

Church of the Ascension

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

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Rev. Brian G. Plate

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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.



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 30, 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
E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 30, 2018

5:30 Denis Mullins, (L) 90th Birthday

7:30 Tessie Mulvihill

9:30 Theodore Bates

11:30 Marlene Hellriegel

Monday, October 1, 2018

7:00 Elizabeth Morris

8:30 Manuel Garcia

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

7:00 Abraham Joseph

8:30 T.K. Varghese & family

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

7:00 Mary O'Keeffe

8:30 Genaro Ursal

Thursday, October 4, 2018

7:00 Teresa & Denis Begley

8:30 Ellen Delaney

Friday, October 5, 2018

7:00 Herminia Paguntalan (L) Birthday

8:30 Ethel Rivera

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Memorial

8:30 Santo T. Ninivaggi, Edward Breslin,
Rosie Ousph

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, October 7, 2018

7:30 Matthew Camerlengo

9:30 Maureen & Thomas Meyer

11:30 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

September 24, 2017: \$5,946.00

September 23, 2018: \$5,196.00

Father Hilary Scholarship: \$1,302.00

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

Reading for

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

THANKS FOR THE LOVE

Love, they say, is the universal language of humanity. I write to express my earnest gratitude to the Ascension Parish Family for the love shared and the love gained. My time with you has been punctuated with care and fraternal fellowship. It has always been a memorable stay, one that I constantly look forward to. Your kind hospitality and cordial dispositions have remained a source of joy and encouragement to me. I so much admire the unity and liveliness that exist within your Christian community, they are attestations of your faith.

Sincerely, I really lack the appropriate words to express my deepest and honest appreciation to Fr. David for being a good father to me, he is such a kind heart. Staying with him has always been an amazing experience filled with love, smiles and fraternity. Fr. David can withhold his comfort for the sake of another person's sincere good. I so much admire his love and passion for the liturgy, an essential expression of our faith. Thank you Fr. David. My gratitude also goes to Fr. Brian and the Parish staff, they have been very caring, I relish the times spent together.

During the course of my stay, some of the parishioners dedicated their time, resources and companionship in ensuring that I had a pleasant stay. I really appreciate and pray that God rewards you abundantly.

I will forever remain grateful to the entire Ascension Family for the huge sacrifices you make towards my studies in Rome. Honestly, I consider my presence in Ascension as a rare privilege. It is sometimes said that God answers prayers through human elements. Indeed, God answered my prayers and the prayers of my diocese through the good people of Ascension Parish. You all are instruments of divine providence. In your love, you have ensured that my studies in Rome is never interrupted. Just as my Bishop mentioned in his letter of gratitude, the diocese prays for you always. May Jesus, who in today's gospel promised a divine reward for whoever gives even a cup of water to his servants, shower you all with bountiful blessings. Thank You One and All!

Fr. Hilary



✘ This weekend we bid farewell to **Fr. Hilary**. What a blessing he has been to Ascension Parish. Let us thank him for sharing himself with his friendship, reflective homilies and holiness. Our prayers go with Fr. Hilary that God continue to bless him in his studies in Rome. We are certainly glad to have had him with us again this summer. We hope and pray he can return next summer. God bless you, my brother!

✘ Please come out and help us collect food for the hungry. Please join us in the **Action Against Hunger** this Sunday, Sept. 30th, from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations. Confirmation candidates and high school students, this is a great opportunity for you to fulfill some of your required service hours.

✘ October is almost here. It is the **month of our Blessed Mother and Respect Life Month**. I call your attention to some excellent opportunities for us as Catholics to honor Mary, the Mother of our God of Life. We pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church. To show our respect for life, during the entire month we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "**Giving Crib**", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month.

✘ On Thursday, October 4th, we will gather at 4pm in our Blessed Mother's courtyard to celebrate our annual **Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi**. We invite you to bring your pets, large and small, to receive God's special blessing.

✘ On Sunday, October 7th, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will gather with our Religious Education families at 10:45am at our Rosary Walk around the outdoor statue of our Blessed Mother and celebrate a Living Family Rosary. What a beautiful way for us to honor our Blessed Mother.

✘ Don't forget : October 6 (Saturday)... "**I'll Be Frank**"... Jonni Drue impersonates Frank Sinatra @ 8pm FBC ... Fr. Benedict Center...\$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door.

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



**ASCENSION PARISH GALA
Cocktail Party
Plan to Celebrate our parish's**



**On Saturday, November 10, 2018
6:30pm
In the Fr. Benedict Center
*more information to follow***



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.

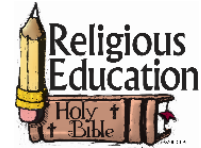
Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

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: _____

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**



Calendar:

Sunday, September 30th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
 Monday, October 1st – 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, October 3rd – 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Sunday, October 7th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

On Wednesday, October 3, 2018 there is a **MANDATORY Parent/Student/Catechist Meeting** in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room at 7 pm. We asks they all be on time for this important meeting.

On Sunday, October 7, 2018 the entire Religious Education Program will be praying the Holy Rosary, outside in the Rosary garden. We ask that all parents and parishioners PLEASE join us at 10:55 am in honor of our Mother Mary.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will start on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at the 9:30 am Mass.
 All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to Celebrate Mass together.

Registration for 2018-2019:

The Religious Education Office is still accepting registration forms. Please come in as soon as possible as class are starting this week.

Please note our hours for classes.

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon. Parents with Students in 1st through 3rd grades are reminded to come in to the cafeteria to pick up the children and 4th through 6th grades will be dismissed out the backdoor of the school.

The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th 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. Parents are to park behind the school and not in the side parking lot when they pick up their children.

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

SEPTEMBER 30, 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 Kloeblen, Richard Gabettie, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, John Delaney, 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



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.

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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.



Sunday, September 30, 2018

Religious Education K-6grade
Action Against Hunger – 12 noon – 4pm
3pm Mass Sts. Lorenzo Ruiz and Pedro Calungsod at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark

Monday, October 1, 2018

Religious Education Grade 8 – 7:00pm – School
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Woodcrest Center Mass – 2:30pm
Ministry of Service – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Rel Ed 9th Grade Parents' Mtg. – 7:00pm
Novena – 7:30pm – Church



Thursday

Blessing of Animals, 4:00pm, St. Mary's Shrine

First Friday, October 5, 2018

Communion Visits to Homebound

First Saturday, October 6, 2018

Setup Fr Benedict Ctr. – 10:00am
Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church
"I'll Be Frank" Frank Sinatra Concert
8:00pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Parish Maintenance & Repairs
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – Family Rosary – 10:45
Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room



Ministry of Service

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
7:00pm in the Gathering Room
****NEW MEMBERS WELCOME****



