

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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Serina Sharkey

In Residence
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Brendan Suter

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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 21, 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

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

World Mission Sunday, October 21, 2018

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:30 Mary Karwoski

11:30 Anita Barbagallo

Monday, October 22, 2018

7:00 C.V.Cheryan

8:30 Pasquale Ciampa

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

7:00 William Morris

8:30 Mary Zadroga

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

7:00 Richard C. McCaffrey

8:30 Eddie Aponte

Thursday, October 25, 2018

7:00 Jose Hofilena, Jr.

8:30 Delaney Family

Friday, October 26, 2018

7:00 Cindy Smith

8:30 Maureen Finigan

Saturday, October 27, 2018

8:30 Darren Scott Drake

5:30 Darren Scott Drake, First Anniversary

Sunday, October 28, 2018

7:30 Tessie Mulvihill

9:30 Enrique Blanco, Sr.

11:30 Oscar Anthony Poli

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 15, 2017:	\$5,481.00
October 14, 2018:	\$5,070.50
Food Pantry:	\$1,335.00

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

Reading for

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
[3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52



This weekend we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. It comes as a reminder of what missionaries do. They work in many fields including education, healthcare, orphanages, pastoral care, spiritual education, administration and formation of seminarians and novices. The work of missionaries is a vital element in protecting human rights and religious freedom in countries suffering oppression and injustice. Missionaries also work in projects that make the difference between life and death in many countries by providing basic necessities — food, clothing, healthcare, shelter and education. What do missionaries do? They show their people how God cares for them right here, right now.

Jesus challenges us to get the message of life out to the entire world. Jesus' shocking new "mission statement" transforms the very concept of leadership: be servants to each other. Leadership which flows from Jesus' humility and denial of self is called "servant leadership". It is leading by using our power with and for others, not power over them.

How do we "make disciples of all nations" using servant leadership? Feeding, clothing, giving shelter to the poor must first flow "from a profound act of divine love...." We are not just consumers of Christ's love and peace—we are real partners in Jesus' redemption...each one of us is a missionary!

What does it really mean for US to be missionaries? First, to be curious about what mission God is giving us; then to listen to what God is placing in our hearts, and to take a few steps in that direction!

Our faith challenges us to look to the example of our missionaries and offer the precious gift of Jesus' life to so many peoples throughout the entire world. On this **World Mission Sunday** may our prayers and our monetary offerings help our missionaries to be the gift of Jesus, the Good News, to the world.

✠ Thursday, November 1st, is the **Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation**. We will celebrate Mass at 7 and 8:30am and at 7:30pm. During the evening Mass, as we prepare to celebrate **All Souls Day**, we will celebrate our annual **Prayer of Remembrance**, a special time for us to remember our parishioners, family members and friends who have died during this past year. If you wish to remember someone at this Mass, please fill out the **2018 Prayer of Remembrance Response Form** in the bulletin and return it to the Rectory Office. All Souls envelopes are available at the doors of the church. We will remember these deceased loved ones throughout the month of November.

✠ As you know, this year we celebrate our parish's 65th Anniversary. On Saturday, November 10th, at 7pm, 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. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available after Mass in the front vestibule. Tickets will not be sold after November 4th.

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

**FATHER DAVID MILLIKEN WILL ESCORT
A GROUP TO IRELAND-MAY 12-20, 2019**

You are invited to come away to the magical land of Ireland! Father David will be the escort during a tour which he will celebrate Mass on some days in special sites (such as the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Ireland in Knock). In addition, sightseeing by a professional guide will include sites in and around Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Dublin, and Galway. Included in the cost of \$3,150.00 per person-two in a room or \$3,800.00 - single occupancy. Round-trip transportation from Church of the Ascension to Newark International Airport, round-trip non-stop Economy airfare and all departure taxes, all transportation and sightseeing by private motor-coach with the services of a professional guide/driver. 7 nights hotel accommodations in First Class hotels, full breakfast and dinner daily, entrance fees, hotel baggage handling, taxes and service charges, tip to the guide/driver.

Brochures with complete details may be obtained in the parish office. Please join us for an informational evening on Thursday, October 25th at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD TOWELS, SHEETS, BLANKETS

A local shelter which we work with, Start II in Englewood, is looking for donations of used towels, blankets, sheets, or pillow cases to help keep homeless cats warm during winter months. If you have any that you would like to put to good use, you can place them in the vestibule of the church along with food donations on Food Pantry Sunday. We will make sure they are delivered and put to good use. If you have any questions, you can call Joan Stephens @ 201-446-6240. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry. May God bless you!



MEMORIALS

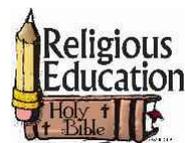
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call 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: _____



Calendar:

Sunday, October 21st – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
 Monday, October 22nd – 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, October 24th – 9th Grade from 6:55 pm SHARP to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Sunday, October 28th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will celebrated 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.

First Reconciliation Parents, there is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting Sunday October 21, 2018** at 10:45 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least on parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.

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.

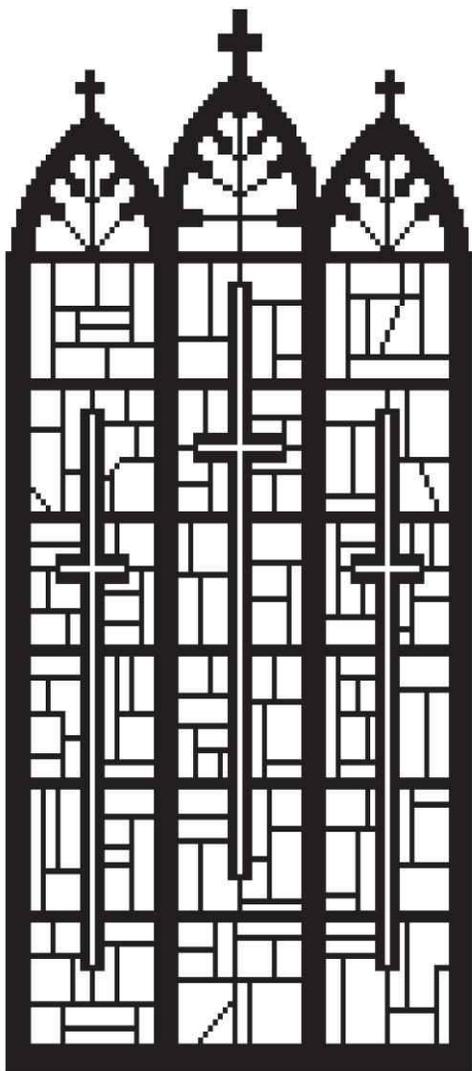
Religious Education Office Hours:

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

OCTOBER 21, 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.

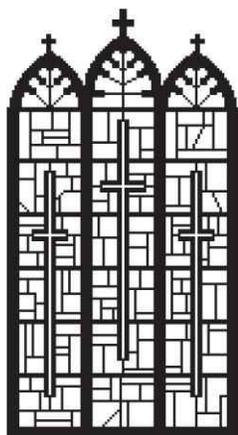
Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2018 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

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 _____

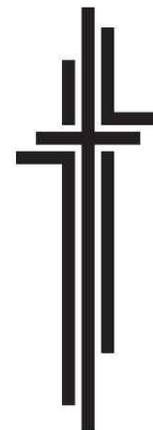
Phone Number _____

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, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, John Delaney, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Benny Santiago, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, 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...”

Sherlita Fajardo, August S. Arevalo

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**
burns this week in loving memory of
Darren Scott Drake



Sunday, October 21, 2018

**Little Sisters of the Poor Door Collection
at all Masses**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am

Religious Education – 10:45 – School

First Reconciliation Parent Mtg.

in Multi-Purpose Room

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

Monday, October 22, 2018

Religious Education Grade 7 – 7:00pm – School

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Worship/Liturgy–7:30pm–Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Harrison House

Confirmation Prep. – 7:00pm

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.

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

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Trip to Ireland Meeting – 7:30pm – Gathering Rm.

Friday, October 26, 2018

No Events

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Parish trip to Atlantic City

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Fr. Hilary’s Scholarship Fund

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am

Religious Education – 10:45 – School

Right to Life Raffle Ticket sale after all masses

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.

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.



MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

7:30pm in the Gathering Room

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



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 187 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

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.



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: _____



This year, the Pontifical Mission Societies, which sponsors World Mission Sunday, is focusing on the Gospel passage from Matthew, "I will build my church" (16:18).

Throughout the world, the Pontifical Mission Society spreads the good news of the Gospel far and wide. Let us pray, and offer our gift of support and money to the spread of the Gospel in faraway lands, and in our own cities and towns.

DOOR COLLECTION

The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa will be visiting our parish on **THIS WEEK-END.**

The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 174 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879. Please be as **generous as your means allow.** Thank you for your support.



NIGHTMARE ON RIVER ROAD

Bergen County's

Premiere Indoor Haunted Attraction!

Operating Weekends in October

Fridays 6pm-10pm

Saturdays 6pm-10pm

Sundays 2pm-6pm

845 River Road, New Milford

Behind Brookchester Stores

(River Road to Dilworth Road)

www.nightmareonriverroad.com

Sponsored by Boy Scout Troops 291 & 78

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION-NOVEMBER 18TH

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.

HOT COCOA-GRAPE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE

APPLE SAUCE-CANNED MUSHROOMS

MANDARIN ORANGES-MAYONNAISE-CANNED SPINACH

CRANBERRY SAUCE-GRATED CHEESE-EGG NOODLES

TURKEY GRAVY-BATHROOM TISSUES-TISSUES-

PANCAKE SYRUP-ICE TEA MIX

Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

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.



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