

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 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

8:00 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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Sunday, July 8, 2018

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Jerome Guce

11:30 Donna M. Rossi

Summer Schedule

Monday, July 9, 2018

8:00 Luis & Daniella Gutierrez

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

8:00 Michaela Orozco

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

8:30 Angelito Barredo

Thursday, July 12, 2018

8:00 Frank & Joseph Tenney

Friday, July 13, 2018

8:00 Lilia Blanco

Saturday, July 14, 2018

8:30 Alice M. Stevens

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Sunday, July 15, 2018

7:30 Mae Somontina

9:30 Dona Viduya (L)

11:30 Dong T. Vo

PARISH \$ STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

July 2, 2017:	\$4,816.00
July 1, 2018:	\$4,155.55
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,496.00

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

Reading for Sunday, July 15, 2018

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
[8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

There is not one of us who has not feared being negatively judged by our peers. Destructive, rigid judgments begin when we start to compare one person to another. People with mental and physical disabilities are among those who have suffered the effects of this discrimination, which led one mental health researcher to conclude, "All human comparison is diabolical." (W. Wolfensberger)

Even Jesus was a victim of negative judgment, when he returned to his own hometown. You might expect old family friends to welcome him. But when they heard Jesus preach in his home synagogue, jealousy caused them to take offense: "Where did he get all this--wisdom and mighty deeds? Isn't this Mary's little Jesus?—he's getting above himself!" They allowed their familiarity with Jesus to become contempt.

We know that Jesus felt the pain of rejection, because he said, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own kin and in his own house." But Jesus did not let this turn him from his vocation as a prophet. God's prophets are not fortune-tellers. They tell us how God is in relationship to us—and they also tell us not to fear judgments based on appearances, because God sees and judges only the heart.

Do we recognize *our* vocation as prophets? At baptism, we were each called to be "prophet, priest, and king" to the world—including bringing God's messages to our own kind and in our very own house. It is not easy to walk the delicate line between unjust judgments and good prophetic judgment. Let's pray for a spirit not to take offense at others but to see only their beauty—and to be able to rejoice at seeing God in all of it!

✠ Fr. Hilary has returned to us from his studies in Rome to help us during July, August and September. I am so grateful that he is with us again. Please give him our usual warm Ascension welcome.

✠ **Summer is here!!!**

A thought concerning Summer attire in church: "Adore the Lord in holy attire" (Psalm 96:9; Ps 29:2)

Clothes say something about what we think, what we value. They also influence how we behave and feel. That our culture has become so casual about everything says something about us. I cannot exactly articulate it but it seems to say, "nothing is really all that important." But that is not true.

Going to God's house IS important. Being ministered to by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is astounding. Our clothing and demeanor ought to reflect this truth. Please, use your good judgment.

A thought concerning Summer contributions:

Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, and, of course, those well-deserved family summer vacations. While families spend hours planning ahead for those 3-day weekends and weeks out of town, they sometimes tend to overlook that their parish needs them even during the summer months. Envelopes are often forgotten.

Our parish bills do not stop during the summer months. Please help us by making your offering each week. If you are away for vacation, please remember your missed offering the following week. What better time than the summer to consider how **We Share** consistently sustains parishioner support the whole year?

Electronic giving helps parishioners give consistently with the peace of mind knowing that they are doing their part to support their parish and its ministries. Why not consider enrolling in electronic giving this week? If you have questions about electronic giving, please call Serina in the Rectory Office. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

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



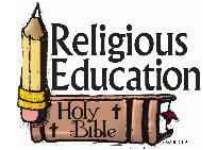
“Kindergarten: Helping students reach their fullest potential & a Home Away From Home”

Welcome! My name is Ms. Pirela and I am the Kindergarten teacher at Transfiguration Academy. I work alongside with Mrs. Quiroz who also supports the children academically, socially, as well as emotionally throughout the day. I am delighted to work here at Transfiguration Academy because of great supportive staff, awesome students, and parents who are very much involved in their child's learning. It makes us feel like a big family, sort of ‘a home away from home’. In Kindergarten, we build upon what they learned in Pre-K and we challenge them to reach their fullest potential. We begin our day with a prayer. The students were given responsibilities that honed them into becoming more independent. They know the routine and they know what is expected of them. In the morning, they unpacked and get ready for their day. We go over the calendar, discuss the weather including the days that we've had in school and some current events. It is followed by our “Rug Time”, which is our reading and writing period. The students begin to learn about the parts of a book, are introduced to different genres in reading, and learn about strategies, critical thinking by asking and answering questions as well as illustration. They too learn sentence structures, phonics, rhyming, sight words. In Math we do sorting, geometry, simple tables and graphs, money, time, fraction, addition and subtraction. We also cover Science, Social Studies and most importantly Religion where we discuss our relationship with God, our Catholic faith and doing good deeds to our neighbors. Our smart board provides tremendous supplement to the the learning of all students. Kindergarten at Transfiguration Academy is definitely filled with lots work and learning, but we have fun doing so. For those of you who want to learn more, please take a look at this video.

<https://youtu.be/Luitfectg7k>

Registration is Ongoing: 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. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook to learn more about our academic, athletic and extracurricular offering.

Transfiguration Academy is an investment in your child's future and much more affordable than you would expect.



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



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JULY 8, 2018



Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

2018 Summer Mass Schedule

Monday, June 25th to Monday, September 3rd

Weekdays:

Monday through Friday...8am

Saturday...8:30am

Weekends:

(NO Changes)

Saturday...5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Holy Days: 7am, 8:30am, 7:30pm

Civil Holidays: 8:30am

FOURTEENTH 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



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, July 8, 2018

Second Collection

for Fr. Hilary's Scholarship Fund

Monday, July 9, 2018

No events

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Baptism Prep – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

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

Thursday, July 12, 2018

No events

Friday, July 13, 2018

No events

Saturday, July 14, 2018

Confession – 11:00am – Church

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

Baptism – 1:00pm – Church

Monday, July 16, 2018

Food Pantry Distribution

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

No events

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

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

Thursday, July 19, 2018

No events

Friday, July 20, 2018

No events

Saturday, July 21, 2018

Confession – 11:00am – Church

Second Collection for Congregation of the Most

Holy Redeemer, Fr. Lukasz Drozak, CSSR

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Second Collection for Congregation of the Most

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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.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 183 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$32,570.00 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

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.



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: _____

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

SUMMER Vacation

Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!! School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.
HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!



**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – JULY 15TH**

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.

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

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 & 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: _____

