

# Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

**Pastor**  
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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.



**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 9, 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. and 8:30am

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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)  
E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 John K. John

11:30 Sarah & Christopher McKenna

**Monday, September 10, 2018**

7:00 Virgilio Mendoza, First Anniv.

8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

7:00 Juanita Santiago

8:30 Catherine Trimarchi-White

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

7:00 William Neuberger

8:30 Alice Cole

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

7:00 Eddie Aponte

8:30 John Delaney & Family (L)

**Friday, September 14, 2018**

7:00 Dawn & John Rodriguez

8:30 Helen Chaffiotte

**Saturday, September 15, 2018**

8:30 Frank D'Andrea

5:30 Martin Faderugao

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Manuel Garcia

11:30 John & Delfina Duarte

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

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

September 3, 2017:	\$4,756.00
September 2, 2018:	\$4,865.00
Eastern & Central Europe:	\$1,380.00

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

**Reading for**

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas  
2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



There is a touching video on YouTube about Jonathan, a little baby boy born deaf, who had just had a surgical implant to restore his hearing. The very moment Jonathan heard his mother's voice for the first time was amazing! His pacifier fell out of his mouth and a big smile crept over his face. He gazed up into his mother's eyes, wiggling in excitement, making happy little cries. For the first time, he was hearing a world outside himself!

People commented that "it was a miracle" to watch, and that it brought them to tears. It was such a personal and sacred moment, to see little Jonathan receive the gift of hearing. The people who witnessed Jesus healing the deaf man must have felt much the same. In that culture, to be deaf would have isolated that man terribly. With no job training or assistance, how could he support a family? Disability was considered God's punishment, so he would be shunned and not permitted to attend synagogue.

Jesus sees the man's whole terrible situation in a flash. He understands the whole, real person, his pain, his exclusion from the community. It's not just a "quickie healing"—Jesus enters deeply and personally into the man's life story—to restore him. And this is the deeper meaning of the miracle: Jesus is already starting his mission to restore the whole creation to its original state of blessings and beauty as God created it, before evil entered the creation. Evil is having its day now; but for God, these tragedies are not the end. **"Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, ... he comes to save you!"**

✘ Today is **Grandparents Day**. We offer our prayers and best wishes to all grandparents. Through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, may God bless you in the special role you play in the life of your grandchildren.

✘ Next Sunday we celebrate **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**. Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of all in this parish, to recognize our parish catechists who give of themselves so generously and unselfishly in this most important work of bringing the good news of Jesus to others. These include those who work with our children as teachers, substitutes, and aides, those who work with our baptism and marriage preparation programs, RCIA, Small Christian Communities, Lenten Groups, CFM, adult spirituality, and the Ministry of the Word.

A big **"Thank You"** to all of you! May God bless you in your faithful stewardship! We will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** at 9:30am Mass followed by "Back to School" Meeting for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K-6) at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center Religious Education classes will be starting next week. Please be extra careful driving on the church and school grounds.

✘ **ATTENTION, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS...**

In order to have an opportunity to pray together and to review the procedures associated with your ministry, we will meet in the church: **LECTORS** on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. It is imperative that you attend these sessions so that you can continue to serve in your ministry with knowledge and reverence.

- ✘ Please put these upcoming events on your calendar and plan ahead to join us...
  - September 10 (Monday)... Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (7-8) at 7:00 in the School Cafeteria
  - September 16 (Sunday)... Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9:30am Mass followed by "Back to School" Meeting for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K-6) at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center
  - September 30 (Sunday) **Action Against Hunger** from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations.
  - September 30 (Sunday)... Archdiocesan celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod at 3pm Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Light refreshments will follow in the Archdiocesan Center.
  - October 6 (Saturday)... "I'll Be Frank"... Jonni Drue impersonates Frank Sinatra @ 8pm FBC

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



**Transfiguration Academy: Protecting God’s Children**

We encourage the parents and guardians of our students to take advantage of the many opportunities to volunteer their time and talent to work, lead, or plan school activities and functions throughout the year. Volunteering for school events is a fun way to serve and unite our community, and it is one of the best ways to earn HSA service hours.

It is mandatory for all volunteers, over the age of 18, who participate in Transfiguration Academy activities to complete the Protecting God’s Children workshop and have a valid certificate on file with the school. If you completed this workshop in the past, please note that re-certification is necessary every 5 years. Transfiguration Academy is dedicated to the safety of the children in our school and community. Therefore, we will not make exceptions for volunteers who do not meet these requirements.

On Saturday, September 22, 2018, St. John the Evangelist parish will host two workshops in Conlon Hall (19 N William St, Bergenfield): 8:30am – 10:00am

**Keeping the Promise Alive** (Re-Certification); Duration: 90 min.  
10:15am – 1:15pm

**Protecting God’s Children**; Duration: 180 min.

Please visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) for further details or to register for the **Protecting God’s Children** workshop.

To register for the re-certification course (**Keeping the Promise Alive**) or the monthly re-certification bulletins, you may contact Karen Clark, Archdiocesan Director of Safe Environment, at: [clarkkar@rcan.org](mailto:clarkkar@rcan.org).

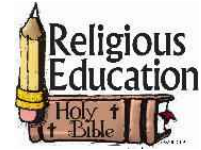
**Student Registration is Ongoing:** Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) 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](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or call the school office at 201-384-3627. Come and learn how the Academy is committed to **Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.**



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**Calendar:**

- Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>: Last Minute Registration- 9:30 am to 11:30 am
- Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Student Meeting- MANDATORY FOR BOTH in Fr. Multi-purpose Room (Café)
- Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM
- Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> -- Mandatory Parent Meeting K- 6<sup>th</sup> grades at 10:45 am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)
- Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

**Registration for 2018-2019:**

The Religious Education Office in the school will be open today, September 9, 2018 for last minute registration from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. All registered families’ letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

**Please note our hours for classes.**

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:45 pm. Students are asked to be here by 6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa 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 – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory
- Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School
- Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School
- Closed: Thursday & Saturday
- Other times by appointment

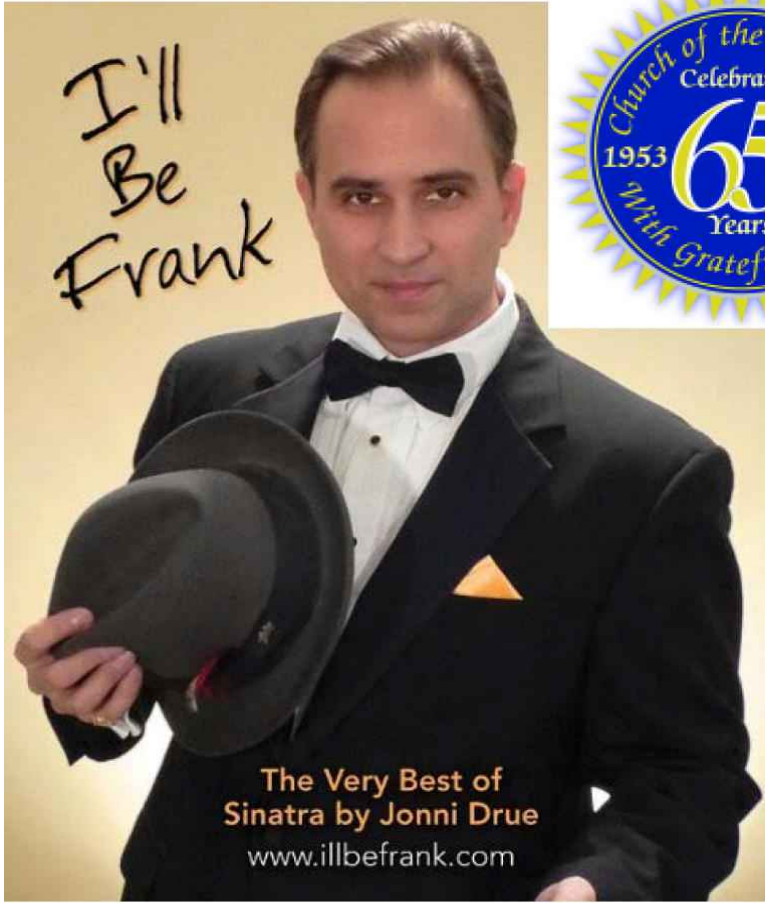


**CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this Collection, you are helping to restore the Church and build the future. Please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe”) to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Ascension Parishioners... Family...Friends...Neighbors...  
Let's Get Together & Share some fun with...



Saturday,  
October 6, 2018

Ascension Parish  
New Milford, NJ

Fr. Benedict Center  
(School Gym)  
1092 Carnation Drive  
New Milford, NJ  
at 8:00 P.M.

(Doors open at 7:30 P.M.)  
\$20.00\* per person  
(\*25.00 at the door)

- ◆ Bring your own food and beverages
- ◆ Buy early to get the lower rate...limited seating
- ◆ Any questions, contact Bob Quinn at 201-836-6105

(Detach and return form below to the Rectory Office with payment)



# I'LL BE FRANK

## Ticket Reservations

(Return by Monday, October 1, 2018)



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets @ \$20.00\*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

\* 8 people to a table



*"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 Kloebler, 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.

*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



# September

## Sunday, September 9, 2018

Parish Maintenance & Repairs Collection  
Catholic University of America Collection  
Grandparent's Day

**Blessing of Grandparent's at all Masses**

Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

## Monday, September 10, 2018

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory  
Rel Ed Parents' Mtg. 7 & 8 grade–7:00pm–School  
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

## Patriot Day, Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

## Wednesday, September 12, 2018

No events

## Thursday, September 13, 2018

No events

## Friday, September 14, 2018

No events

## Saturday, September 15, 2018

Confessions – 11:00am – Church  
Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church  
Animal Shelter Collection thru October 7

## Sunday, September 16, 2018

Catechetical Sunday  
Food Pantry Sunday  
Mass Commissioning of Catechists – 9:30am  
Rel. Ed. Parents' Mtg. K-6 – Fr. Benedict Ctr.  
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church



### PARISH EVENTS

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**  
**7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**  
**\*\*NEW MEMBERS WELCOME\*\***

#### 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.



**HALLOWEEN FUN IN  
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTES**

Our Parish is sponsoring a 3day, 2 night trip to Salem, Mass. From Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. \_\_\_\_\_



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grandparents Day Blessing**

**God our Father,  
you create all things in this world  
as gifts for your created beings.**

**This day is made holy  
by the presence of new life,  
made real by the love of spouses  
and their collaboration with you.  
On this day bless all grandparents  
and their grandchildren.**

**May they both praise you  
for their place in the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**



**Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 186 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year’s Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$34,870.00 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**



**Feeding the  
Community**

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY**

**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 16TH**

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.

**Items of Need**

Grape Juice-Coffee-Canned Mushrooms- Salad Dressing- Pork & Beans-Tomato Sauce-Crushed Tomatoes-Tomato Puree-Instant Mashed Potatoes-Bread Crumbs-Canned Beets-Canned Spinach-Chicken Gravy-Brown Rice-Brownie Mix-Pancake Syrup-Lentil Soup-Manhattan clam Chowder-Cookies-Crackers-New England Clam Chowder-Canned White Potatoes-Canned Spinach  
Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

