

Church of the Ascension

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



+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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First Holy Communion



+ 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.

The Holy Trinity

May 27, 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.

Please see inside bulletin for Holiday Mass time

+ 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

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, May 27, 2018

5:30 Ramon Abuedo

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Simplicio Lazaro

11:30 Giella Family

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2018

8:30 Men & Women of our Armed Forces

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

7:00 Helen Hirtler

8:30 John Trimarchi

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

7:00 Grace Capozzoli

8:30 Eve Boschker

Thursday, May 31, 2018

7:00 Joseph Cronin

8:30 Joyce Pouliot

Friday, June 1, 2018

7:00 Alta Milliken

8:30 James & Annie Kate Cassidy

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Memorial Mass

8:30 Theresa Grieco, Charles Poveromo,
Walter Schuette

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 3, 2018

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Rosalinda Gonzalez

11:30 Jerry Gordon, First Anniversary

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

May 21, 2017: \$5,627.00

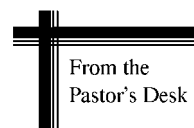
May 20, 2018: \$4,884.25

Food Pantry: \$1,581.50

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

**Reading for
Sunday, June 3, 2018**

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/
Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



Today, on the feast of the Holy Trinity, we might ask, "How do we save and protect the deep meaning of the Trinity, when we can't see or really understand it?" St. Patrick used the famous shamrock, showing how three leaves on one stem could mirror three Persons in One God.

Can you think of some better images?

Today we celebrate what we can easily call the central mystery at the core of our Christian beliefs, the **Most Holy Trinity**. It is one of those mysteries that we were probably told we wouldn't be able to comprehend anyway, so we would simply have to take it on faith. But it is not a lack of faith which causes us to ask questions.

We have a sacred obligation to ask good questions, to read, pray, and ponder the possibilities—all in our quest to know God more deeply. In fact, the study of theology is defined as "faith seeking understanding."

The most important thing is not HOW Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist as One—but WHY their life as One is crucial to OUR life. Because the Holy Trinity is the model of all love which exists in the world as we know it, and in the world beyond. Not a clinging, weak, dependent love... not a one-sided, temporary, or troubled love, like so many of the "loves" we have all experienced in our lives... but the richest, strongest, most glorious explosion and implosion of energy that has ever existed.

Often the relationships we call "love" are not worthy of the name. We are all burdened and blinded by the presence of evil in the world, so we mistake all kinds of phony things for love.

Don't lower your standards! Our guide to intimate relationships should be the real thing. Only the Trinity shows us the awesome ultimate bond that we should seek in all of our love relationships.

✘ Congratulations to Henry Reyes who received the Holy Spirit last Sunday in the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide us together as Jesus' disciples to do what Jesus did, being bearers of peace, love, and forgiveness.

✘ This Monday our nation celebrates **Memorial Day**. It is a special day to remember all those who sacrificed their lives that we may live in freedom. To honor our fallen heroes, we will march in parades, we will display and wave our flags, we will observe moments of silence, we will gather with family and friends to enjoy barbeques with food and drink and fun being together. These are all part of our Memorial Day celebrations.

But our observance of Memorial Day must touch us more deeply. We remember, especially, our brothers and sisters who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and we continue to pray for the members of our Armed Forces around the globe who put their lives on the line for us.

Above all, on this day may we gather together — united around the Lord's table — as the grateful community of Ascension to remember and give thanks for all who gave their lives for us and our American way of life. Please join us to celebrate Eucharist at 8:30am.

Let us join together and **REMEMBER**.

✘ Just a reminder...Next 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!

✘ We are in need of adults to help as servers for Funeral Masses. This Lazarus Ministry is so comforting to a bereaved family. Also we are in need of Lectors and Special Ministers of the Eucharist for our Sunday Masses. Jesus calls us to love one another through our gift of service. These are grace-filled opportunities for us to serve the Lord. Anyone who is interested, please contact Fr. David in the Rectory.

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



"They LOVE being here!"

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.

"It is a school that is vibrant with activity. We are in awe of the level of student, staff, parent, and community participation in the life of the school. We were impressed by the desire of your students to involve themselves as much as possible in the life of the school while asking for even more activities to be sponsored. They LOVE being here!"

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

Sun, June 3 & Mon, June 4: "Scholastic BOGO Bookfair"

Transfiguration Academy is having a Buy One, Get One free bookfair in Conlon Hall. You can either purchase books for yourselves, family and friends, or donate to the Academy. This is a great way to get a jump start on summer reading. The hours are Sunday 7:00am to 1:00pm and Monday 8:00am to 7:00pm.

Mon, June 18 thru Fri, Aug 17: "Summer Camp"

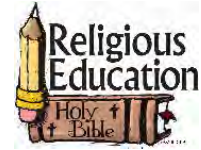
Our weekday summer camp runs from 8:00am to 6:00pm. The cost for five full days is \$190 for the first child and \$290 for two or more. Partial week and half day tuition rates are also available.

Your kids will have a great time doing: Outdoor Playground Fun, Water Games, Indoor Sports, Story Telling, Movies, Interactive Games, Slurpee Day, Arts & Craft, Music & Dance, Field trips and so much more...!

A \$25 registration fee, which needs to be paid by June 8, is required to reserve your space.

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/12bF37YBpbs>

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.



**ANY EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED
BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!**

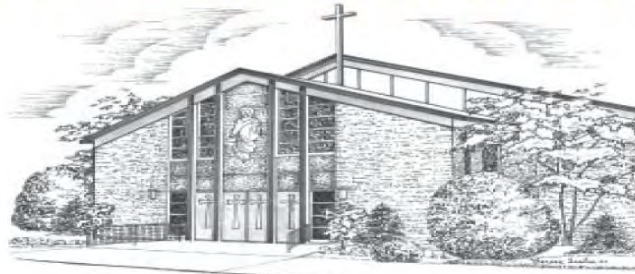
Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 150 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2 pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods!)

Our next date is on Thursday, June 7th.

We could sure use your help.

Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

MAY 27, 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

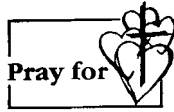
Procession

Benediction

Come, Join Us!!



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be born...”

Althea Kandathil, Leonard Bobe Jr.

“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 Kloebler, 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 Celebration of **Enrique Blanco’s Birthday**



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.



The Most Holy Trinity, Sunday, May 27, 2018

Fr. Hilary Scholarship Collection

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



Memorial Day Monday, May 28, 2018

Holiday, One Mass at 8:30am

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Parish Events – 7:30m – Gathering Room

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

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

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

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, May 31, 2018

No events

First Friday, June 1, 2018

Communion visits to homebound

Buildings & Grounds – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Rm

First Saturday, June 2, 2018

Confession – 11:00am - Church

Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 3, 2018

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

11:30 Mass followed by Procession

Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

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

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: _____



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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



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: _____



Holiday Office Hours

MONDAY, MAY 28TH

**RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES
 WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE
 OF MEMORIAL DAY
 HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND**



Father's Day Cards are available at the doors of the Church this weekend. As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Father's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Father's Day. If you would like a card for your Father, please pick one up after Mass this weekend. Offering is \$10.00 per card/intention. The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Father's Day Sunday, June 17th.**



"LEST WE FORGET"

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the lives and service of our men and women in the Armed Forces. Strengthen them and give them guidance as they stand in harm's way to protect our nation and way of life. May they face each day of their service the same way Your Son Jesus did; with courage, dignity and faith. And if it be Your will, when their work is through, bring them safely home.

Lord, please also bless the families of our troops. Reward them generously for their sacrifices which are known only to You. May we never forget those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom and safety: those who have died in the service of our county. May they rest in peace forever with You in Your kingdom.

Amen



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.

