

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 7, 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
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Website: www.churchoftheascension.com
E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

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E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 7, 2019

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 Rose D'Eufemia
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
 11:30 Alphonse Giella, Birthday (D)

Monday, April 8, 2019

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Anna Demchko

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

7:00 Mio Lazaro
 8:30 Sturdy/Schubert Family

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 John Cooney

Thursday, April 11, 2019

7:00 Christine Barratt
 8:30 Glenn Haas

Friday, April 12, 2019

7:00 Victoriano & Frasa Fuentes
 8:30 Msgr. Francis A. Fox
 7:30 Elizabeth Aronson

Saturday, April 13, 2019

8:30 Juanita Santiago
 5:30 Jovita Balagot

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 April 14, 2019**

7:30 Thomas J. Seifert, Jr.
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
 11:30 George Hill

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
 REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

April 1, 2018 (Easter Sunday)

March 31, 2019: \$5,990.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$1,474.00

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

**Palm Sunday
 April 14, 2019
 Holy Week Begins**

Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/
 Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



In today's Gospel, the scribes and Pharisees, who were the so-called religious professionals of their time, had no real interest in the woman who was caught in adultery. While acting very indignant that a law had been broken, they actually seemed to take far more pleasure in the fact that the woman was caught. This gave them the chance to parade their righteousness and moral superiority.

Acting like a self-righteous moral authority is always a very dangerous stance. It easily blinds us to others, because we then see the other on a lower level than ourselves. When we put on the robe of superiority, we separate ourselves from others. The Pharisees showed absolutely no interest in the woman as a person. They ignored the whole person, and focused only on her sin. The Pharisees missed seeing her beauty, her struggles, her possibilities.

Sad to say, but ordinary, everyday gossip is actually the way that many of us resemble the scribes and Pharisees. And when we're telling our stories about other people, don't we often do it with a laugh or in a rudely joking manner? Gossip has no place in a Christian's heart or conversations, because it is clearly a lie. When we gossip we subtly imply, "I am on a higher level—I would never do that!—I may have my faults, but at least I am not as bad as that person!" This attempt of one person to claim higher moral ground than another is always a lie.

Everyone is wounded from sin, hurting, and crying out for healing. Henri Nouwen has called us "wounded healers": Christians do not point fingers to reject and isolate other sinners. We are a community of wounded people hoping in God's promises together, healing each others' wounds together.

Jesus offers mercy and a new beginning for this woman. He shows her the face of God. Mercy opens up new possibilities for her and for us. When we experience the understanding and forgiveness of God we receive new hope for ourselves.

✠ Our parish **Holy Week and Easter schedule** has been inserted in the bulletin. Please note the additional times for confession. I hope that, like the woman in the gospel, all of us at Ascension—adults and children—will experience God's forgiveness, healing and strength through these special opportunities for God's amazing grace in sacramental Reconciliation. I pray that you and your family will participate in the liturgies of this holiest week of the year. We are blessed when you are present. **Please plan on joining us in our celebrations — and bring someone you love with you.**

✠ Thank you so much to our 84 parishioner families who have pledged to the "Sharing God's Blessings" Annual Appeal. I pray that with open minds and hearts, we will all be able to that the appeal will help the many needs of the people of our Archdiocese, including our own parish. Cardinal Tobin has set our 2019 goal at \$39,161.00. Our pledges to date amount to \$19,828.00. There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are in the pews and at the doors of the church. Please, I ask that all of our parish families consider the great good we of Ascension can do with God's grace when we choose to help the neediest of our Archdiocese. Help us to reach and even surpass our goal. **Give a lot; give a little; but please give something!**

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



Congratulations to the following students who achieved Principal's List for the 2nd trimester:

JC Abella, Kyle Esteban, Olivia Garcia, Cynthia Jacob, Layla Libanan, Joshua Naviamos, and Caroline Tharakan. These students earned an A+ in every subject.

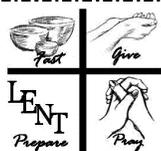
Pocketbook Bingo will be held this Friday, April 12 in Conlon Hall. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the 1st game will begin at 7:00 PM. Admission price is \$35 and includes 1 board for each of the 12 games. Proceeds will go towards the renovation of the Conlon Hall restrooms. Bring your own food and drink and enjoy an evening of fun and prizes!

Tiger for a Day Are you considering Transfiguration Academy for the next school year? 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. Have your child spend the day with us during the upcoming public school spring break. Be a "tiger for a day" on Monday, April 15 or Tuesday, April 16 and find out what makes Transfiguration Academy a great place for academic, spiritual and social growth. 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.

AN EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED – BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!

Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 150 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2 pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods)

Our next date is on Thursday, April 11th. We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry.



WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners

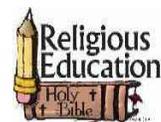
The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the rectory office. Thank You!

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: _____



Calendar:

Sunday, April 7th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

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

Wednesday, April 10th – 9th Grade 4 pm to 10 pm (MPR/SCH) - Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, April 14th – NO Children's Liturgy of the Children's Liturgy of the Word will 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.



This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on the first Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Reborn of the Holy Spirit, all the baptized have been called and empowered to live as true witnesses of Christ and to spread the faith by word and deed. How are we as a parish living as disciples and followers of Jesus?

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On **Wednesday April 10, 2019** the 2019 Confirmation Class will have a MANDATORY Retreat. All students must be here by 4 pm. No one will be excused.

On Friday, April 12, 2019 our 2019 Confirmation Class will be hosting the Parish Lenten Soup Supper starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets are available from any Confirmation Candidate or in the Rectory during regular office hours until Sunday April 7, 2019. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Catechists for our 9th grade program and Substitute Catechists 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

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
 FYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**



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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

Masses: 5:30pm (Saturday Vigil)
7:30am, 9:30am and
11:30am (Principal Mass with Procession with Palms)

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark 8:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) 8:30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:00pm Mass until Midnight
Night Prayer 11:45pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) 8:30am
Good Friday Prayer Service 12:00 Noon
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm
Family Stations of the Cross 8:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019

Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) 8:30am
The Easter Vigil 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

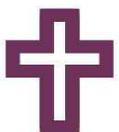
Masses: 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual Celebrations

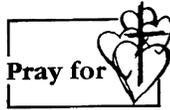
Friday, April 12 – 8:00 to 8:45pm – during Lenten Evening of Recollection
Tuesday, April 16 – 7:00pm to 7:30pm
Wednesday, April 17 – 7:00pm to 7:30pm



NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON HOLY SATURDAY.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



"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, Eileen Kloeblen, 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, 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..."

Eleanor Pompeo

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week
in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



The ALTAR BREAD & WINE this week
in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 7, 2019

Maintenance and Repairs

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45am – School
Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

Monday, April 8, 2019

Religious Education, grade 7 – 7:00pm
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Ministry of Word – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Confirmation Retreat – 4:00-7:00pm

NO Novena

NO Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Hackensack Homeless

Friday, April 12, 2019

Lenten Evening of Recollection – 5:30pm

Lenten Soup Supper – Fr. Benedict Center

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

Mass with Exposition, Holy Hour with Individual
Confession – 7:30pm

Benediction – 8:45pm

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

PALM SUNDAY



April 14, 2019

Masses: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am

NO Religious Education

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one of 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.

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. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended and available upon request. For info. & reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.



REMEMBER DURING LENT
Evening Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm
followed by Stations of the Cross.

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>

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: _____

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – APRIL 15th**

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-APPLE JUICE-RAISINS-JAM
INSTANT RICE-CHICKEN BROTH-BEEF BROTH
PANCAKE SYRUP-PANCAKE MIX-CORN FLAKES
CHILDRENS CEREALS-CHICKEN GRAVY
BATH SOAP-TOOTHPASTE-TOOTHBRUSHES

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



Please patronize
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They help us GROW.

BASRALIAN Funeral Service
201-261-0222

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



EASTER FLOWERS



You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers,
which will be used to decorate our Church. Donations may be
made in memory of a loved one or a special intention. You may
use flower donation envelope you received in your Easter
mailing or this form. Please take note that **Each intention
donation is \$15.00** form & donation in an envelope marked
"EASTER FLOWERS" & drop off at the rectory. **One
intention will be noted for each donation of \$15.00. All
others will be noted as donations. Notations will be made
only on Flower Donation Listing, none will appear in
bulletin. Please have your donations in early so they may be
noted. Thank you.**

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

In Memory of: _____

For the Intention of: _____

Requested By: _____
Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

During this Lenten season please consider Stewardship, the sharing
of your talents and time with any of the many ministries we offer
here at your parish. Sing in our Choirs (adult/children)*Become a
Eucharistic Minister or Lector at our weekend Masses*Minister at
Woodcrest*Help plan our Parish Events*Become an Altar Server
(adult/child).

Yes I am willing to share my talent & time, please contact me.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Ministry: _____

(Please print and return to the parish office or in collection basket)



Mass intentions available 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.