

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Rev. Brian G. Plate

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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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 28, 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, October 28, 2018

5:30 Darren Scott Drake, First Anniversary

7:30 Tessie Mulvihill

9:30 Enrique Blanco, Sr.

11:30 Oscar Anthony Poli

Monday, October 29, 2018

7:00 Edward J. O'Dea

8:30 Oscar Anthony Poli

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

7:00 Marion Sheehan

8:30 Gregory DeCarlo

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

7:00 Mary Oates & family (L)

8:30 Victoria & Tino Daquigan

All Saints' Day Thursday, November 1

7:00 Guillermo & Leonora Mosquete

8:30 Majul & Narvaez Family

7:30 **Prayer of Remembrance**

All Souls Day, Friday, November 2, 2018

7:00 All Souls Novena

8:30 All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Memorial

8:30 Luis Mendoza

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, November 4, 2018

7:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis

9:30 All Souls Novena

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.

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

Reading for Sunday, November 4, 2018

Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



We all know someone who talks so much about their fears and worries that they pull everyone down into a depressing spiral. Reality is hard! Today, the blind man, Bartimeus, faced a bleak future. In those days, blindness would not have been curable, ever—so he had no realistic hope that anything could change for him; so begging was his only means of income. The apostles told Bartimeus to be quiet and quit bothering Jesus. They probably urged Jesus to ignore him and keep walking. But Bartimeus was no wimp or whiner. He had a great longing in his heart to see. And he also had a childlike faith in Jesus' power.

Notice that Jesus' first question to the man was, "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus does not make the decision for Bartimeus, or for us. Jesus wants us to look deeply, and speak the truth from our hearts. But more impressive is that Bartimeus "sprang up" and went to Jesus. He was not in a victim posture. He went after what he knew he deeply wanted.

Do we really know what we want? And are we prepared for the consequences of getting what we want? Let's be ready to "spring up" when Jesus asks, "What do YOU want me to do?" Don't be afraid. Tell Jesus!

✠ November is almost here. Please remember these upcoming November Parish events:

◆ **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 who has died this year, 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.

◆ Next Sunday, November 4, **Daylight Saving Time ends**...turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

◆ 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.

◆ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on Sunday, November 18 from 7:00am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.

◆ **Interfaith Thanksgiving** on Sunday, November 18 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on River Road in New Milford at 4pm
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.

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: _____



**Set clocks back at 2:00am on
Sunday, November 4th**



Calendar:

Sunday, October 28th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

Monday, October 29th – 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, October 31st – No Religious Education

Thursday, November 1st – 7th, 8th, & 9th Grades to Meet in School at 7 pm Sharp- We will be going to Mass at 7:30 pm For All Saints Day- Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, November 4th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be 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.

All Families are asked to help support our “Respect Life” Baby Shower going on all month long. Please bring your donations in to the Church and place them in the crib on the right hand side of the Church. Thank you for your support.



Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace: The children of our parish have begun the preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The children will learn about God’s saving love and the forgiveness that comes to us through Baptism. All parishioners are asked to reflect on our baptismal call to forgive others. Please pray for these children as they begin their preparation.

ALL 7th, 8th and 9th Grade Classes will meet at 7 pm on November 1st for attendance in the school and then go over to the Church for Mass at 7:30. All parents are asked and encouraged to join us as All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Students will be dismissed after Mass from the Church.

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.

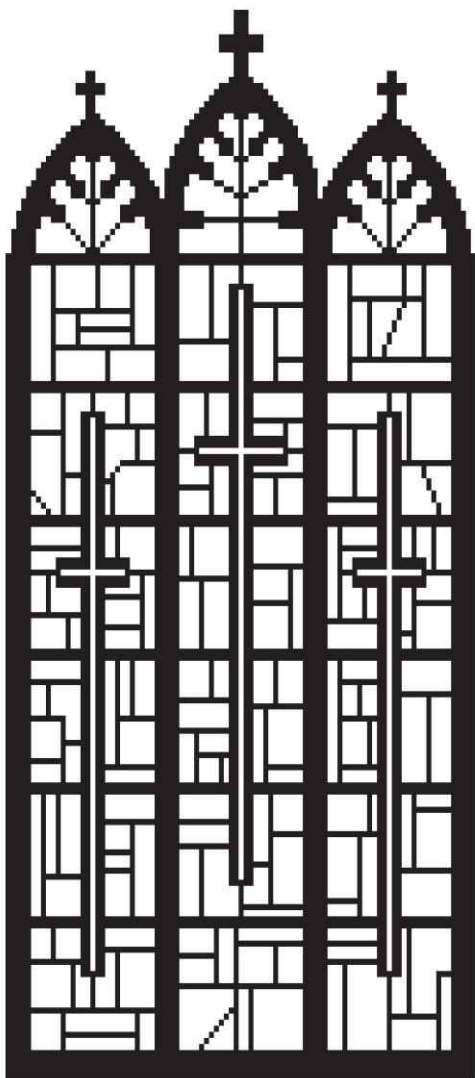
Religious Education Office Hours:

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 28, 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.

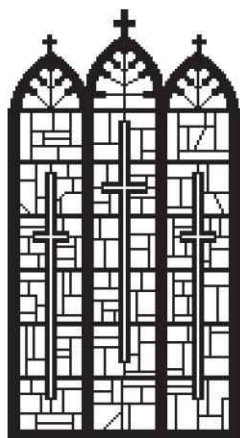
Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2018 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

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.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”
Ecclesiastes 3:11

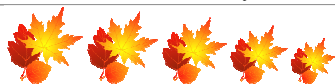


The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Oscar Anthony Poli



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.



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

Monday, October 29, 2018

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

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

65TH Gala Committee Mtg. – 7:30pm – Gath. Rm.



Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Happy Halloween!

NO Religious Education
Novena – 7:30pm – Church



Thursday, November 1, 2018

Masses 7:00am and 8:30am and 7:30pm
7:30pm Mass with Prayer of Remembrance
Rel. Ed. – Grades 7,8 &9 meet in school at 7:00pm
and attend 7:30pm Mass



All Souls Day, Friday, November 2, 2018

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Masses: 7:00 & 8:30am
Communion visits to homebound

First Saturday, November 3, 2018

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

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Parish Maintenance & Repairs
Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45 – School
Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – Gathering Room



65th Gala Committee Meeting

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

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! **RIGHT TO LIFE TICKET RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE** !
! **ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEK-END** !



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: _____



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

7:00AM*8:30AM

7:30PM MASS

WITH PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE



Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Your generous help will reach the Church in Mongolia and local churches throughout the Missions, where the poor receive practical help and the experience of God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. For more information, please visit www.IAmAMissionary.org. Thank You



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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- APPLE SAUCE- MAYONNAISE-
- CANNED MUSHROOMS- CANNED SPINACH
- CRANBERRY SAUCE- GRATED CHEESE- EGG NOODLES
- TURKEY GRAVY- MANDARIN ORANGES- PANCAKE SYRUP-
- ICE TEA MIX- BATHROOM TISSUE - TISSUES

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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