

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4, 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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the Intentions  Week

Sunday, November 4, 2018

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis
 9:30 All Souls Novena
 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, November 5, 2018

7:00 David Jenkins
 8:30 All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

7:00 All Souls Novena
 8:30 Dylan Rohwohlt

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

7:00 Mrs. T.K. Varghese & family
 8:30 All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 8, 2018

7:00 All Souls Novena
 8:30 Regina & Brian McCann

Friday, November 9, 2018

7:00 Fermin Abalos
 8:30 All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 10, 2018

8:30 All Souls Novena
 5:30 Robert Barbagallo

Sunday, November 11, 2018

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:30 Eufrocina Lazaro
 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.

October 22, 2017:	\$5,220.00
October 21, 2018:	\$5,215.50
World Mission Sunday:	\$2,244.00
October 29, 2017:	\$5,357.00
October 28, 2018:	\$5,707.00
Fr. Hilary Scholarship:	\$ 900.00

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

Reading for Sunday, November 11, 2018

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
 or 12:41-44

Wouldn't it be so good to have something that we knew for sure was the greatest in the world? Well, folks, you and I do have something that is the greatest in the world. We have the greatest commandment in the world. In fact, we have two greatest commandments, love God and love our neighbor. Jesus says we must love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Whenever we state that we believe in one God, we make a subversive statement, because we claim that no one, no thing, can have dominion over us. Only God is God.

We are filled with desires for beauty, closeness, moral righteousness, community; we want to live a life that is worth living — one that is filled with meaning. But as long as we don't recognize that all of our desires are contained in our desire for God, we will continue to encounter dead ends and a feeling of frustration and incompleteness. This will happen when we think that we have finally found something that will bring total happiness and fulfillment to our lives, only to discover that loving God and one another is the only final answer.

The two commandments we heard today are the absolute best directions that are available in this whole world. Follow these directions and your life will be fulfilled — it may not be easy but it will be worth living. Jesus has given us the greatest commandment, the one thing necessary for life, the heart and soul of what it means to be human — love God and love your neighbor as you love yourself. And do both with everything that is in you.

- ✠ Please remember these upcoming November Parish events:
- ◆ 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 this weekend.
- ◆ Please remember our 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.
- ◆ Our New Milford Interfaith Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, November 18 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on River Road in New Milford at 4pm. Please join us.

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

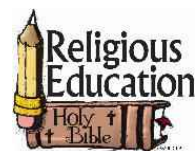
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call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



Calendar:

Sunday, November 4th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
 Monday, November – 5th -- 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, November – 7th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Sunday, November 11th -- 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 welcomed to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

We would like to thank all families who help support our “Respect Life” Baby Shower this past month. Several Sources in Ramsey also send their heart-filled thanks, as your generosity is very welcomed by the young families in their care.

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace: Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will learn more about God’s love for them. Think about your own awareness of God’s love for you and the ways you respond to this love. Please remember these special children in your prayers.



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



ASCENSION PARISH

Presents

SAPPHIRE JUBILEE COCKTAIL PARTY

"A DELICIOUS TASTE OF ASCENSION"

Saturday, November 10, 2018

Fr. Benedict Center

7:00pm

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Beverages
- Music
- Lots of Fun

Donation: \$15.00

(Adults 21 and over only)



Sixty-Fifth Sapphire Anniversary Gala

Saturday, November 10, 2018 @ 7:00pm

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Tickets @ \$15.00 _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Please, return this completed form with payment in collection basket or to Rectory by November 4th.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

**Dillon Jacob Romano, Ryan Arthur Celentano,
Julian David Dolor, Jacob Elias Caceres**

"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, Ana Tumang,
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..."

Andres S. Villaluna

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
Donated in loving Memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



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

Monday, November 5, 2018

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am - Rectory

Religious Education Grade 7 – 7:00pm – School

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church



Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Woodcrest Center Mass – 2:30pm

Ministry of Service – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Confirmation Prep. – 7:00-8:45pm

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

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

Thursday, November 8, 2018

No events

Friday, November 9, 2018

No events

Saturday, November 10, 2018

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Parish 65th Anniversary GALA

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

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

Religious Education – 10:45 – School



**MINISTRY OF SERVICE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018
7:00PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

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



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 189 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$42,670.00 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



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: _____

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.



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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.

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.



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.



St. Joseph School will be hosting an Open House Tuesday, November 27 - Thursday, November 29, 8am-2:45pm. St. Joseph School offers a robust curriculum for students pre-k 3 - 8th grade including challenging academics with certified teachers; art, music and world language specials; before and after care; and nutritious hot meals. St. Joseph School is a Blue Ribbon School, Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and a Member of the National Catholic Educational Association. **Please call 201-261-2388 for more information or to schedule a tour.** St. Joseph School is located at: 305 Elm Street, Oradell, NJ 07649, sjsusa.org.

