

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019

+ 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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(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896
Website: www.churchoftheascension.com
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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

5:30 Rose Carbone
7:30 Constanza Zuniga
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Maria Dolores Molina

Monday, January 28, 2019

7:00 Bernard Kelly
8:30 Ed Lobo

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

7:00 Dorothy Smith
8:30 Lilly Mullane

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

7:00 Mary McCormick
8:30 Louis McElwain

Thursday, January 31, 2019

7:00 People of Ascension Parish
8:30 Maria Luisa Delgado, 89th B'day(L)

Friday, February 1, 2019

7:00 Lorenzito Quiambao, Jr.
8:30 Kathy Cabrel

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Memorial

8:30 Victoriano & Frasa Fuentes.
Aleyamma Abraham
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Doris Piro
11:30 Robert Figueroa

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

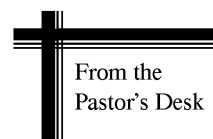
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

January 21, 2018:	\$6,640.00
January 20, 2019:	\$4,339.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,212.00

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

Reading for Sunday, February 3, 2019

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17
[cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



Herein lies the heart of our gospel today. In Jesus' words, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free..."

This is the Spirit that energizes each one of us. Whether we are a health professional, a teacher, a parent, an aunt or uncle... or a good friend, it starts with our feeling the Spirit's desire in our heart to "proclaim liberty" to the captive people around us.

When we see suffering, we feel compassion—whether it's a child, neighbor, or friend. Like Jesus, we genuinely want to help the blind recover sight and the oppressed go free. That is the Holy Spirit's effect upon us. But then often we feel overwhelmed by the size of the task. In trying to be "all things to all people," in doing our best to help our mothers, grandmothers, husbands, students, we face burn-out at alarming rates these days. Then we feel guilty for letting up, even a little.

Did you notice that in our reading today? Once the people knew the law, and came to their senses about just how much suffering there was, the prophet said, "Don't fall apart grieving. You don't have to wipe out all evil single-handedly—the Lord MUST be your strength, so start rejoicing!"

St. Paul gives us the blueprint for how to rejoice always. We are to realize that it takes the whole body to do God's work. Don't see yourself as just one person, which leads to arrogance, pride, and separation from others. Instead, see yourself as a working member of the body and see whatever small or large talents you can bring to the body as part of the healing of our whole Body of Christ.

- ✘ Next Sunday our Boy Scouts will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast in the Fr. Benedict Center from 8am to 1pm.
- ✘ Next weekend we begin the **Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal for 2019**. Thank you to our parish families who contributed to the 2018 Appeal. We surpassed our goal and I am indeed proud of all who chose to help the neediest of our Archdiocese. Our 2019 goal is \$39,161.00. Please read further in the bulletin for information on the 2019 Appeal.
- ✘ Next weekend we will bless throats at all Masses in honor of St. Blaise.
- ✘ Married Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5 year multiples in 2019 are invited to celebrate our annual **Marriage Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, February 10th at the 11:30am Mass. A reception will follow in the Fr. Benedict Center. Please fill out and return the response form in the bulletin as soon as possible. (Deadline to sign up is Monday, Feb. 3rd.)

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. **We will have an informational meeting with Ann Breslin (Great Experiences) on Sunday, February 3 at 1:00pm in the Gathering Room.**

Blessing
of
Throats

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

On Sunday, February 3rd, we will commemorate the Feast of St. Blaise with the traditional blessing of throats at All Week-End (Sunday) Masses.

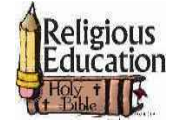
“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other evil.”



Save the Date Transfiguration Academy has two major events coming up. Please save the date and plan to join us for **International Night** on Saturday, March 30 at 6:00PM as we celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our community. Also, **Pocketbook Bingo** will be held on Friday, April 12. Come with your friends and support the Academy and win a designer bag! Both events will be held in Conlon Hall.

Catholic Schools Week begins today. This year's theme is: Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

The best way to learn about our school is by visiting us. 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, to arrange a tour or to have your student spend the day with us as a “Tiger for a Day”.



Calendar:

Sunday, January 27th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)
Monday, January 28th– 8th Grade from 7 pm in the Church- Mandatory Meeting
Wednesday, January 30th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, February 3rd – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (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.

Reminder:

When your child/ren are going to be absent from class you must call the Religious Education office and let us know. We will call the home if you do not call us, so **PLEASE** make sure you have a working home or cell number that we can contact you especially in the event of an emergency.



There is a **Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student** meeting on **January 28, 2019** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents in 8th grade are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2020.**

Please check your child's backpack or books for an **Updated Family Contact Form**. Please fill out this form and return to The Religious Education Office as soon as possible.

Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Catechists for our 7th, 8th and 9th grade programs, Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2019-2020 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



GARDEN STATE AUTO BODY
201-385-5155

**Please remember to patronize,
who help make this bulletin possible**

*Church of the Ascension
New Milford, NJ 07646*

Office of the Pastor

January 27, 2019

Dear Ascension Parishioners,



Sharing 65 years of Faith and Service!

Next weekend the **2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal, "Serving God's People,"** will begin throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Each year, the Annual Appeal provides valuable resources to parishes and schools in need, helps the poor with food, shelter and clothing, supports many pastoral ministries, funds three Archdiocesan seminaries and makes housing and medical care possible for retired priests. The Appeal reminds us that we are one with all the other parishes of our Archdiocese throughout Essex, Bergen, Hudson, and Union counties and gives us a chance to work together for God's people by sharing our God-given gifts.

This year's appeal once again reminds us that through sharing the many blessings that we have received we become the beacons of hope for those in need, for some, the very face of God.

Supporting the Annual Appeal is an opportunity to provide hope, faith and love to so many in our community. The appeal helps the hungry, the homeless, and the sick. It also provides for religious education and makes our faith a reality for thousands in Northern New Jersey.

Our 2019 goal is set at **\$39,161.00**. If you have already contributed, I want you to know how grateful I am for your generosity. If you have not yet contributed, I write to you now to ask for your help. I ask that each parish family make a financial commitment to the Annual Appeal so that, with God's help, we may surpass our goal. **Give a lot...Give a little...but, please, Give something for the Glory of God!** It is with great trust in God and in our parishioners that I ask **every Ascension family** to say "yes" to our Annual Appeal by contributing, at the very least, a one-time donation of \$5.00 or \$10.00, more if your means allow. This would ensure surpassing our goal and receiving a substantial rebate. Perhaps, you could make the Appeal part of your Lenten fasting.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. The practice of Catholic stewardship puts our faith into action. God has blessed each of us in a variety of ways. I know that everyone has unique life circumstances. Only you can decide what gift is right for you, your family, and your budget.

Thank you for your kind consideration! May God bless you for your generosity!

Know that I pray for you and your family each and every day. Please keep me in your prayers, too.

God Love You!



Rev. David W. Milliken
Pastor

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PRAY FOR . . .

“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, 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, Mary Anne Meyer, Denis Mullins

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

JANUARY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 27, 2019

Communicating God’s Word

Snow Removal Collection

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

Religious Education – 10:45am – School

Monday, January 28, 2018

Religious Education grade 8 -7:00pm

Confirmation 2020 meeting

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Worship/Liturgy – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Confirmation Prep – 7:00pm

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Boy Scouts- 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Thursday, January 31, 2019

No events

First Friday, February 1, 2019

Communion visits to the homebound

First Saturday, February 2, 2019 * Groundhog Day

The Presentation of the Lord

8:30am Mass-Blessing of Candles

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Blessing of throats at all Masses

Feast of St. Blaise * February 3, 2019

Maintenance & Repairs

Annual Appeal Weekend

Blessing of throats at all Masses

Scouts Pancake Breakfast after all masses

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

Religious Education – 10:45am – School

Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Ireland Trip Mtg. – 1:00 – Gathering Room

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 for the intention of your loved one.



SATURDAY*FEBRUARY 2ND

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.



Meetings

WORSHIP/LITURGY

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29 AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR
SNOW REMOVAL – JANUARY 26 & 27**

This Weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. So far our cost for snow removal and salting of lots & walk-ways is over **\$3,000.00**. So we ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **Thank you!**

Important
Message

we are now accepting mass intentions for the 2019 Mass Book for week-day morning masses for either 7:00 or 8:30am. There are **NO** week-end masses available. As always our first Saturday of each month Memorial Mass at 8:30am is always available. Please stop by the office to make your request. Sorry NO telephone or e-mail requests.

Book Discussion Group Planned For the New Year

Our Archbishop, Cardinal Joseph Tobin, has said "In too many parts of our church LGBT people have been made to feel unwelcome, excluded, and even shamed." A recent book by James Martin, SJ, *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and LGBT Community Can Enter Into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity*, has become a controversial book within and outside the church. Why? **At St Mary's, Dumont**, we will be exploring that simple question in a series of three (3) sessions, which would involve reading the book and attending sessions on three consecutive Wednesday evenings, January 30, February 6, and February 13th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Office (located in the rear of the rectory), 280 Washington Ave, Dumont. All are welcome!

The only course material would be purchasing Fr. Martin's book (the revised and expanded edition) at a cost of \$14.99 or less (order on-line from Barnes and Noble, Amazon and others) and your presence. Please contact Deacon John Sylvester at deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for any questions.

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: _____

ASCENSION PARISH TRIP

Ascension Parish will sponsor a 5 day trip to Vermont & New Hampshire from June 7th – 11, 2019. The price of \$825 (dbl.) \$949 (single) includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, Luncheon at the Trapp Family Lodge, 3 dinners, including dinner on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, 2 welcome receptions, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory tour, Stowe Village, Quechee Gorge, Narrated cruise on Squam Lake where "On Golden Pond" was filmed. Loon Mountain Gondola Ride, Lake Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad ride, Luggage & Handling, taxes & gratuities, motorcoach transportation. \$100 deposit will hold your reservation and is due by March 1st. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended and available upon request. For info. & reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Religious sisters, nuns, brothers, religious priests, and monks consecrate their lives through their profession of the evangelical vows and live as part of a community. We thank God for their saying "yes" to their vocation.

Please join with our Cardinal, Joseph W. Tobin CSSR and the Church of Newark at an 11:00am Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on **Saturday, February 2, 2019** to celebrate those in consecrated life and in particular those Sister, Brothers and Priests who are celebrating their anniversaries this year. This invitation is extended in a special way to the members of every parish as a means of supporting and thanking the consecrated men and women of our Archdiocese for their selfless gift of service to our local Church. We hope you can join us.

FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS

While everyone is praying for a timely resolution of the federal government partial shutdown, our Parish Food Pantry is disposed to assist those furloughed or otherwise unpaid government workers with food or food store gift cards to get them through these difficult times. Those in this position are asked to contact our parish office to arrange a suitable time to come for assistance. A government identification card or "\$0" net pay stub should be presented at the time of assistance. Let us keep all who are suffering in our prayers.

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – FEBRUARY 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 continued support of this most important ministry to the poor.

ICED TEA-HOT COCOA-APPLE SAUCE-APPLE JUICE
GRAPE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE-EGG NOODLES
CANNED MUSHROOMS-CANNED SPINACH-KETCHUP
INSTANT RICE-JAM-CHICKEN BROTH-BEEF BROTH
MANDARIN ORANGES-PANCAKE SYRUP-SALAD DRESSING
CHICKEN GRAVY- BEEF GRAVY-MUSTARD-LENTIL SOUP
TOMATO PASTE-CRACKERS-COOKIES-FROSTED FLAKES
RAISIN BRAN-BATHROOM TISSUE-NAPKINS-TISSUES

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

