

# 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.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 29, 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

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(201) 836-4398

### TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

10 Bradley Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621  
(201) 384-3627 • Fax (201) 384-0293  
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# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2018

5:30 John Carbone  
7:30 Tessie Mulvihill  
9:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy  
11:30 Philip Klocek, Birthday (L)

### Monday, April 30, 2018

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy

8:30 Mildred Bolcik

### Tuesday, May 1, 2018

7:00 Martin Woros

8:30 Darren Drake

### Wednesday, May 2, 2018

7:00 Joe Martins

8:30 Cecilio Pontanilla

### Thursday, May 3, 2018

7:00 Rolly Viduya (L)

8:30 Joseph Delaney

### Friday, May 4, 2018

7:00 Rose DiPippo

8:30 The Chung Family

### Saturday, May 5, 2018

#### Memorial Mass

8:30 Soledad Esporlas, Lydia Ngo,  
Agnes Oclarit, Noel Farrell

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 6, 2018

7:30 Justin Mattapillil, Healing

9:30 Lillian Person

11:30 Fernandez & Cardona Families

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

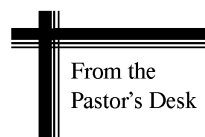
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

April 23, 2017:	\$5,486.00
April 22, 2018:	\$5,968.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,682.00

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

### Reading for Sunday, May 6, 2018

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19



From the  
Pastor's Desk

The home and garden magazines are bursting with advice and techniques for pruning. Today's gospel has Jesus also discussing the spiritual pruning process. Do you see any parallels?

First, the gardener has to time it right—too soon cuts off new growth; but too late, and the plant grows wild. Also, a plant must grow to a certain maturity, to survive the trauma of pruning.

If a rose is grown in bad soil or has not been watered enough, the gardener has to be very gentle and prune carefully, as the plant needs more care.

Finally, the gardener steps back and views the whole plant, to see what dead or diseased stalks need removing—branches growing up the wrong way, or any that are diseased and whatever is dead already. See the comparisons to us?

We need the pain of pruning, because "Every branch that bears fruit, (God) prunes to make it bear more fruit." In other words, if we are really trying to love God and our neighbor, then we will be pruned, or purified further. God shows us how we can love even more, and that always requires some kind of change on our part.

Maybe we get a new awareness of some selfishness in us; are we control-freaks? Do we love for the right motives? God knows our deep places where change is needed. But as we get closer in friendship to Jesus, we see how un-Christlike we often are. It's uncomfortable, but things don't end there. This new knowledge opens the door for us to make significant change. It brings us closer than ever to living as Christ would have us live. Then we're blooming!

✠ We offer our best wishes and prayers for the children in our parish family who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time last weekend. This is a great sign to all of us 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. Special thanks to Dena Sedlak and to the catechists who have shared their faith so joyously with these children.

✠ This Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Confirmation candidates will gather for their **Confirmation Retreat**. Their preparation period is almost at an end. Please continue to pray for our young men and women. May they always listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd and let the Holy Spirit empower them to be witnesses of Jesus' special presence in our world.

✠ **May is almost here, It is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** On May 6<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am Mass we celebrate our annual **Parish May Crowning**. Our First Communicants will help us to give special honor to our Blessed Mother. Also, please remember that we pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church. We also pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesday at 7:30pm.

✠ This weekend we end another year of Religious Education (K-6) in our parish, I take this opportunity to thank those who coordinate our Programs and the many catechists, ministers of children's Liturgy of the Word, and aides who so faithfully share their faith in Jesus with the children entrusted to their care. My thanks, also, to the parents who are so supportive of the programs we offer to our youngsters and their families.

✠ Remember, **Mother's Day** is Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available at the doors of the church to remember our mothers, living and deceased, for the month of May.

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



**“Transfiguration Academy Annual Science Fair”**

Transfiguration Academy held its annual science fair on March 27th. Students presented an array of different experiments and presentations in relation to several different scientific topics, including biology, medicine, astronomy, and physics, to name a few. This year’s winners included:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Brendan O’Rourke – Gold, Uma Nandini Nath – Silver, Aaron Cruz – Bronze
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Sarah Basil – Gold, Cynthia Jacob – Silver, and Mikayla Silva – Bronze
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Leanne Cuasay – Gold, Seraphina Rossmann – Silver, and Rachel Magdadaro – Bronze

All of our fourteen outside judges were helpful in not only judging but mentoring our 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They were equally impressed by our students and their experiments. Comments included “excellent communication and professional appearance,” “well-researched,” “real-world application achieved,” “students took ownership of their project,” “insightful,” and “able to explain experimental variables.”

Additionally, some of this year’s winners are going on to enter their experiment in the National Broadcom Masters STEM Competition being held at Bergen County Academies on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We wish them the best of luck.

**Upcoming events open to the public (please contact the Academy for more information):**

**Fri, May 4 & Sat, May 5: "Beauty and the Beast, JR."**~ Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, Book by Linda Woolverton ~ Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth ~ Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions.

Transfiguration Academy's Drama Club will be presenting "Beauty & the Beast" at 7 p.m. in Conlon Hall. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Students enter the program in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and have four years of formation to prepare them for high school programs. This year, we have 13 eighth graders in the cast including Aidan Icasiano as the Beast, Nick Pro as Gaston, and Seraphina Rossmann as Belle. For more information about the Drama Club, contact Mrs. Bontia - [cbontia@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:cbontia@transfigurationacademy.org).

**Fri, May 18: "Paint Night"**

Join us as we raise glasses and funds for our eighth grade graduation. A local artist will guide you and your friends through two hours of painting, drinking, and laughing 'til your cheeks hurt. The best part? You don't have to be an artist to have an amazing time. The registration deadline is May 4.

**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.**



**Calendar:**

- Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> --- Pre- K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH) LAST CLASS
- Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>– 7th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> –9th Grades from 4 pm to 10 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> -- May Crowning at 9:30 am Mass

Today will be the Last Sunday of Children’s Liturgy of the Word will resume in October, please look for the Children’s Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Children’s Liturgy of the Word, anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**Confirmation Class of 2018:**

Reminder that on **Wednesday May 2, 2018** will be our Confirmation Retreat. This is a **MANDATORY RETREAT FOR ALL**. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade Candidates must report to the Fr. Benedict Center (Gym) by 4pm. We will end at 10 pm and dinner will be served.

**First Eucharist:** All First Eucharist Candidates are asked to come in their Communion outfits and help us Crown Mary at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday May 6, 2018. If you have not sign-up already and wish to participate please call Mrs. Carbone asap.

**Registration for 2018-2019:**

Registration forms 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

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

*Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford, New Jersey*

*Invites You to Gather Together and Share...*

*Our Parish Feast Day and  
Opening of Our Parish*

*65th Anniversary*

*May 10, 2018*

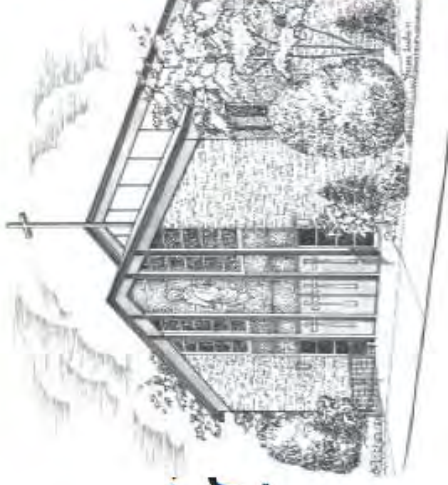
*Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*

*...7:30pm Feast Day Solemn Eucharistic Liturgy*

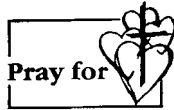
*...8:30pm \*\*Make your own Ice Cream Sundae\*\**

*(Ascension Plaza)*

*Please...Come...Join Us !*



## FIFTH 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.

*"a time to die..."*

Arsenio Talingdan

*...and a time for every purpose under heaven"*

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE  
burns this week in loving memory of  
Tessie Mulvihill

### 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.



### 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 29, 2018**

#### Catholic Home Mission

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Church  
Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am

**Monday, April 30, 2018**

Religious Education Grade 7 – 7:00pm – School  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room  
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

Woodcrest Center Mass – 2:30pm  
Ministry of Service – 7:00pm – Gathering Room  
Ministry of Worship – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Rm.

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018**

Confirmation Retreat – 4:00-9:00pm  
NO Novena  
NO Boy Scouts

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

**First Friday, May 4, 2018**

Communion Visits to homebound  
Finance Council – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room



**First Saturday, May 5, 2018**

Confessions at 11:00am in Church  
Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

#### Parish Maintenance & Repairs

May Crowning of our Blessed Mother at 9:30 Mass  
Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – Gathering Room  
Couples for Christ – 2:00pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.



MINISTRY OF SERVICE  
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018 AT 7:00PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY  
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

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FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING  
FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal \* April 29, 2018. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at

[www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 170 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$31,453.00 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**



**MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER  
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018  
DURING THE 9:30AM MASS**



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Milford Women's Club fundraiser  
Evening of comedy & music with Uncle Floyd  
and TK Walker**

**Friday, May 4 @ 7pm at New Milford High School  
Tickets \$20.00**

**Call Janet at 201-988-1439 for information and tickets**



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**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available  
at doors of Church or in the Rectory Office.**

As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Mother's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Mother's Day. If you would like a card for your mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who has been like a mother to you. You may return with payment in the collection or drop off at the rectory office BLACK mail box.

**Offering for each card is \$10.00.**

**Please remember to return your offering  
for each card that you take.**

**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 \$415 per 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

