

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 11, 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

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 11, 2018

5:30 Robert Barbagallo
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:30 Eufrocina Lazaro
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, November 12, 2018

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Natalie Swierzbinski

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

7:00 Cornelio & Isabel Nional
8:30 Juanita Santiago

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

7:00 Erlinda N. Habana, Birthday (L)
8:30 Craig Peterson

Thursday, November 15, 2018

7:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
8:30 Joseph P. Cronin, Jr.

Friday, November 16, 2018

7:00 Vincent Marchesani
8:30 John Coringrato

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:30 Rose & family (L)
5:30 Darren Drake

Sunday, November 18, 2018

7:30 Tessie Mulvihill
9:30 Sally & Harold Bates, Sr.
11:30 Montecuolo & Lewis Families

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

November 5, 2017:	\$6,231.00
November 4, 2018:	\$5,575.00
All Saints:	\$1,624.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,743.00

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

Reading for Sunday, November 18, 2018

Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

A girl posted this question on a website: "OK. What do people think? Is religion as important to people now as in the past? Now that science knows why things like meteor showers happen, do people need religion as much?" She got dozens of replies. "Religion has never been necessary. It causes more problems and wars than anything else." Another guy says, "Reality scares people. So religion is like Valium."

I'd bet most of us have heard similar comments about religion, especially since our church was devastated by revelations of sexual misconduct by priests who were entrusted with the care of children. Sadly, Jesus shows us today that there has always been the temptation to make an idol out of religion. Religion can go down two roads: towards selfishness, power, and greed. Or like the widow today, religion led down the road of truth, sincerity, and selfless giving. That is the real purpose of religion, obviously.

The lesson for us is that religion is a means — a very important means — to a holy end, but **in itself**, religion cannot make anyone good. This is the terrible lesson we had to learn when we saw the evil deeds of priests and bishops, who had been put up on religious pedestals by believers.

When we go to church, we have to be careful not to use the sins of the Pharisees and our own clergy as scapegoats to relieve ourselves from looking at certain areas of our own lives in which we might be blind. Yes, it's a wonderful gift to worship at church. But every one of us must have a sharper or more humble vision of how each of us must live the Christ life more fully in our daily lives. We must live what we celebrate in our worship.

☒ Sunday is **VETERAN'S DAY**. Please remember our veterans in special prayer, as they have served and sacrificed that we might live in the freedoms we so often take for granted. Our parish, along with Christians across America, will toll our bells at 11am in remembrance of our veterans.

☒ Please plan to help us in our **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on Sunday, November 18 from 7:30am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.

☒ We invite all parishioners to join us for our **43rd Annual New Milford Community Interfaith Thanksgiving** which will be celebrated next Sunday, November 19th, at 4pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on River Road. Please, come and join with our community leaders and our brothers and sisters from New Milford Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, as we offer this special "Thank You" to God for his many blessings on our community. You are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food donations for the New Milford Good Will Fund directly to the celebration.

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

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**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.



Interfaith Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 18th at 4:00pm
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
213 Virginia Avenue, New Milford
*Offering of food & money donations
 for the New Milford Good Will Fund
 will be accepted*

MEMORIALS

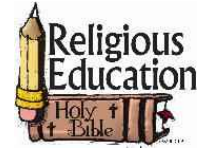
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call 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 11th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

Monday, November – 12th -- 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, November – 14th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, November 18th -- 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.

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace: This week children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be considering what it means to turn away from God’s love. They will learn how sin can be overcome by God’s grace. In your own life, have there been times when God’s grace helped you overcome your own sinfulness and brought you peace and forgiveness? Continue to keep these children in your prayers.

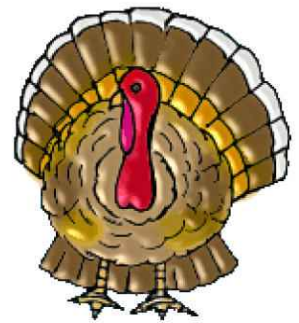
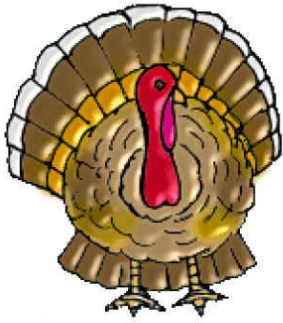


Volunteers Needed:

- † 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



**DON'T FORGET
ASCENSION'S**

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE



**Sunday, November 18th
Church Parking Lot
7:00am to 1:00pm**

For further information, call Joan Stephens @ 201-836-6684



*Thanksgiving
Blessings!*



THIRTY-SECOND 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, 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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
David Jenkins



Sunday, November 11, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

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

Monday, November 12, 2018

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

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Confirmation Prep. – 7:00-8:45pm
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.
Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Thursday, November 15, 2018

No events

Friday, November 16, 2018

No events

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church
Couples for Christ – 6:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center



Sunday, November 18, 2018

Catholic Relief Services

Parish Turkey Drive/Food Pantry Distribution

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45 – School
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – 4:00pm at
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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.

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!



PARISH EVENTS

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018
7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

“Look at all the Food”

How often have we heard those words as we look at the abundance on our Thanksgiving table? Many people lack food as well as a table to gather around. Please help Catholic Charities to feed the hungry as well as provide other corporal works of mercy by donating to the clothing bin on the Church property. Thank you.



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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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.



Calling All Alumni! Are you an alumnus of Transfiguration Academy, St. John's, St. Mary's, or Ascension? Our newly formed alumni committee is looking for you! If you or someone you know graduated from any of these schools, please share your contact information with our committee so that you can receive information about fellow alumni and special alumni events. Please email your name, email, and cell phone (if you would like to receive text messages) to alumni@transfigurationacademy.org.

Are you looking for a quality education in a Catholic setting? Transfiguration Academy is a United States Department of Education 2018 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges. Please call the school, 201-384-3627 or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org for more information or to arrange a tour.

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WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

