

Church of the Ascension

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+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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+ 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.



Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

+ 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.



PARISH CENTER

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*

Epiphany of the Lord, January 5, 2020

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Julie & Phil Carbone
11:30 Valerie Viduya

Monday, January 6, 2020

7:00 Florencia Madlambayan
8:30 Franky Gonzalez

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

7:00 Joanne Castronova (L) Healing
8:30 Margaret Cahill

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
10:30 Severina Cam

Thursday, January 9, 2020

7:00 Tom Begley
8:30 Eddie Aponte

Friday, January 10, 2020

7:00 Leo Aparri
8:30 Robert Sr. & Robert Jr. Aponti

Saturday, January 11, 2020

8:30 Helen Saju
5:30 Anne & Mike Porzl (L)

Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2020

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 German Natividad
11:30 Dong T. Vo

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

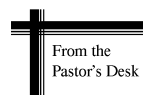
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| December 23, 2018: | \$ 5,772.00 |
| December 22, 2019: | \$ 5,538.00 |
| Food Pantry: | \$ 1,189.00 |
| Christmas 2018: | \$23,084.00 |
| Christmas 2019: | \$22,344.00 |
| Add'l. Christmas Flowers: | \$ 1,131.00 |

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

Reading for Sunday January 12, 2020

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you...Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice." Our destiny is to have lives filled with light and lived in freedom. Jesus has come to take away the darkness in our lives. Israel, and we as the new Israel, are being rescued from darkness and given light. Our despair turns to hope, our poverty to well-being. Jesus, our King, has come to set us free.

We have to keep all of this in mind when we stop and think about what is going on in our own world and in our own lives. At times, it feels as if the forces of darkness have taken over our world. It's not always easy to see where the light can be found as we continue to hear horrific stories of violence and destruction. Even our own lives, at times, seem to be filled with dark and murky colors rather than with brightness and sunlight.

The struggle seems to be one of letting the light in — into our world and into our lives. The task seems overwhelming. Who among us can constantly bring more light into the world and into our lives? Only God has that kind of power. But we also have a kind of power. We can block the light coming into our own lives, and, in some way, we can block the light coming into the world. Growing in the light of God often means removing the blinds or barriers that prevent God's light from coming into our lives and into our world. God's light and grace are always present in our universe. We don't need more to be created; we just have to let the light in. May we remove the blinds in our lives and let God's warm bright light shine in and through us.

On this Epiphany Day, as we remember the Wise Men bringing their gifts to the child Jesus, let me thank all who have so generously given of themselves here at Ascension—the many hands that helped in decorating our church so beautifully for the Christmas Season. I offer my thanks to Fr. Tim, our staff and ministers for helping to make the Christmas liturgies so richly meaningful. Of course, special thanks to our parishioners for your presence in our Ascension family and the good stewardship you continue to show to this parish. Thank you to those who sent gifts, cards, and “goodies” to the Rectory for Christmas. Your kind thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

I always feel so blessed being here among you wonderful people. Know that you are remembered daily at Mass and in my prayers. May God continue to bless us and this parish, that we may continue to be gifts to and for each other.

May our celebration of Epiphany remind us of the gifts we are called to be to one another each and every day!

✠ The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12th, concludes the Christmas Season. We will take down our Christmas decorations on Monday, January 13th, after the 8:30am Mass. As always, our parishioners are invited to come and lend a hand. Many hands make for less work for all.

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

Fr. David



Congratulations to the following Transfiguration Academy Students who achieved Principal's List for the 1st Trimester:
JC Inigo Abella Kyle Esteban Rachel Paton
Samuel Basil Kristen Kurian
Caroline Tharakan Kylie Creer Danica Libanan

Transfiguration Academy, serving students in grades PreK 2+ through grade 8, is a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools.



Ascension's crochet group will be resuming on January 10, 2020. Meetings are on Friday's at 2:00pm in the Gathering Room. We begin with prayer time in the Parish Center Chapel and then continue to crochet until 4:00pm. *All levels of experience are welcome or we will teach you if you are a beginner.* Please call Rosa at 201-417-6444 if interested or for more information.



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

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 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Donation Amt.: _____
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 Date Requested: _____



Calendar:

Sunday, January 5th -1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
Monday, January 6th -7th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
Wednesday, January 8th-9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
Sunday, January 12th -1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



Reminder:

First Grade Parent Meeting: All First Grade Parents, there is a **Mandatory Parent** meeting on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 10:45 am. At least one parent must attend.

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.

Volunteers Needed:

† 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 Parish Ctr.
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm – In School
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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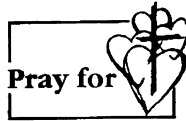
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Any questions please call:
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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Al Suter, 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 Kloeblen, 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, 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, Sr.A 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



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Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 5, 2020

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Chapel/PC
Religious Education – 10:45am – 1-6 Grade
Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – Gathering Room, PC

Monday, January 6, 2020

Pastoral Staff Mtg. – 9:00am – Gathering Room/PC
Religious Education Grades 7 & 8 – 7:00pm
CFM – 7:30pm – Gathering Room/PC
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Woodcrest Center Mass 2:30pm

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

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

Thursday, January 9, 2020

No events

Friday, January 10, 2020

No events

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Confession – 11:00am - Church

Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12, 2020

Communicating God's Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Chapel/PC
Religious Education – 10:45am – 1-6 Grade
First Grade Parent Meeting
Sto. Nino Mass 11:30 followed by reception in FBC
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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.



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Epiphany of Our Lord

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. If you have trouble with this idea, keep one of the Magi from your Nativity set on your desk all year as a reminder to bring your gifts to Jesus.



We sincerely thank **Michael Mittenzwei of Boulevard Funeral Home, New Milford and Beaugard-McKnight Funeral Home, River Edge** for the beautiful parish calendars that were recently distributed. We are very appreciative of their generosity to Ascension parish.



Please take note that our monthly food pantry envelope has been changed to Social Concerns/Charity Fund. This monthly envelope will provide money not only for our food pantry but also for other charitable donations from our parish.



**FEED THE
HELP HUNGRY**

FOOD DISTRIBUTION – JANUARY 20TH

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.

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NAPKINS-TISSUES

SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-DEODORANT-BATH SOAP

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LAUNDRY DETERGENT

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

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



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: _____