

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.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 10, 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

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, June 10, 2018

5:30 Donna Rossi
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Rev. John. A. Merity
11:30 Roberto Caparas Sr., First Anniv.

Monday, June 11, 2018

7:00 Normita L. Crystal
8:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

7:00 Emmanuel Perenne
8:30 Stephen Hellriegel

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

7:00 Edward Lacey
8:30 Florentino Cabreza Jr.

Thursday, June 14, 2018

7:00 Seifert Family
8:30 Dorothy & Thomas Meyer

Friday, June 15, 2018

7:00 Edward Lacey
8:30 Lee Meneses

Saturday, June 16, 2018

8:30 Darren S. Drake
5:30 All Father's Living & Deceased

Sunday, June 17, 2018

7:30 All Father's
9:30 Living and
11:30 Deceased

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

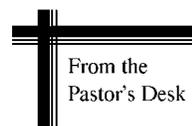
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

June 4, 2017:	\$5,262.00
June 3, 2018:	\$4,676.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$4,026.00

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

Reading for Sunday, June 17, 2018

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
[cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



It's an experience of pure delight to play peek-a-boo with a baby or toddler. The child "hides" from us, but wants to be "found." And when they remove their hands and let us see them, we gaze deeply into their eyes, smile and with all of our being let them know that they are special, loved just as they are and, in a word, precious. We often fall into each other's arms with giggles, hugs and I love yous.

Now, for the first time, something has gone terribly wrong in Eden. Adam and Eve ignored God's protective word and that pure delight in God's presence is over. In exercising their free will, they have gone against God's intentional will that God's creatures should live in innocence, harmony with creation and peace with each other. Adam, and like him all people, now learn to hide in fear and feel the pangs of separation from God and our most intimate loved ones.

Early in life we learn to dodge responsibility for our own actions and to blame others, and the ill will created sets up mistrust and separation. It becomes difficult to say "I'm sorry." Increasingly we hide ourselves from others behind masks we create, like perfect Facebook (or Christmas letter) lives.

Now God has to work within the set of circumstances that humans have created. We don't even want God to find us and so avoid quiet moments of prayer. But like the Psalmist assures us God's will for his people is that we turn to him, stand before him as we are and allow him to transform us and bring something good out of whatever we have botched up.

As the Psalmist assures us, with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. God will continue to ask where we are hiding. God will continue to call us until we trust him with our sin and brokenness whether it is through intentional disobedience, our own foolishness or simply life's circumstances.

Jesus enters our human circumstances. He places himself right in the middle of our human foibles. The scribes are suspicious of his motives even when he is doing good by healing those possessed by demons. Jesus is even rejected by his family. We see him here at the beginning of Mark's Gospel. He has been preaching and healing and he has just selected the Twelve—he is a man of action focused only on the mission God has given him—to restore us to himself regardless of the circumstances. And we see that he is misunderstood; his family, the scribes and even the disciples do not yet recognize that he is the Son of God.

Jesus' response is to redefine family and restore our original blessing—our connection to his father and each other as children of God. We are renewed. As Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians, it is God's ultimate will that our inner selves are renewed day by day as preparation for eternal glory. We come to know how precious we are before God and let him take delight in us as we also take delight in one another.

Today, as we approach the table of Jesus' body and blood, let us come revealing ourselves just as we are before God and saying "Amen" to be joined as one family.

✠ What a beautiful celebration! What a day of Eucharistic Blessing for Ascension! Thank you to **ALL** who worked and participated in our Parish's Corpus Christi Celebration. The Mass, the music, the procession and the benedictions were beautiful and so reverent. Thank you!

✠ Next weekend is Father's Day. **Father's Day Mass Cards** are available at the doors of the church and in the Rectory that we may remember our fathers, living and deceased in a special way. We will offer a blessing for our fathers at all Masses next weekend.

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



“Transfiguration Academy was unity without uniformity and diversity without division.”

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 were also impressed with the unity of the school in the midst of a very diverse population. I mentioned to several groups that what I felt at Transfiguration Academy was unity without uniformity and diversity without division. The school lives God’s dream of unity while recognizing the rich diverse cultures and traditions around us.” One parent described the “International Night” as a 600-member family gathering and the best POT-luck going!

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

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.

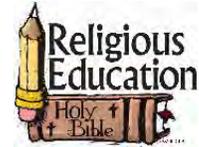
Your kids will have a great time doing: Outdoor Playground Fun, Water Games, Indoor Sports, Story Telling, Movies, Interactive Games, Slurpee Day, Arts & Craft, Music & Dance, Field trips and so much more...!

A \$25 registration fee, which needs to be paid by June 18, 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 though 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 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

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)

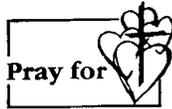
MEMORIAL CANDLES:	\$150/1 Year
	\$20/30 Days
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE	\$40 per week
ALTAR FLOWERS	\$50 (per basket/per week)
SANCTUARY CANDLE	\$15 per week

MEMORIAL FUND

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Donation Amt.: _____
In Memory of: _____
Date Requested: _____

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>June, 2018</h1> <h2>Church of the Ascension</h2> <h3>New Milford, New Jersey</h3>						
3 Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Parish Maintenance and Repair 11:30am Mass followed by Procession 1pm Baptism Prep GR 2pm Couples for Christ FBC	4 9am Pastoral Staff RMR 7:30pm Combined Chorus CH	5 2:30pm Woodcrest Center Mass 7:30pm Ministry of Word	6 7:30pm Novena CH 7:30pm Boy Scouts FBC 8pm Filipino Core Mtg. GR	7 Hackensack Homeless	8 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9 Immaculate Heart of Mary 11am Confessions CH
10 Ordinary Time Air Conditioning Collected 2pm Couples for Christ FBC	11 7:30pm Combined Chorus CH	12 7pm Ministry of Service 7:30pm Ministry of Worship/Liturgy RMR	13 7:30pm Novena CH 7:30pm Boy Scouts FBC 8pm Filipino Core Mtg. GR	14	15	16 French Academy Family Day SCH, REID 11am CFM Graduation at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark 11am Confession CH
17 Ordinary Time Food Pantry/Sunday Father's Day Blessing of fathers at all Masses 1pm Baptism CH	18 7:30pm Combined Chorus CH Food Pantry Distribution French Academy Graduation FBC	19 7:30pm Parish Events GR	20 7:30pm Novena CH 7:30pm Boy Scouts FBC 8pm Filipino Core Mtg. GR	21 Fortnight for Freedom	22 Fortnight for Freedom	23 Fortnight for Freedom 11am Confession CH Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist
24 Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist Fortnight for Freedom Second Collection for Fr. Hilary's Scholarship Fund	25 Fortnight for Freedom Summer Mass Schedule begins 8am Mass	26 Fortnight for Freedom Summer Mass Schedule 8am Mass	27 Fortnight for Freedom Summer Mass Schedule 8am Mass Harrison House 7:30pm Novena CH	28 Fortnight for Freedom Summer Mass Schedule 8am Mass	29 Fortnight for Freedom Summer Mass Schedule 8am Mass	30 Fortnight for Freedom 11am Confession CH Food for the Poor at all Masses Fr. Paul Winderrotter

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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.



Sunday, June 10, 2018

Air Conditioning Collection

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

Monday, June 11, 2018

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Ministry of Service – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

Ministry of Worship – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Rm.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

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

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

Thursday, June 14, 2018

No events

Friday, June 15, 2018

No events

Saturday, June 16, 2018

CFM Graduation at Archdiocesan Center

Confession – 11:00am - Church



Sunday, June 17, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

Father’s Day, Blessings of fathers at all Masses

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church



Meetings

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP
TUESDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 7:00PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY
TUESDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

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**

