

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7 & 8

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.



**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 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

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 8, 2019

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Gutierrez & Preston Families (L)
11:30 Kathie Genco, First Anniversary

Monday, September 9, 2019

7:00 Peg & Pat Mulvihill (L)
8:30 Bernadeth Pongos-Silva

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

7:00 The Dalton Family (L)
8:30 Maureen & Thomas Meyer

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

7:00 Richard Cudina
8:30 Josefa Fernando

Thursday, September 12, 2019

7:00 Joseph Herm
8:30 James Seymour, First Anniversary

Friday, September 13, 2019

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Eddie Aponte

Saturday, September 14, 2019

8:30 Juanita Santiago
5:30 Marra's Family

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 15, 2019

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Emiliana Guce
11:30 Manuel Garcia

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

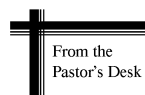
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

September 2, 2018:	\$4,865.00
September 1, 2019:	\$4,537.50
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,753.00

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

Reading for Sunday September 15, 2019

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
[Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or
15:1-10



In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching us a lesson about what true love means. Have you ever nursed a sick family member or a beloved animal through difficult days and nights? Had to administer medications, hold them, wash them, be with them right through their last breath? Are you raising a child with special needs? Or caring for a spouse with dementia? Then you have a better idea of what Jesus really means here. True love strips it all away. We find ourselves doing things we never imagined we could. Everything else that we used to think important just falls away, doesn't it? We finally experience detachment from all unnecessary things.

This living for the essentials is the kind of detachment Jesus was calling for in this gospel: not that we become cold and distant, but that we love with such purity and total giving, that none of the non-essentials will hold us back. He calls us to focus on the essential purpose of life, and to detach from everything which prevents us from doing that. We all cling to certain relationships and things. Instead of love, we just have addictions to certain people and possessions.

Try entering into a conversation in a totally open way—without clinging to your opinions. That means you have to detach yourself from “group think.” Suddenly, you have to really listen to the ideas of the person opposite you. This is the stripping away of self that real love demands.

- ✘ This weekend we celebrate **Grandparents Day**. Through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we will offer a special blessing to all grandparents as we ask God to bless you in the special role you play in the life of your grandchildren.
- ✘ **CFM, Christian Foundations for Ministry**, an Adult Education opportunity) Year I, begins on Monday, September 16th, at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. We will be studying the Old Testament in the Fall sessions. There is still time to sign up if you are interested. Contact Fr. David.
- ✘ Please put these upcoming events on your calendar and plan ahead to join us...
 - September 15 (Sunday)...Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9:30am Mass followed by “Back to School” Meeting for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K-6) at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center
 - September 16 (Monday)...Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (7-8) at 7:00 in the School Cafeteria
 - September 17 (Tuesday)...Parish Lectors' Meeting, 7:30pm in the church
 - September 18 (Wednesday)...Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program Confirmation Prep (9) at 7:00 in the School Cafeteria
 - September 22 (Sunday) Religious Education classes (K-6) begin at 10:15am
 - September 22 (Sunday)...Archdiocesan celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod at 3pm Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Light refreshments will follow in the Archdiocesan Center
 - September 24 (Tuesday)...Parish Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting, 7:30pm in the church
 - October 26 (Saturday)...Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

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

Fr. David



We are excited to begin another school year! School began for grades 1-8 on Tuesday, **September 3rd**.

It's not too late to register your child! 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. We know that testing isn't the only measure of your child's education. **Discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:**

- Call to pick up registration materials and/or for a tour: **201-384-3627**
- Email: principal@transfigurationacademy.org
- Visit our website: transfigurationacademy.org
- Visit us on Facebook to experience how engaged our students and families are



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: _____



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Calendar:

- Sunday, September 8th: Last Minute Registration- 9:30am to 11:30am
- Monday, September 9th: 7th & 8th Grade Parent/Student Meeting- **MANDATORY FOR BOTH** in Fr. Multi-purpose Room (Café)
- Sunday, September 15th –Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9:30AM
- Sunday, September 15th -- Mandatory Parent Meeting 1st- 6th grades at 10:45am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)
- Monday, September 16th– 7th & 8th Grade from 7pm to 8:15pm (MPR/SCH)

Registration for 2019-2020:

The Religious Education Office in the school will be open today **Sunday, September 8, 2019 for last minute registration from 9:30am until 11:30am.** All registered families' letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

Please note our hours for classes.

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon.

The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:45pm. Students are asked to be here by 6:55pm in order to start at 7pm sharp.



Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in need of 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



Mass for Our Country is an opportunity to come together in prayer for the healing of our country. The first mass is on September 5, starting with the rosary at 7:00 pm, at Saint Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield. Sponsored by the Office for Evangelization. For all dates and times, please visit www.rcan.org/evangelization

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE

LAST REMINDER 2019-2020 ASCENSION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration is still going on. If you have not registered your child/ren, please do so as soon as possible. Please remember one form per student must be completed and returned to the Religious Education Office.

PLEASE NOTE: All registrations will be charged an
Additional \$10.00 late fee per student.

If you intend to have your son/daughter continue with his/her religious education at Ascension Parish, kindly complete a Registration form and return to the Religious Education office or Rectory as soon as possible.

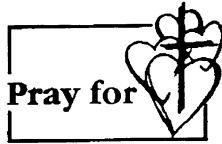
A Registration form is enclosed and additional forms are available in the Rectory or can be downloaded from the parish website www.churchoftheascension.com.

The Religious Education will be open on Sunday September 8, 2019 for last minute registrations from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

THANK YOU

The Ascension Religious Education Staff:

Fr. David, Pastor & Director of Religious Education
Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education
Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7th & 8th
Dena Sedlak, Coordinator of First Penance
and First Holy Communion



"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, Joseph Meyer, Peggy Evans, 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
William & Elizabeth Morris

BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



September

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Catholic University of America Collection
Grandparent's Day

Blessing of Grandparent's at all Masses
Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

Monday, September 9, 2019

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory Mtg. Room
Rel. Ed. Family Mtg. 7th & 8th Grade – 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

No events



Patriot Day*Wednesday, September 11, 2019

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

Thursday, September 12, 2019

No events

Friday, September 13, 2019

No events

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Children's Choir – 4:15pm - Church

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Catechetical Sunday
Food Pantry Sunday
9:30 Mass Commissioning of Catechists in Church
Religious Education 1-6th Grade Family Meeting in the
Fr. Benedict Center – 10:45am
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

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



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!

We would like to establish and resume a group to crochet. Anyone older than 18 years old, regardless of the expertise in crocheting, is welcome. If interested call me at 201 417-6444, Rosa Gutierrez, and leave a message with your name and number. I will call you back. Thank you in advance for your support. Any religious education personnel who is interested please call me as well.

THE SENIOR RESIDENCE @ St. Peter the Apostle
The Senior Residences is located in River Edge in a quiet residential neighborhood and is adjacent to a beautiful county park. It is an independent community whose mission is to help seniors live independent as possible for as long as possible with the help and care of our loving staff. Amenities include meals, housekeeping, 24/7 on site staff and medication mgt. Contact Gina Principato at 201-225-0707 for further information. Pamphlets in rectory office.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 167 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **Because of your generosity we have reached our goal!** We are currently at \$41,565.57 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little; give a lot; but please give something! Remember anything over goal is shared with your parish.

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>

Come, join the NEWARK ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BECOME A PILGRIM FOR A DAY!

The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a one-day pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The pilgrimage will take place under the leadership of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Buses will leave from local parish churches and return the same day. The feature of the day will be a rosary devotion and concelebrated Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine. Plan now to be part of this Archdiocesan act of love and devotion in honor of Mary, Mother of the Church. Sign up with your parish promoter as soon as possible. The parish pilgrimage promoter at our parish is Anna Giella (201) 265-9435 or Father David.

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)

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| 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: _____

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

Grandparents Day Blessing

**God our Father,
 you create all things in this world
 as gifts for your created beings.**

**This day is made holy
 by the presence of new life,
 made real by the love of spouses
 and their collaboration with you.
 On this day bless all grandparents
 and their grandchildren.**

**May they both praise you
 for their place in the world.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen**

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
 FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION SEPTEMBER 16TH**

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.

- JAM-JELLY-CANNED PEARS-BAKED BEANS-PORK & BEANS
 TEA-COFFEE-FLOUR-HOT COCOA-MAYONNAISE-JELL-O
 RICE CRISPIES-RAISIN BRAN-INSTANT OATMEAL-OATMEAL
 MIXED VEGETABLES-APPLE SAUCE-CHICKEN GRAVY
 BEEF BROTH-LENTIL SOUP-CHICKEN BROTH-CRACKERS
 GRATED CHEESE-SALAD DRESSING-COOKIES-
 PAPER TOWELS-TISSUES-NAPKINS-TOOTHPASTE-
 BATH TISSUE-DEODORANT

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



**PARISH SPONSORED
 HOLIDAY TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC**

Ascension Parish will sponsor a 3 day Holiday trip to Washington, DC from Friday Dec. 13-Sunday December 15, 2019. The price of \$549 per person(dbl. occ.) \$650(single occ.) includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 full course dinners, visit to the White House Center, VIP tour of the White House (based on availability), the US Botanic Garden, "A Christmas Carol" at the Ford Theatre, visit to the Bible Museum, visit to the Memorials & Monuments, Pageant of Peace in Ellipse Park (see the National Christmas Tree and 56 smaller trees, etc.), Candle Light tour of George Washington's Mt. Vernon where we will witness the Christmas festivities of the 18th Century, Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, downtown holiday market, drive by Embassy Row and Washington's National Cathedral, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities and motorcoach transportation. A \$100 deposit will hold your reservation which is due by Oct. 1st. Balance due Nov. 1st. For info. and reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)3872632. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended.