

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Rev. David W. Milliken

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Rev. Tim Graff

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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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 7, 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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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 7, 2018

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 Matthew Camerlengo
9:30 Maureen & Thomas Meyer
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, October 8, 2018

7:00 Gary Banta
8:30 Maureen Schinase

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

7:00 Dennis Mulvihill
8:30 Margaret McEwan Bitetti

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

7:00 James Howard
8:30 Thomas & Maureen Bottcher

Thursday, October 11, 2018

7:00 Federico Santos
8:30 Helen Chaffiotte

Friday, October 12, 2018

7:00 Juanita Santiago
8:30 Elizabeth Morris

Saturday, October 13, 2018

8:30 Guido Family
5:30 Judi Sexton

Sunday, October 14, 2018

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Anite Fabila

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 1, 2017: \$5,025.00
September 30, 2018: \$5,774.00

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

Reading for Sunday, October 14, 2018

Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



Are you one of those who were captivated by the British TV series called 'Downton Abbey'? It's a costume drama that revolves around the lives and loves of the wealthy aristocrats and the working class people who serve them. Much of the tension and excitement lies in the rigid social rules and code of behavior which regulate those above and below-stairs.

Ultimately, rich and poor alike at Downton Abbey are challenged to learn that traditions and social convention have meaning, but what is most important is goodness, love, and holding onto these deeper values. Jesus tries to teach a similar lesson to the Pharisees today: that the law exists for the deeper meaning behind it. Today they're testing Jesus' views on marriage and divorce.

Jews considered divorce a tragic failure, but in practice, divorce was easily gotten by men, and not by women. Women had no rights in the law.

Into this unequal situation, Jesus proclaims that marriage is meant as an absolute permanency and unity in the mind of God. Here, Jesus upholds the dignity of both women and men.

'From the beginning,' when 'God made them male and female,' a unique bonding of body and soul was intended, a permanent bond that can't be broken by human law or changed regulations. But where individualism reigns supreme, we see divorce at record levels. We desperately need Jesus' vision of marriage today, to protect the spirits, hearts, and bodies of us all.

✠ October 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. Maybe we could gather at home and pray the rosary as a family. 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.

✠ This 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.

✠ As you know, this year we celebrate our parish's 65th Anniversary. On Saturday, November 10th, we will gather in the Fr. Benedict Center for a Parish Cocktail Party (adults 21 and over) with wine and cheese, some delicious hors d'oeuvres, music, and fun with fellow parishioners. It will prove to be a truly enjoyable memory-filled evening.

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

Fr. David



**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, October 7th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
 Monday, October 8th – 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, October 10th – 9th Grade from 6:30 pm **SHARP** to 9 pm (Gathering Room)
 Sunday, October 14th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

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 10:45 am in honor of our Mother Mary.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will start today 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:

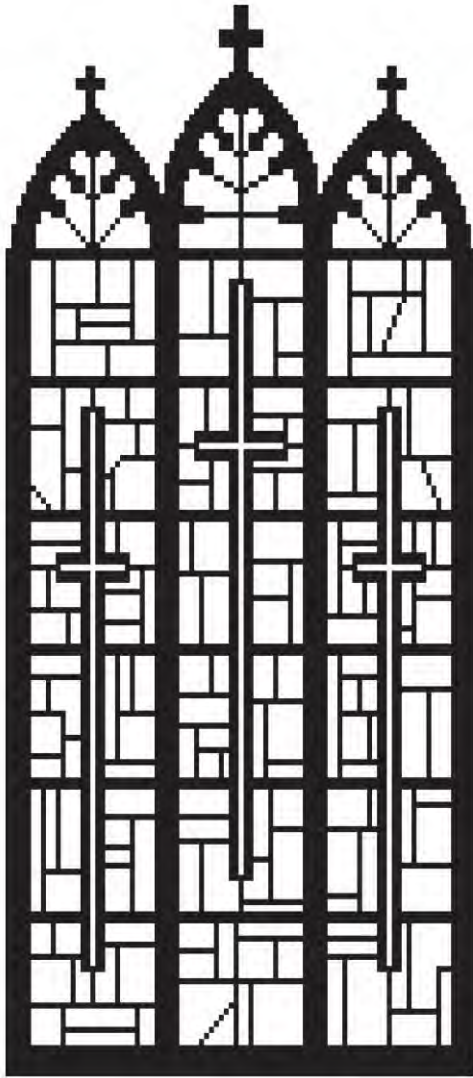
- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- † Children’s Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college 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

OCTOBER 7, 2018

*Church of the Ascension
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, New Jersey*



Dear Friend,

We, of Ascension Parish, feel that it is important for us to remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those persons who have touched our lives and whose presence we miss.

On Thursday, November 1, 2018, as we celebrate All Saints Day, at the 7:30pm Mass, we will anticipate the Feast of All Souls, with our annual **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE** for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (Nov. 2, 2017-Nov. 1, 2018).

We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

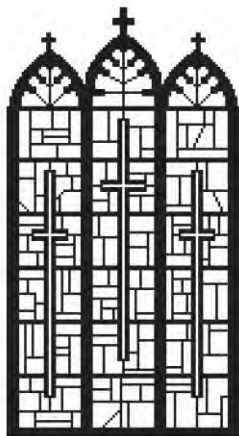
Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2018 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

We look forward to being with you on Thursday, November 1.

In the Lord's Peace,

Fr. David and Your Ascension Parish Family

Annual Prayer of Remembrance



My Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Loved One _____

Relationship to Me _____ *Date of Death in 2017-18* _____

____ *Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance*

Please, we must have this completed card by October 28th.





"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, 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



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**
burns this week in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



BREAD and WINE this week
Donated in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week
Donated in loving Memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



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.



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



Columbus Day

Monday, October 8, 2018

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

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Ministry of Word – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Confirmation Prep. – 6:30pm – Gathering Room
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.
Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Hackensack Homeless

Friday, October 12, 2018

Finance Council – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45 - School



Meetings

Ministry of Word

Tuesday, October 9, 2018
7:30pm in the Gathering Room

Finance Council

Friday, October 12, 2018
7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2018!

Help is needed for 2019... We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2019. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or Mary Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.



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 \$34,370.00 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

RESPECT LIFE

To show our respect for life, during the entire month of October 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. Please put monetary donations in envelope marked "Respect Life" in collection basket.



BREAKING NEWS! Transfiguration Academy has been named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Finally, the wait is over. We are champions, we are champions! Well, maybe just excellent. Though it is not *just*, but rather, very exemplary. As of 1 p.m. EDT on Monday, October 1st, Transfiguration Academy has been added to the ranks of outstanding schools by the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Program of the U. S. Department of Education. It is a prestigious accomplishment and we are one of 349 schools in the nation and one of eighteen schools in New Jersey to be recognized this year. This award took many academic years in the making and we have St John's Parish, our heritage parishes, students, faculty, and parents to thank for helping our school achieve this honor.

We are a community. Thank you to each and every one of you.
Congratulations to all of us!



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: _____

I'LL BE FRANK

The very best of Sinatra by Jonni Drue
At Ascension Parish

**Tickets can be purchased at the doors
Tonight for \$25.00**

Performance is tonight, Saturday, October 6th show begins at 8:00pm (doors open at 7:30pm) in The Fr. Benedict Center. Bring your own food and beverages.
Come join the fun!!

! RIGHT TO LIFE TICKET RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE !
! ON SALE OCTOBER 27 & 28 AFTER ALL MASSES !

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – OCTOBER 14TH**

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.
COFFEE, TEA, APPLE JUICE, GRAPE JUICE, CRANBERRY JUICE, CANNED BEETS, CANNED WHITE POTATOES, CANNED MUSHROOMS, APPLE SAUCE, PORK & BEANS, CORNED BEEF HASH, EGG NOODLES, GRATED CHEESE, CAKE MIX, CAKE ICING, BROWNIE MIX, JAM, MAYONNAISE, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CRACKERS, COOKIES, TOOTHPASTE
Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

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.

**ANY EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED –
BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!**

Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 150 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2 pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods!) **Our next date is on Thursday, October 11TH.** We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!



**A LAUNDRY CHUTE
201-262-9274**

