

Church of the Ascension

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



+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018

+ Our Parish Mission Statement +

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
we, the Catholic Community of the
Church of the Ascension, New Milford,
commit ourselves to celebrate the Gospel of Jesus
in Sacrament and Prayer. We dedicate ourselves
to foster a warm and loving parish of concern and service
for the individual, family and total community.

+ 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 & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE HOURS

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

RECTORY

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:30 James Byrne

11:30 Edward Scoppa

Monday, May 21, 2018

7:00 John Foran

8:30 Angelina Iuliano

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

7:00 Ellen Delaney

8:30 Mary & Walter Lewis

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

7:00 Sandee Heralde (L)

8:30 Clemencia Cabaco

Thursday, May 24, 2018

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 John Coringrato

Friday, May 25, 2018

7:00 Fanny Mejia

8:30 Heneghan Family

Saturday, May 26, 2018

8:30 Eufronio Silva

5:30 Ramon Abuedo

The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, May 27, 2018

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Simplicio Lazaro

11:30 Giella Family

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

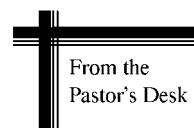
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

May 14, 2017:	\$6,094.00
May 13, 2018:	\$6,147.50
Ascension Thursday:	\$1,908.00

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

**Reading for
Sunday, May 27, 2018**

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22
[12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



From the
Pastor's Desk

PENTECOST is one of the most powerful and incredible feasts of our Church, but most of us probably know little about it. **Pentecost** is called the birthday of the Church because before Pentecost, there really was no Church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptize people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit—the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into Church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was a change. There was courage, knowledge, direction, and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gave them the gifts they needed to go forth and be Church. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

The wind and fire of the Spirit were not to be shared only by the small band of Jesus' followers huddled in the Upper Room. Rather, these signs of the Spirit's power were unleashed for all disciples of Jesus for all time. The Spirit's power—wind and fire—is still all around us. Though sometimes the doors of our personal upper rooms are locked so tightly that we cannot notice it or will not acknowledge it, the Spirit breaks through and empowers us with incredible gifts and blessings.

Pentecost is about being sent out to bring the gospel everywhere we are. Young children and teens—this is where your energy and your creativity are really needed by the church today. We're all "sent": first sent inward for prayer, and then outward to interact with God's creation, God's people, the earth and its residents. Pretty incredible challenge, isn't it? With the Spirit's guidance we are all equipped to take up this challenge!

✘ Today we extinguish this Paschal Candle. Remember, that the greatest gift you can ever give God is the gift of yourself. Be the light that God has created you to be so that others will be touched by the flame of the Spirit and will, in turn, go out and share it with others.

✘ **Ascension Ministers**--Altar servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers--please get your summer availabilities forms with vacation dates to Fr. David for the summer schedule **TODAY**.

✘ Next weekend we will take up a second collection for Fr. Hilary's Scholarship Fund to aid his studies in Rome. Please be as generous as your means allow.

✘ Just a reminder...On Sunday, June 3rd, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. We will celebrate 11:30am Mass, after which we will expose the Blessed Sacrament and enter into a procession around our church grounds. During the procession we will pause twice for Benediction and return to church for a third Benediction. What a day of Eucharistic Blessing for Ascension! Please, plan to join us!

✘ Let me update you on our recent attempted robbery. Having communicated with the police, we have kept the church locked after the 8:30am Mass. We have received an estimate and ordered surveillance cameras for the church and surrounding parish property. Once the cameras have been installed, I will inform you about the changes this will bring about in order to keep our church and our parishioners protected. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this stressful time.

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

Fr. David



“Transfiguration Academy: a community of believers: believers in faith, believers in Catholic education, believers in Mission, believers in each other”

For the next few weeks, we are going to share some of the comments submitted by the Middle States Accreditation Team which visited our Academy earlier this academic year.

“We asked nearly all the groups with whom we met to identify what they see as the primary strengths of Transfiguration Academy. The responses can be summarized by the word “community.” In today’s educational culture, many schools talk about being a community of learners, but Transfiguration Academy is so much more than that. It is a community of believers: believers in faith, believers in Catholic education, believers in Mission, believers in each other. From the moment we entered the school, we saw and heard that Transfiguration Academy is a special place.”

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

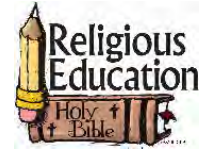
Tue, May 22: "Spring Concert and Art Show "

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.



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 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.

First Communion Families may pick up the child’s banner anytime during regular office hours.

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:

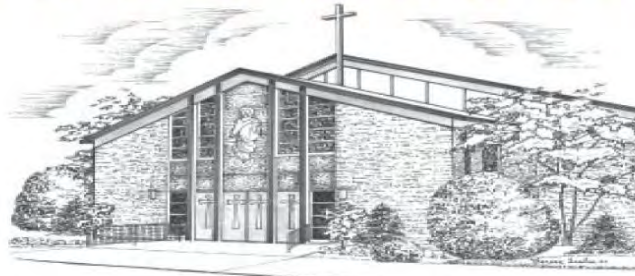
Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory
Other times by appointment

**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.



MAY 20, 2018



Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

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

Corpus Christi

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus

June 3, 2018

11:30am Mass

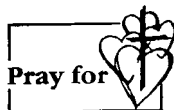
Procession

Benediction

Come, Join Us!!



PENTECOST SUNDAY



"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.

"a time to die..."

Manuel Manrique, Sr.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Ramon Abuedo**



Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

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

Monday, May 21, 2018

Food pantry distribution

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Refreshments & Presentation on Funerals

7:30pm - In the Gathering Room

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Harrison House

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Friday, May 25, 2018

No events

Saturday, May 26, 2018

Confession – 11:00am - Church

The Most Holy Trinity, Sunday, May 27, 2018

Fr. Hilary Scholarship Collection

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

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.



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WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

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.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 181 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$32,120.00 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

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – MAY 20TH**

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*Grape Juice*Iced Tea Mix*Lemonade Mix*
- Salad Dressing*Apple Sauce*Jam*Bread Crumbs*
- Chicken Gravy*Beef Gravy*Pudding*
- Jell-O*Sugar*Instant Mashed Potatoes*Flour*
- Lentil Soup*Manhattan clam chowder*
- New England clam chowder

"Ask The Funeral Director"

Please join Michael Mittenzwei from the Boulevard Funeral Home and Cremation Service, on Tuesday May 22nd at 12:30pm (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 to the rectory office, 201-836-8961. Refreshments will be served.

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: _____



Because of your generosity a donation of \$1,522.00 will be forwarded to help towards Communicating God's Word.

For more information please visit the Catholic Communication Campaign website at www.USCCB.ORG/CCC.



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: _____

**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 \$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 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.