



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Jesus said to his disciples, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” - Mk 16:15-16A

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 6, 2018

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 Justin Mattappillil, Healing

9:30 Lillian Person

11:30 Fernandez & Cardona Families

Monday, May 7, 2018

7:00 A.J. Looman

8:30 Dona & Rolly Viduya (L)

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

7:00 Constanza Zuniga

8:30 John Coringrato

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

7:00 Ana Zuniga

8:30 Christopher & Sarah McKenna

The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 10, 2018

7:00 Susan Alexander Bogart

8:30 Encarnacion Pineza

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

Friday, May 11, 2018

7:00 Eileen Naughton

8:30 Joseph Hignnis

Saturday, May 12, 2018

8:30 Margaret McEwan Bitetti

5:30 **All Mothers**

Sunday, May 13, 2018

7:30 **All Mothers**

9:30 **Living &**

11:30 **Deceased**

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

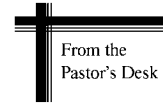
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

April 30, 2017:	\$6,095.00
April 29, 2018:	\$5,488.00
Catholic Home Mission:	\$1,285.00

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

**Reading for
Sunday, May 13, 2018**

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19



Is there anything new we can say about love? Everyone thinks they're an expert on "love"—or what passes for love.

There is only one Source of love. John says: "...let us love one another, because love is of God." Only one problem. The word "love" has been distorted: it's used by porn films and cooking shows alike! **Fact: We cannot know God, unless we love like God.** So St. John says the definition of love is "not that we have loved God", but that God first loved us. Then, because of God's love for us, God acted by sending Jesus to accomplish and fulfill whatever was required, that we might be one with God in eternity.

Two weeks ago Jesus told His disciples about the "shepherd" laying down his life for his friends. Love is not always felt, but is expressed in deeds especially the generous surrendering of greeds, envies, demands, expectations. This loving is always easier to talk about than execute. It begins with being loved as a gift and not earned. The disciples were asked to receive their being loved by Jesus as the Father loves Him. Remaining in that love will result in remaining as "sent" and "loved" sacraments.

Many books have been written about love and how to be loved and express love. Each of us is writing that book by how we lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers, but not destructively to ourselves.

✠ **May is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** Today 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 and we celebrate the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesday at 7:30pm. Please, join us!

✠ This Thursday, May 10th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, a holyday of obligation, our parish Feast Day. We will celebrate Mass at 7:00 and 8:30am. At 7:30pm we will celebrate our solemn Feast Day Mass and open our parish's 65th Anniversary Year. Mass will be followed by our "Make your own Ice Cream Sundae" reception on Ascension Plaza. Please join us.

✠ On Friday, May 11th, we begin our **Novena for Pentecost**—nine days of prayer asking God to renew us, our parish, and our world with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will pray the Novena prayer, which is inserted in the back cover of our hymnals, at all daily and weekend Masses after the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions).

✠ Let us pray for our young men and women who will receive the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 12th, at 11:00am Mass with Bishop Dominic Marconi.

✠ Remember, **Mother's Day** is next Sunday, May 13th. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available in the sacristy after Mass 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!

P. David



“Trip to the Statehouse”

On April 10th, the eighth grade travelled to the New Jersey Statehouse in Trenton as part of their social studies unit on the legislative process. The students received a tour that highlighted the building’s history and architecture, the Assembly and Senate chambers, and committee meeting rooms. Following the tour the class participated in the Legislature’s “Make A Law” program where they assumed the role of lawmakers and demonstrated their debate, negotiation, and discussion skills while learning the process of passing a bill.

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

Tue, May 22: "Spring Concert and Art Show "

Transfiguration Academy will have its *Spring Concert and Art Show* on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Conlon Hall. The concert features religious and patriotic songs. There will also be some readings of quotes by Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy. The Art Show showcases the student art works from Pre-K to 8th grade. Come and join us for an evening of beautiful music and fine art.

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 or call the school office at 201-384-3627. We also have a video:

<https://youtu.be/l2bF37YBpbs>

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



**Knights of Columbus 50/50 Cash Raffle
For 8th Grade Scholarships**

St. Joseph Council No. 3814 of Oradell/New Milford is sponsoring a **50/50 Cash Raffle to raise \$2,000 for our 8th Grade Scholarship Program**. Each ticket is \$20. 1st Prize is 50% of gross proceeds. The drawing will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 9PM at the Council Hall. Winner need not be present to win. Contact Jeff Walters at (201) 925-7174 or (201)262-9722.



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.



Calendar:

Sunday, May 6th -- May Crowning at 9:30 am Mass
 Tuesday, May 8th – Confirmation Candidates Only -- Rehearsal starting at 6:55 pm SHARP
 Wednesday, May 9th- 9th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Thursday, May 10th –7th, 8th & 9th Grade from 7 pm going to Mass at 7:30 pm
 Friday, May 11th – Confirmation Candidates & Sponsor Rehearsal starting at 6:55 pm SHARP
 Saturday, May 12th – Confirmation Mass- Meet in gym at 10:30 am Sharp- Mass at 11 am

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:

- † Tuesday, May 8th-- Confirmation Rehearsal 6:55 pm in Church- Candidates Only – Mandatory
- † Thursday, May 10th –Ascension Thursday- Mass at 7:30- meet in school at 7 pm.
- † Friday, May 11th – Confirmation Rehearsal 6:55 pm in Church- Candidates and Sponsors –Mandatory for BOTH
- † Sunday, May 12th - Confirmation Mass at 11 am - Candidates and Sponsors are to meet in the Fr. Benedict Center (gym) at 10:30am SHARP

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 30th. 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

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

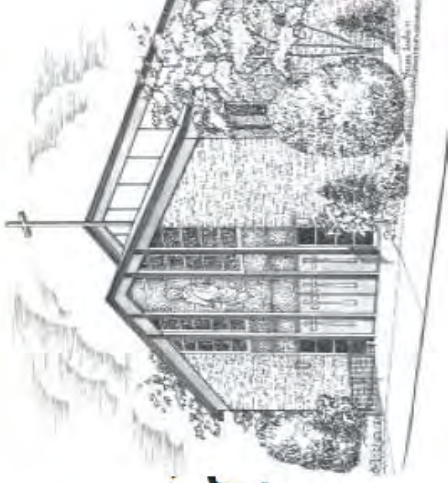
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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

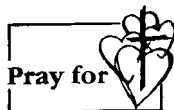
*...8:30pm **Make your own Ice Cream Sundae***

(Ascension Plaza)

Please...Come...Join Us !



SIXTH 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, A1C James Penser, Beale AFB, CA 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 **William & Elizabeth Morris**

BREAD and WINE this week are in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



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.

Monday, May 7, 2018

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00 – Rectory Mtg. Room
Deanery 3 Priests' Meeting
Religious Education Grade 7 – 7:00pm – School
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Confirmation Rehearsal – 7:00pm - Church

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Confirmation Prep – 7:00pm
Novena – 7:30pm - Church
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center
Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Ascension of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation

Parish Feast Day

Masses 7:00am-8:30am-7:30pm

Religious Ed. Grade 7, 8 & 9 meet in school and attend 7:30pm Mass

7:30pm Solemn Feast Day Mass followed by Ice Cream Reception on Ascension Plaza

Friday, May 11, 2018

Confirmation Rehearsal (Candidates and Sponsors)
7:00pm - Church

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Confirmation – 11:00am - Church
NO Confession
Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church



Sunday, May 13, 2018

Communicating God's Word

Blessing of mothers at all masses

Couples for Christ – 2:00pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

"Ask The Funeral Director"

Please join Michael Mittenzwei from the Boulevard Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Tuesday May 15th at 7:30pm for refreshments **or** Tuesday May 22nd for a 12:30 luncheon (both held in the gathering room) for a 1 hour "Ask The Funeral Director" presentation and a discussion of the Catholic Church's guidelines on cremation. Please RSVP for each event to the rectory office, 201-836-8961, by Friday, May 11th.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 174 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$31,753.00 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

THANK YOU

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal last weekend! 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.



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: _____



**PARISH FEAST DAY
 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
 THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018
 MASS SCHEDULE
 7:00AM*8:30AM & 7:30PM**



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in the sacristy 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
 65TH 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 16th. 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: _____