

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor
Rev. David W. Milliken

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Rev. Tim Graff

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Serina Sharkey

In Residence
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Religious Education Center
Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education
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.



The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 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

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 & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646
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E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

The Baptism of the Lord, January 13

5:30 Grace Margaret Gunnell
 7:30 Renato Santos
 9:30 Thomas Hopkins
 11:30 Dong T. Vo

Monday, January 14, 2019

7:00 John J. Jennings
 8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

7:00 Robert Belthoff
 8:30 Fred Maurer

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

7:00 Consuelo Mendoza
 8:30 Eddie Lobo

Thursday, January 17, 2019

7:00 Judith & Ester Nional, B'Day (L)
 8:30 Kyle Viduya, Thanksgiving (L)

Friday, January 18, 2019

7:00 Agnes Balagot
 8:30 Edward Lobo

Saturday, January 19, 2019

8:30 Laurencita Reyes (L)
 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019

7:30 Timothy V. Cronin
 9:30 Enrique & Mary Blanco, Anniv.(L)
 11:30 Helen Chaffiotte, First Anniversary

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

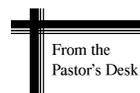
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

December 31, 2017:	\$7,151.00
December 30, 2018:	\$5,572.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$2,887.00
January 7, 2018:	\$5,254.00
January 6, 2019:	\$5,652.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,293.00
Christmas WeShare:	\$1,950.00
Additional Christmas 2018:	\$2,961.00

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

Reading for Sunday, January 20, 2019

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1
 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



It is through our Baptism that we come to know who we are and who we are to become. Baptism is the Sacrament that actually defines who we are. Please remember this fact: we were not only baptized many years ago...we are baptized at this very moment. Baptism is about the present, not about the past. Baptism gives us our most basic identity.

Through Baptism we affirm that we are sons and daughters of a loving God and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. We also become a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. This is who we really are. Throughout the rest of our lives, we live in such a way that this basic identity becomes stronger and stronger. If we are faithful to our Baptism, then everything we do grows out of the fact that we are baptized people. Whatever our life's work is, it must be done within the framework of our Baptism. So our Baptism envelops our life in the world, and gives it shape and focus.

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us strongly that our own Baptism has called us to a life of holiness and stewardship in the church. Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus, we are all on mission to reveal the power of love through service.

I hope and pray that, even though the Christmas Season ends today, we may remain a constant and strong, warm and bright light for the world by the way we live our baptism every day of our lives. Let's remember our baptism each time we enter church and make the Sign of the Cross with Holy Water.

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 \$26,045.00 (not including WeShare). Thank you for your generous stewardship to God and to your parish.

✘ As our Christmas Season ends, our decorations come down. Thanks to all who donated toward our decorations and thanks to all who gave of their time to make our church look so beautiful once again.

We will take down our decorations on Monday, January 14th, after our 8:30am Mass. As always, our parishioners are welcome to come and lend a hand. Many hands make for less work for all.

Again, thank you to Fr. Brian, Fr. Tim and all who made our Advent/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!

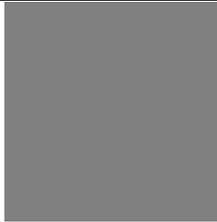
✘ ***Ireland—the Land of Saints and Leprechauns*** awaits you! Our parish will travel to the cities of Shannon, Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Knock (special Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Ireland), and Galway from May 12th to 20th. Let Fr. David know if you are interested and he will give you a brochure, or stop by the rectory. We will have an informational meeting with Ann Breslin (Great Experiences) later this month.

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

Fr. David



All are invited to attend to celebrate Transfiguration Academy being named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence on Sunday, January 27. Our celebration will begin with the 12:00 Mass at St. John's Church presided by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. A reception with light refreshments will follow in Conlon Hall. Please R.S.V.P by calling the school office, 201-384-3627, or by emailing lciccia@transfigurationacademy.org on or before January 21st so that we may have an accurate count.



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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 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: _____



Calendar:

Sunday, January 13th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)
 Monday, January 14th -- 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, January 16th -- 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Sunday, January 20th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

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.

Reminder:

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.

There is a **Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student** meeting on **January 21, 2019** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents in 8th grade are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2020.**

Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 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

In Honor of our 65th Anniversary,
Ascension Parish will visit...



Ireland

— the Land of Saints and Leprechauns —



Our Lady of Knock



May 12th to 20th, 2019

Come and visit...

Shannon, Adare, Killarney, Ring of Kerry,
Glenbeigh, Cahirciceen, Waterville, Sneem,
Kinsale, Blarney, Cork, Cobh, Glendalough,
Dublin, Knock (Mass at the Shrine of Our
Lady Queen of Ireland), Galway, and
Connemara.



Included in the cost of \$3,150.00 per person-two in a room or \$3,800.00 - single occupancy:
Round-trip transportation from Church of the Ascension to Newark International Airport,
round-trip non-stop Economy airfare and all departure taxes, all transportation sightseeing
by private motor-coach with the services of a professional guide/driver. 7 nights hotel accom-
modations in First Class hotels. full breakfast and dinner daily. entrance fees, hotel baggage
handling, taxes and service charges, tip to the guide/driver.



I am interested in the Ireland Trip

(Return ASAP)

Name _____ Phone _____



“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, Deacon Jim Stumbar, 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, Denis Mullins 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

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.

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.



The Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 13, 2019

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45am – School
Sto. Nino Mass 11:30am followed by Reception
In the Father Benedict Center
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

Monday, January 14, 2018

Christmas decorations taken down after 8:30 mass
Religious Education, Grade 8 – 7:00pm
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

No events

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Confirmation Prep – 7:00pm
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts- 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Thursday, January 17, 2019

No events

Friday, January 18, 2019

No events

Saturday, January 19, 2019

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 20, 2019

Food Pantry Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45am – School



THANK YOU



“Dear Pastor David Milliken,
We want you and the Service Ministry to know how thankful we are for the donation of food and supplies in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi Day and collection of linens. Please thank the very generous members of your parish on our behalf for their kindness to our animals.
Thank you,
Gloria Boccher
Start II Animal Rescue”



Important
Message

we are now accepting mass intentions 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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



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!

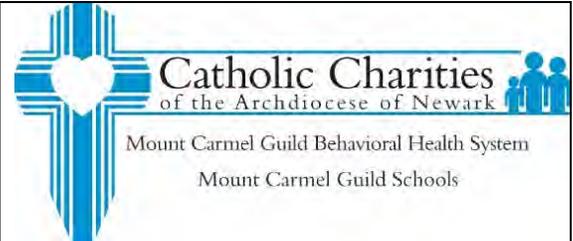
HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY JANUARY 20TH

PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JANUARY 21ST

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-HOT COCOA-
- APPLE SAUCE-OLIVES
- CANNED MUSHROOMS-CANNED SPINACH-RAISINS
- GRAPE JUICE-INSTANT RICE-JAM-
- CHICKEN BROTH
- MANDARIN ORANGES-PANCAKE SYRUP-BEEF BROTH
- FROSTED FLAKES-BATHROOM TISSUE-NAPKINS-
- TISSUES

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



Catholic Charities received a payment of \$1,466.00 as a result of your clothing donations from June 1st, 2018 to November 30th, 2018. These funds combined with monies from other participating parishes throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to provide 94,355 nights of shelter to 1,324 homeless individuals and families (FY17/18).

Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

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