

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.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 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 Summer

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 7:15 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

E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 21, 2019

5:30 Dolores Crowley, First Anniv.
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Joy & Anthony Cudina
11:30 Alphonse Giella, Third Anniv.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 22, 2019

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

8:00 Angelina Iuliano

Thursday, July 25, 2019

8:00 Paul F. Figalora, 11 year Anniv.

Friday, July 26, 2019

8:00 Garcia Munoz families

Saturday, July 27, 2019

8:30 Fermin M. Pineda

5:30 Seamus Nugents

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 28, 2019

7:30 Naty Hayo

9:30 John Patrick Gilmartin

11:30 Marcella Clayton

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

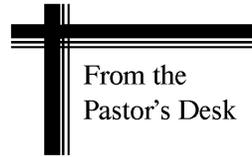
Ascension Parish is supported by people
who place their faith and trust in God.

NO FIGURES AT TIME OF PRINTING

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

Reading for Sunday July 28, 2019

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8
[3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



From the
Pastor's Desk

Frankly, wouldn't it feel like a major relief to slow down our rush to the finish line that we call "a productive life"? While our companies don't agree, Jesus says there is a better way to engage deeply with life, and we call it contemplation. Today we see Mary, Jesus' dear friend in Bethany, simply content to sit at his feet and listen to his words. She is taking in Jesus' whole presence... watching him, waiting upon his next thought... and not really thinking about the dinner.

Martha is not wrong in wanting to offer hospitality to her honored guest. But can't you almost imagine Jesus saying something like, "Martha, quit jumping around, come and sit down with us. I've been eager to see you both. And stop fussing--just give me some wine; let's eat later, so we can spend more time visiting."

Jesus is calling us to live that deeper life by contemplating all that is around us. It means a prayerful watching, observing, and absorbing the beauty, sometimes struggling with the confusion or conflicts we encounter... but doing so from a peaceful center where we entrust and place everything we encounter into God's hands.

Like Mary, try to spend more minutes each day taking long, loving looks at life around you—adopt the slogan, "Look, Listen, and Love." Without saying a word, we begin to feel almost one with all of life... and isn't that the goal of all human existence? Contemplation widens everything: our spirituality, our awareness of God's work in the world, our role... Keep looking, and listening...and don't worry about dinner. Jesus has a way of feeding our every need.

✠ On Wednesday, July 10th I received approval from the Archdiocese to proceed with our **We Are Living Stones** project – the enlargement of the front vestibule of our church. We received praise for the designs we prepared which include a new handicap accessible bathroom and front sacristy. On Wednesday, July 17th I will meet with Steve Beloise from the Archdiocese and our architect, Ed Arcari, to discuss where we go from here. Thank you to all who contributed toward this project. I'll keep you updated.

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



Summer Hours

The Academy's business hours during the summer are from 10:00am to 2:00pm daily beginning Monday, June 17.

Summer Camp

Transfiguration Academy will again host a summer camp. The camp which is open to all children in grades PreK 3 through grade 8 will run from June 17 – August 16. Full Day (8:00AM-6:00PM) and Half Day (8:00 – 1:00PM or 1:00PM – 6:00PM) options are available. Please contact the school office, (201)384-3627 for more information.

Seats are still available for the 2019-2020 school year.

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".



WELCOME

Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners

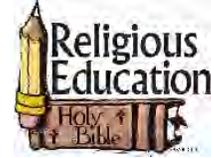
The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the rectory office. Thank You!

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: _____



Registration for 2019-2020:

Registration forms the 2019-2020 School year have been distributed to all students, please look for them in your child's backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office. Please note there is a \$10 late fee as of June 30, 2019, per student. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085. If you need a Registration form please visit the parish website www.churchoftheascension.com and down load the form.

First Communion Families may pick up the child's banner anytime during regular office hours.



Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in **NEED** of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2019-2020 School year. Anyone interested, please call Mrs. 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 – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory
Other times by appointment

JULY 21, 2019

2020 MASS BOOK

WILL OPEN ON
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS
WILL ONLY BE TAKEN
FROM 9:00-10:30 & 2:00-3:00 DAILY
IN THE RECTORY OFFICE

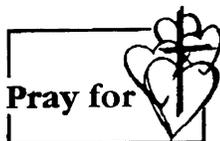
*****Forms at doors of church, rectory office or on website*****

- *Please print clearly using “2020 Mass Book Intentions Form” Only (Sorry no request will be processed unless they are on form)**
- *No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail**
- *One Form per person (Maximum 8 Mass Requests)**
- *Checks made payable to Ascension or Cash no Credit cards**
- *Requests will be assigned on a first come, first served basis**

There will be a Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass limit of three (3) for each person requesting masses. **Weekday masses will be limited to five (5) for each person.** Christmas, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and all legal holidays are always for the intentions of the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish. In addition, one Sunday Mass per weekend is offered for the Parishioners of Ascension Parish. The 8:30am Mass on the First Saturday of the month is always available as a Memorial Mass for persons who have recently died.

Please note that the Church governance requires that only one intention (person) per Mass. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners. We will adhere to the following: Two first names with the same last name (i.e. John and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Smith and Jones Families) will be allowed per intention.

Those who are homebound or unable to visit the office may mail-in or give completed forms with payments to another person to drop-off to office. ***These requests will be processed starting August 5th.***



"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, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Eileen Kloebler, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Benny Santiago, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Ana Tumang, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Jim Block 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..."

Theresa Buccino

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*
UPCOMING EVENTS

WWW.CHURCHOFTEASCENSION.COM



Sunday, July 21, 2019

Food Pantry Sunday

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

Monday, July 22, 2019

No events

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

No events

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Harrison House

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

Thursday, July 25, 2019

No events

Friday, July 26, 2019

No events

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Filipino Atlantic City Trip Departs

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Fr. Hilary Scholarship Fund

Monday, July 29, 2019

No events

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

No events

Wednesday, July 30, 2019

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

Thursday, July 31, 2019

No events

First Friday, August 1, 2019

Communion Visits to Homebound

First Saturday, August 2, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Sunday, August 3, 2019

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

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.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 156 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$38,222.57 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little; give a lot; but please give something!

This year our Parish Goal is \$39,161.00

For information about the appeal or to make a donation you can visit website at: <http://rcan.org/sharing>



SUMMER

Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!!

School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!

**36TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019
NEW MILFORD**

**TO JOIN CITIES NATIONWIDE FOR
"AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST
CRIME & TERRORISM"**

**Giant town wide block party on LaBarbera Field, located
off of Patrolman Ray Woods Ln.**

7:00pm-10:00pm

**Amusement rides, music (DJ), food vendors,
law enforcement and emergency services displays, ice
cream, games & much more!**



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**SHAW'S LOCK & DOOR SERVICE
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**Please remember to patronize,
who help make this bulletin possible**

ANIMAL SHELTER IN NEED OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT

START II, a local shelter we have worked with in the past, has reached out to us as they in in desperate need of laundry detergent. With the arrival of kitten season and a new batch of puppies, they are forced to do many extra loads of laundry each day. We are reaching out to our animal lovers to donate some detergent if they can. A box will be placed in the vestibule for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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: _____

Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is inviting individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers to join our team in Bergen County.

There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, companionship, administrative support, or any complimentary therapies. We are also seeking volunteers interested in providing support calls to our patients and family members from our offices in Englewood. Training will be provided by members of the Hospice team.

**Please call Ruth Sorbanelli at 201-510-6426 or email
your contact information: ruth.sorbanelli@vnahg.org**

