

Church of the Ascension

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



+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor
Rev. David W. Milliken

Director of Music
Glenn Gordon

Weekend Assistant
Rev. Tim Graff

Parish Business Manager
Serina Sharkey

In Residence
Rev. Brian G. Plate

Director of Maintenance
Brendan Suter

Parish Trustees
Christopher Cudina & Elizabeth Delgado

Religious Education Center
Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education
Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7 & 8
Dena Sedlak, Coordinator of First Penance and
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.

Corpus Christi
June 3, 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
E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 3, 2018

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Rosalinda Gonzalez
11:30 Jerry Gordon, First Anniversary

Monday, June 4, 2018

7:00 William & Elizabeth Morris
8:30 Catherine Trimarchi-White

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

7:00 Marian Kearns
8:30 Grace Morris

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

7:00 Rosa & Pasquale Petrarca
8:30 Bolivar Aponte

Thursday, June 7, 2018

7:00 Marian Kearns
8:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

Friday, June 8, 2018

7:00 Roberto Caparas Sr., First Anniv.
8:30 Janette Edwards

Saturday, June 9, 2018

8:30 Edmundo Villarba, First Anniv.
5:30 Donna Rossi

Sunday, June 10, 2018

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Rev. John. A. Merity
11:30 Roberto Caparas Sr., First Anniv.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

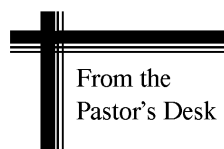
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

May 28, 2017:	\$4,856.00
May 27, 2018:	\$5,175.00
Fr. Hilary Scholarship:	\$1,030.00

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

Reading for Sunday, June 10, 2018

Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
[7bc]/2 Cor 4:13--5:1/Mk 3:20-35



From the
Pastor's Desk

What do you think about these TV shows that specialize in major transformations? There's **Dancing With The Stars** which turns famous people with two left feet into pretty decent dancers. Home renovation reality shows help families who are in dire straits from poverty or illness, and give them the dignity and joy of a renovated home. **The Biggest Loser** gives personal trainers to people who are obese; they work in teams, support each other, and tell stories of how their self-respect, gratitude, and love for their own bodies increase daily.

What is fascinating to us is to see the miracles of "what was" become "what can be", right in front of our eyes. Today, Jesus reveals the deepest transformation imaginable: the very cells of our bodies become transformed when we take into ourselves the "real food" of Jesus' body, and the "real drink" of Jesus' blood. Jesus then remains in us, and we have his eternal life. At first thought, it's unbelievable, isn't it? But food is our most basic requirement for life—from the moment of conception. All creatures must eat and drink, or die.

However, in the case of Jesus, food is more than mere survival. When we take in Jesus' body and blood, we're not just "takers"—we become givers. Some people have a spirituality that is so pre-occupied with taking the host, they miss the transformation into "givers." We can't mess around with this: we do not dare ask for Jesus in the Eucharist unless we are ready to do his work in the world. As one priest said, "If your Communion only happens in a church, then it is not Communion with our Lord Jesus Christ."

✠ This weekend 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!

I am so sorry that I cannot be with my parish to celebrate this beautiful solemnity. I am in Castleton-on-the-Hudson, NY this weekend celebrating with the jubilarians of the Sisters of the Resurrection who taught me in elementary school. They are celebrating 2 Sisters who have been professed for 70 years, 1 for 60 years, and 2 for 50 years. Please pray for these dedicated Sisters. As I celebrate with them I will be praying for you as well.

✠ Cardinal Tobin has assigned Fr. Brian Plate to be in residence here at Ascension beginning on June 1st. Fr. Brian will be helping out here while he takes courses to become a Hospital Chaplain. Please give him a warm Ascension welcome as he begins his ministry with us this weekend.

✠ We are in need of adults to help as **altar 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!



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. The hours are Sunday 7:00am to 1:00pm and Monday 8:00am to 7:00pm.

Fri, June 8: "Baccalaureate Mass for our graduating class" The Baccalaureate Mass is a beautiful liturgical ceremony offered in thanksgiving for the blessings God has bestowed upon the graduates and their families. Please join the Transfiguration Academy community for this wonderful event. The Mass begins at 9:00am in St. John's Church - Bergenfield.

Fri, June 8: "Graduation Ceremony" Our class of 2018 will be graduating at 6:00pm in St. John's Church. Dr. James Kennedy, retired principal of Selzer School in Dumont and member of our School Advisory Board, will be giving the commencement address.

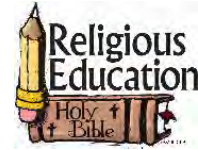
Mon, June 18 thru Fri, Aug 17: "Summer Camp" Our weekday summer camp runs from 8:00am to 6:00pm. The cost for five full days is \$190 for the first child and \$290 for two or more. Partial week and half day tuition rates are also available.

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/I2bF37YBpbs>

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



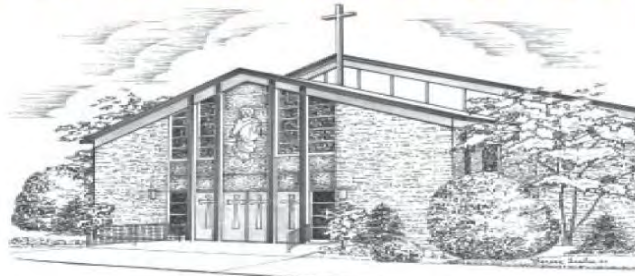
**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – JUNE 17TH**

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.

- Lemonade Mix*Grape Juice*Canned Beets**
- Canned Spinach*Apple Sauce*Brownie Mix**
- Cake Icing*Jam*Jell-O*Pudding*Salad Dressing**
- Bread Crumbs*Chicken Gravy*Beef Gravy**
- Sugar*Mayonnaise*Beef Broth**

JUNE 3, 2018



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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

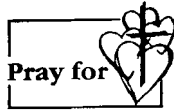
Procession

Benediction

Come, Join Us!!



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, 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.

"a time to die..."

Donald Evans

...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 offered in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



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



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.

Monday, June 4, 2018

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory Mtg. Room

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Woodcrest Center Mass – 2:30pm

Ministry of Word – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

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

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

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Hackensack Homeless

Friday, June 8, 2018

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 9, 2018

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Confession – 11:00am - Church

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Air Conditioning Collection

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



Meetings

MINISTRY OF WORD
TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 182 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$32,045.00 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: _____



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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.**



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!



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: _____

