

# Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

**Pastor**  
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Rev. Tim Graff

**Parish Business Manager**  
Serina Sharkey

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Rev. Brian G. Plate

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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.



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 24, 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  
8:00am July & August  
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**  
**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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)  
E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**  
256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646  
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E-mail: [ascensionreled@optonline.net](mailto:ascensionreled@optonline.net)

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 24, 2019**

- 5:30 C.V. Ceriyan
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Cathy Trimarcki White
- 11:30 Richard Winters, First Anniversary

**Monday, February 25, 2019**

- 7:00 Donald Evans
- 8:30 Steve Ratner

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

- 7:00 Jacqueline Nodene
- 8:30 Brendan Jones

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

- 7:00 Mary & Walter Lewis
- 8:30 Deacon Jim Stumbar, Healing (L)

**Thursday, February 28, 2019**

- 7:00 People of Ascension Parish
- 8:30 Patrick Spellman

**Friday, March 1, 2019**

- 7:00 Rita & Pete Canino (L)
- 8:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

**Memorial**

- 8:30 Victoriano & Frasa Fuentes, Vito Cucco
- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**March 3, 2019**

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 John Montecullo
- 11:30 Roberto Caparas, Jr., Third Anniv.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

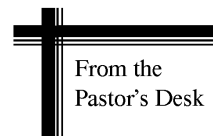
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

February 11, 2018	\$4,811.00
February 10, 2019:	\$5,470.00
Fuel:	\$1,920.00
February 18, 2018:	\$4,364.00
February 17, 2019:	\$5,332.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,382.00

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

**Reading for Sunday, March 3, 2019**

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1  
Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



Today's Gospel has to be taken with the utmost seriousness. Your life may depend on it. The kind of love Jesus is asking of us has to be much deeper than a skin-deep love. We can all love cute babies, or kind people, or those who love us. But as Jesus says, "even sinners love those who love them". We've all seen or read stories where criminals, who kill other people, still love their own friends. There's nothing remarkable about that, is there? What is remarkable is to love those who have seriously injured you.

"We cannot live a disconnected life with negative judgmental and violent thoughts in our hearts. We protest that we never do anything dangerous with these thoughts. But the trouble is that they do something with us. They leave us separate, isolated, and therefore false to ourselves..." ("Everything Belongs", p. 79, Richard Rohr).

"Do to others as you would have them do to you". You will notice that Jesus does not say, "Do to others as they do to you" or "Do to others and run". Returning evil for evil has no place in the life of a Christian. When we carry unforgiveness, hateful thoughts, wishes for revenge in our hearts, then we are carrying a burden that will end up harming us seriously in the long run.

The psalm that we prayed today is filled with God's forgiveness. God does not see us as filled with darkness and evil. God sees beyond our darkness. God looks on us with the utmost tenderness and love. Forgiveness and healing are the gifts that God continually offers us, with no questions asked. If we accept God's gift, we will let go of our negative, death energy and allow God's life energy to move out of us towards others.

✠ This Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Boy Scouts will sponsor a Pasta Dinner in the Fr. Benedict Center from 6:45pm to 9pm.

✠ I invite all of our parishioners to become a vital part of **LIVE LENT**, our 2019 Lenten program which offers opportunities for parishioners to meet Jesus more personally through the Lenten Scriptures, our Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, and activities. In addition to the usual Adult Sharing Groups, Family and Teen Groups are also available. I hope and pray that we will respond to Jesus' call and take an active part in this process. Together, may we let the light of Christ shine even more brightly in our parish! Sign up flyers are available in the front vestibule of the church.

✠ Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade pre-confirmation candidates will participate in their retreat day this Saturday and will join us for the 5:30pm Mass. Please, let us pray for these boys and girls and ask the Holy Spirit to guide them, especially during their preparation period.

✠ One last item... When you leave Mass on weekdays and weekends please pick up any debris that is around you. It is embarrassing when preparing for a funeral to enter church and I see candy wrappers, tissues, and the like in the pews and on the floor, especially in the lavatory. Please help to keep our church building clean and neat. It is God's house. Thank you for your attention to this.

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. **Deposit of \$500.00 is now due, with registration form and copy of Pass Port.** Brochures with complete details may be obtained in the parish office.

**ALTAR SERVER THANK YOU MASS**

This year the Serra International Club will be celebrating an Altar Server's (children) Mass as a thank you and to honor the Altar Servers for their loyalty and service in helping the priests of their respective parishes celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

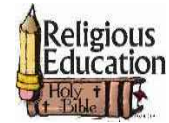
**\*Bergen County\* April 6, 2019\*Noon\*St. Luke's, Hohokus\***



Save the Dates...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 our friends and support the Academy and win a designer bag! Both events will be held in Conlon Hall.

Transfiguration Academy's newly formed Alumni Association will be hosting an Alumni Mass and Brunch at St. John's Church on Sunday, May 19 beginning at the 12 Noon Mass. The brunch will honor Charlie Roberts and Sr. Madeline Hanson, SSND. All alumni, parishioners and friends of St. John's, Ascension, St. Mary's, and Transfiguration are invited to attend. For more information please contact [alumni@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:alumni@transfigurationacademy.org) or call the school office, 201-384-3627.

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](mailto: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, February 24<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcomed to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

The First Eucharist Retreat has been **RESCHEDULED for March 24, 2019.** This is a MANDATORY Retreat for all First Eucharist Candidates and at least one Parent. Please Mark your calendar with this change. We will see you on March 24<sup>th</sup> starting with the 9:30 am Mass.

**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.

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.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Parents please note the change in time for the Wednesday night class. We will be ending at 8:15 pm, please be here at this time to pick up your student. No student will be permitted to walk home.

**Volunteers Needed:**

We are in need of Catechists for our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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

# Boy Scouts Troop 291



## Please join us for a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

*Date:* Saturday, March 2, 2019

*Time:* serving 6:45pm to 9pm

*Place:* Church of the Ascension  
256 Azalea Drive  
New Milford, NJ  
(Located in the Gym)

*Contact:* Jeanine 201-615-5886 for more information and to  
reserve your table. Walk-ins welcome

*Includes:* Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread,  
Water, Soda

*\$8.00 Adults*  
*\$6.00 Children*





**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, John Quinn

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...”*

Carmelo Reyes, Peter Thomas

*and a time for every purpose under heaven”*

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
burns this week in loving memory of  
**Richard Winters**



**BREAD and WINE** this week  
are in loving memory of  
**Richard Winters**



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
FYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



**FEBRUARY**

**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

Eastern Europe Collection  
Lenten Group Sign-up  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am  
Religious Education – 10:45am - School

**Monday, February 25, 2018**

Religious Education, grade 7 – 7:00pm  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room  
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

Worship/Liturgy – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

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

**Thursday, February 28, 2019**

No events

**First Friday, March 1, 2019**

Communion Visits to homebound

**First Saturday, March 2, 2019**

Confessions – 11:00am – Church  
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church  
Pasta Dinner by Scouts – 6:45pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**Maintenance & Repairs Collection**  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am  
Religious Education – 10:45am – School



**WORSHIP/LITURGY MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 7:30PM**  
**IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**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.

**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.

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.

### ASCENSION PARISH TRIP

Ascension Parish will sponsor a 5 day trip to Vermont & New Hampshire from June 7<sup>th</sup> – 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended and available upon request. For info. & reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

### SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to this year's Annual Appeal For information about the appeal or to make a donation you can visit website at: <http://rcan.org/sharing>

### HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

#### FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – MARCH 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.

COFFEE-ICED TEA-HOT COCOA-EGG NOODLES  
INSTANT RICE-JAM-CHICKEN BROTH-BEEF BROTH  
BAKED BEANS-PANCAKE SYRUP-PANCAKE MIX  
CHICKEN GRAVY- BEEF GRAVY-LENTIL SOUP  
SALAD DRESSING-BREAD CRUMBS-BROWNIE MIX  
CAKE ICING-RAISINS-TOOTHPASTE

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

### UPCOMING PARISH MISSION

The 'Awaken Our Hearts' Parish Mission will be on March 11th, 12th, and 13th at 7pm and will be presented by Vince Ambrosetti who will also do a free concert on March 10th at 7pm. There is no admission charge and of course it's a family friendly event. You can find more information about the Parish Mission at [www.FaithonFireMissions.org](http://www.FaithonFireMissions.org)

**St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church**, 445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, NJ, 201-261-3366.



### ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 5th\*25th or 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating Christian marriage Anniversaries this year. The Anniversary Liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 28, 2019 at 3:00pm  
For Fifty Years  
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June 2, 2019 at 3:00pm  
For Five & Twenty-Five Years

Please stop by the parish office no later than March 29 to complete request form if you would like to attend one of the celebrations.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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