuesday, April 17, 2018

First Holy Communion rehearsal – 7:00pm – Church  
Ministry of Word – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

### Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Religious Education, Confirmation Prep – 7:00pm -  
Novena at 7:30pm in Church  
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center  
Filipino Core Meeting – 8:00pm – Gathering Room  
Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

### Thursday, April 19, 2018

No events

### Friday, April 20, 2018

No events

### Saturday, April 21, 2018

Confessions at 11:00am in Church  
Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church  
First Holy Communion at 5:30pm Mass

### Sunday, April 22, 2018

First Holy Communion at 9:30am and 11:30am Masses  
Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am  
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church



**MINISTRY OF WORD**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018**  
**AT 7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**TRIP TO THE FINGER LAKES, NEW YORK**  
**CELEBRATING OUR PARISH'S 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
A 3 day, 2 night trip to the Finger Lakes, NY is being planned For September 5th-7th, 2018. The price of \$415per person double occ./\$499 single occ. Includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, including Belhurst Castle, Corning Museum of Glass, Willard Memorial Tiffany Chapel, wine tasting at Casa Larga Vineyards, Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion, Wegman's Marketplace, Scenic Lake Cruise, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, luggage handling, taxes, meal gratuities and bus transportation. A \$100 deposit per person will hold your reservation and is due by May 16<sup>th</sup>. Cancellation insurance is recommended. Make all checks payable to Ascension Church and mark the outside of the envelope "Finger Lakes Trip". And can be dropped off at the rectory or mailed. For further info. Call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.



### Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 153 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$29,413.00 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

**This year our Parish Goal is \$40,546.00**



### FOOD PANTRY **FEED THE HUNGRY** -APRIL 15TH

The following are items most needed to restock our shelves this month. Any item or items you can purchase for our pantry would be greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your continue support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- Coffee\*Tea\*Apple Juice\*Powdered Milk\*Corned Beef Hash\*
- Instant Oatmeal\*Egg Noodles\*Grated Cheese\*Cake Mix\*
- Cake Icing\*Jam\*Pancake Mix\*Pancake Syrup\*
- Jell-O Pudding\*Crackers\*Cookies\*Hamburger Helper\*
- Salad Dressing\* Toothpaste\*
- Manhattan Clam Chowder\*Napkins\*
- New England Clam Chowder\*Paper Towels\*Bathroom Tissue\*
- Hair Conditioner\*Tissues\*Deodorant.



### WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners

The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the rectory office. Thank You!

#### I would like....

- to become a Parishioner
- to change my address
- to join a ministry
- to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION**  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

### BUS TRIP – TO ATLANTIC CITY Saturday, April 28, 2018



Come Ride with Us To



The Filipino Community of Ascension Church is sponsoring a Fundraising trip, leaving Ascension parking lot at 8:30 am.

The cost of the trip is \$35.00/per person with casino voucher back of \$30.00. Make your check payable to: Church of the Ascension.

**For further information, please call  
Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817**



**Thanks to all for their prayers and support when I was in the hospital and nursing home. I do not believe I would have recovered the way I have without them and am so grateful to all of you.**

**Robert Quinn**

#### AVAILABILITY

**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 or call the rectory office to check availability.

#### 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 per week
- ALTAR FLOWERS** \$50 (per basket/per week)
- SANCTUARY CANDLE** \$15 per week

#### MEMORIAL FUND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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