

Church of the Ascension

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.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 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
E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646
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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Sunday, August 12, 2018

5:30 Ramon Abuedo
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 John Coringrato
11:30 Macaria & Agustina Maglaqui

Summer Schedule

Monday, August 13, 2018

8:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

8:00 Rev. George Shema
Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

7:00 Doma Viduya (L)
8:30 Pauline & Roger Figalora
7:30 Ramon Abuedo, First Anniv.

Thursday, August 16, 2018

8:00 Dorothy & Maureen Meyer

Friday, August 17, 2018

8:00 Ramon Abuedo

Saturday, August 18, 2018

8:30 Peggy Lacey
5:30 Luisa Garcia

Sunday, August 19, 2018

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Joseph & Frank Tenney
11:30 Ramon Abuedo, First Anniv.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

August 6, 2017	\$5,638.00
August 5, 2018	\$4,828.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$3,274.00

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

**Reading for
Sunday, August 19, 2018**

Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
[9a]/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58



Today's gospel is about Pharisees with fixed opinions. Here are a few fixed opinions that didn't turn out to be very trustworthy:

1865: "Well-informed people know that it is impossible to transmit the human voice over wires." (Boston newspaper)

1878: "This "telephone" has too many shortcomings.... (it is)... of no value to us." (Western Union)

1880: "The phonograph has no commercial value at all." (Thomas Edison)

1916: "(Movies are) little more than a fad..." (Charlie Chaplin)

1932: "There is not the slightest indication that nuclear energy will ever be obtainable..." (Albert Einstein)

1962: "Groups are out. Four-piece groups with guitars particularly are finished." (Decca Recording Company, turning down The Beatles)

They sound so sure of themselves—just like the Pharisees. The most intelligent, creative, or holy person among us can let our opinions become hardened. Jesus' had to say "Stop it!" to the ones "murmuring" behind their hands at how outrageous his claims are. "Don't we know him and his parents? How can he say he came from heaven!" Jesus condemns this type of grouching, whining, or complaining in a negative way, because it blocks us from moving forward in life.

Our worldview as Christians must become more wise, compassionate, and understanding—not more negative and gossipy. Our new Eucharistic prayers says, "Open our hearts to the needs of all humanity." "Bring them the good news of salvation" so we can "advance together" to God.

✠ Fr. Patrick McCormick is with us this weekend speaking at all Masses on behalf of the missionary ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. We will take up a second collection to help support this missionary work. Let us give Fr. Patrick a warm Ascension welcome. As always, may God, the Giver of all good gifts, bless you for your generous stewardship.

✠ Wednesday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation to attend Mass. We will honor Mary on this special day at Masses at 7am, 8:30am and 7:30pm.

✠ On Saturday, August 25, we will celebrate our Parish Queenship of Mary Festival with Mass at 5:30pm followed by a sumptuous Reception in the Fr. Benedict Center. Please plan on joining us.

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



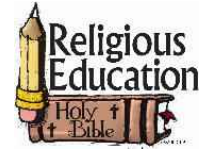
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

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, Instagram, and Twitter 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.

For more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school, located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627.



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



**QUEENSHIP OF MARY
ROSARY & NOVENA IN THE CHURCH
AUGUST 16,17,20,21,22,23 & 24 AT 7:30PM
AUGUST 18 AT 6:30PM after 5:30pm Mass
AUGUST 19 AT 6:00PM (Sunday)
AUGUST 25 FIESTA CELEBRATION
5:30PM EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
6:30PM PROCESSION
7:00PM RECEPTION &
CULTURAL PROGRAM**



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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Invites You to Share with us in the

34th Annual Celebration

of the

Queenship of Mary



Schedule of Novena

- August 16 (Thursday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 17 (Friday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 18 (Saturday)..... 6:30 pm (after the 5:30pm Mass)*
- August 19 (Sunday)..... 6:00 pm*
- August 20 (Monday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 21 (Tuesday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 22 (Wednesday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 23 (Thursday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 24 (Friday)..... 7:30 pm*

Main Celebration

August 25, 2018 (Saturday)

**Mass: 5:30 pm Procession to follow after the Mass
Program & Reception at the Fr. Benedict Center**



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

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 Kloeblen, Richard Gabettie, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Charles Hellriegel, John Delaney, Anita Zucconi, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, 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..."

Paul Mitchell

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of **Figalora & Sharkey Families**



BREAD and WINE this week offered in loving memory of **Helen Chaffiotte**



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of **Agnes Oclarit**



Sunday, August 12, 2018

Cross Catholic Outreach at all weekend Masses

Monday, August 13, 2018

No events

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

No events

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses 7:00am & 8:30am & 7:30pm

NO Novena

Thursday, August 16, 2018

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Friday, August 17, 2018

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Confession – 11:00am – Church

Queenship Novena – 6:30pm - Church

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

Baptism – 1:00pm – Church

Queenship Novena – 6:00pm - Church

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

We welcome Father Patrick McCormick of CCO, who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. CCO was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



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.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 185 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$34,670.00 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 NEW MILFORD CHILDRE IN NEED FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR

Starting later this month, the Service Ministry of Ascension Church will, in cooperation with the New Milford Woman's Club, be collecting school supplies for children throughout New Milford who cannot afford the basic tools to insure a successful school year. A box will be placed in the vestibule for your donations, which will be distributed to children of our pantry clients, along with other New Milford school children in need. This year we have been asked to include items for older (high school aged) children in need. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity to those in need.

Requested Items

Pencils, Pens, Erasers, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers, Highlighters, Rulers, Pencil Cases, Spiral Notebooks, Spiral Notebooks, Index Cards, (College Ruled), (Wide Ruled), Notebook Paper, Notebook Paper, Binders, College Ruled), (Wide Ruled), Composition Books, Book Covers, Lunch Boxes, Pencil Sharpeners, Scissors, Dividers, Hole Punchers, Small Staplers, White Out, Backpacks, Folders, (Grammar School), (High School), Graph Paper

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!



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: _____



HALLOWEEN FUN IN SALEM, MASSACHUSETTES

Our Parish is sponsoring a 3day, 2 night trip to Salem, Mass. From Oct. 30th – Nov. 1st. The price of \$519 per person/\$709 single occ. Includes 2 nights lodging at the Courtyard Marriot Hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, tour of Salem's Witchcraft Hysteria including Salem Witch Dungeon & Salem Witch Museum, House of 7 Gables, Witch Trial Trail & Graveyard, Haunted Happenings Festival, Tour of the Lizzie Borden House, Luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities and bus transportation. A \$100 deposit will hold your reservation and is due by Aug. 31, 2018. For info. And reservations call Josie (201)265-0485. Please fill in the form below and drop off at the Rectory with your deposit. Make all checks payable to Ascension Church. Please mark "Salem Trip" on envelope. Cancellation ins. is recommended.

NAME _____
PHONE _____
NAME OF PERSON YOU ROOMING WITH _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
AMT. ENCL. _____



MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THIS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2018 AT 7:00 & 8:30AM & 7:30PM

