

Church of the Ascension

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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.



Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 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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Mass Intentions for the Week

Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2020

5:30 Ann & Mike Porzl (L)
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:30 German Natividad
 11:30 Dong T. Vo

Monday, January 13, 2020

7:00 Juanita Santiago
 8:30 Dolores Pickett

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

7:00 Pete Canino
 8:30 Leo Aparri

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

8:30 Nilda Redoblado
 10:30 James P. Burke

Thursday, January 16, 2020

7:00 Angel Cabezudo
 8:30 Jose Balseca

Friday, January 17, 2020

7:00 Judith & Ester Nidal (L) Birthday
 8:30 Kyle Viduya (L)

Saturday, January 18, 2020

8:30 Theresa Guido
 5:30 Hieu "Hugh" Nguyen

Sunday, January 19, 2020

7:30 Timothy Cronin
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
 11:30 Mario & Renn Reyes (L)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

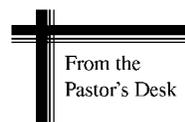
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

December 30, 2018:	\$5,572.00
December 29, 2019:	\$4,270.00
Fr. Hilary Scholarship:	\$ 701.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$4,099.00
January 6, 2019:	\$5,652.00
January 5, 2020:	\$4,703.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$3,646.00
Additional Christmas 2019:	\$1,840.00

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

Reading for Sunday, January 19, 2020

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



Can you remember having a breath-taking experience that involved water? Maybe a fantastic day at the ocean, jumping up and down in the waves... water-skiing... snorkeling or diving? Well, "breath-taking" is exactly the response that John the Baptist had today when Jesus came up to be baptized by in the Jordan River. John's type of baptism was about seeking cleansing and forgiveness for sins. So he's awestruck when Jesus appears at the Jordan River to be baptized: "What are you doing coming to me—shouldn't I be coming to you for baptism?"

Jesus responds, "Give in for now, so we can fulfill what God asks us to do." When John does do as God asks, he and everyone present see something truly amazing—they actually see and hear all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit of God descends as a dove over the head of Jesus, filling and strengthening him. The voice of the Father claims Jesus, "This is my beloved Son." So they witness three Persons of the Trinity expressing their unity and their intimate community of love—and commissioning Jesus as prophet, priest, and king for his work on this earth as the Savior of the world.

Can we see in this anointing of Jesus for his life's work a "call to action" for our own lives? Jesus' baptism is a foreshadowing of what our own anointing at baptism means. We may not have a clear idea of what our baptism is supposed to mean. Fr. Richard Rohr offers these words of reflection, "It takes the rest of our life to understand it, to suffer it, and to make it our own... **The Christian life is a matter of becoming who we already are.**"

Lord, this incredible season comes to an end today but not the joy I have discovered in these weeks. I can sense it — your summons in my life and the response I feel growing in my heart. I want to take up the mission you are calling me to and follow in your path of service. Thank you for making me one of your children born in water and your Spirit. Help me to listen to your voice in my life and remember each day the happiness of sharing the bond of baptism with you.

With your help, I can stay faithful to your calling and celebrate my mission as your follower. Thank you for this great gift! May I be a light in the world for you.

✠ Our Christmas Collection to date amounts to **\$24,184.00**. Thank you so much for your generous stewardship to God and to your parish. This collection is so important for the life of our parish. If you were away or have not contributed for Christmas, there is still time for you to do so.

✠ Our church, as always, looked so beautiful for Christmas! Thanks to all who donated toward our decorations and thanks to all who gave of their time to make our church look so beautiful.

As our Christmas Season ends, we will take down our decorations on Monday, January 13th after the 8:30am Mass. Once again, we invite our parishioners to come and lend a hand. Many hands make for less work for all. Again, thank you to all who made the Christmas Season at Ascension so special!

Remember...while we take down these special reminders of Christmas, may we keep the spirit of this beautiful season alive in our hearts and in our lives all year long!

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



Thank you to the Alumni Association Committee and all who attended our first alumni event. We need your help reaching other alumni of Ascension, St. Mary, St John Schools and Transfiguration Academy. If you or anyone you know graduated or attended these schools, please email alumni@transfigurationacademy.org with your contact information so that we can add you to our database and keep you informed of future events.

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.



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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 Parish Office (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: _____



Calendar:

- Sunday, January 12th–1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
- Monday, January 13th –7th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, January 15th–9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, January 19th–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 is 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 – 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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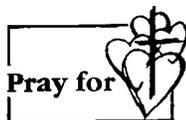
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 New Milford, NJ 07646

Any questions please call:
Fr. David Milliken
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BAPTISM 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, 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., Yokosuka, Japan, 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.

"a time to die..."

Geraldine Ann Brady, Benny Santiago

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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 parish office to check availability.

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.



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

Monday, January 13, 2020

Christmas decorations taken down after 8:30am Mass
Religious Education Grades 7 & 8 – 7:00pm
CFM – 7:30pm – Gathering Room/PC
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

No events

Wednesday, January 15, 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 16, 2020

No events

Friday, January 17, 2020

No events

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Confession – 11:00am – Church
Children's choir – 4:15pm - Church

Sunday, January 19, 2020

Social Concerns Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Chapel/PC
Religious Education – 10:45am – 1-6 Grade



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.



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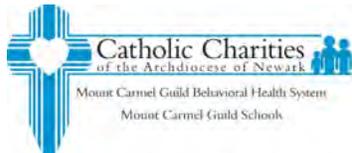
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Please Notice This



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.

**ACCOUNTABILITY
WITH HEARTFELT THANKS**



Catholic Charities received a payment of **\$1,944.00** as a result of your donations from June 1st, 2019 to November 30th, 2019. These funds combined with monies from other participating parishes throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to provide 92,966 nights of shelter to 1,526 to homeless individuals and families (FY18/19). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.



Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring an Enrichment for

Married Couples. Keep the love alive from Valentine's Day and come **Celebrate Marriage**. This one-day marriage enrichment offers some time to look at where you are in your marriage, improve your basic communication skills, and revisit memories of your life together as a married couple. Worldwide Marriage Encounter will present this day which will be held on Sunday, February, 23 at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue from 9:30am – 4:30pm. The cost for the day is \$50 per couple which includes a light continental breakfast, lunch and presentation materials. Mass will be celebrated at the end of the day. For more information or to register, please contact Brian.Caldwell@rcan.org or call 973-497-4324.

HEALING MASS & SUPPORT GROUP

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place Closter for the Third Saturday Mass on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 12:00PM. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only those individuals directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. A support group, Meeting of Hope will follow the mass. For information please call 201-768-7565.



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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.

- PAPER TOWELS-BATHROOM TISSUE
- NAPKINS-TISSUES
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-DEODORANT-BATH SOAP
- TOOTHPASTE-TOOTHBRUSHES-
- 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: _____



FATHER DAVID!

