

# 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.



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 10, 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 July & August

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**  
**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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)  
E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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E-mail: [ascensionreled@optonline.net](mailto:ascensionreled@optonline.net)

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 10, 2019**

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 James Zadroga

9:30 Jim Reynolds

11:30 Margaret & Maureen Tenney

**Monday, February 11, 2019**

7:00 Joseph Cappello

8:30 Virginia Nielsen

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

7:00 Sean & Declan Sharkey, B'Day (L)

8:30 Jim Sweeney

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

7:00 Thanksgiving

8:30 Nicholas Negron

**Thursday, February 14, 2019**

7:00 Cecelia Frances Peraza

8:30 Thomas Occhipinti

**Friday, February 15, 2019**

7:00 Karen M. Camporeale

8:30 Percy & Erlinda Habana, Anniv. (L)

**Saturday, February 16, 2019**

8:30 Marie Checco

5:30 Angelo & Vito Cucco

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 17, 2019**

7:30 Rose D'Eufemia

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Eileen Morehead

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

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

**February 4, 2018: \$5,335.00**

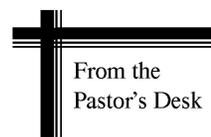
**February 3, 2019: \$4,770.00**

**Maintenance & Repairs: \$3,251.00**

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

**Reading for Sunday  
February 17, 2019**

**Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1  
Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26**



Well, today St. Paul tells us about his weaknesses and his ugly past. He persecuted Christians, he refused God's call to him, he did everything he could to stop the gospel of Jesus from being preached. But then, a major conversion happened.

Now Paul says, "I am not fit to preach, I am the last one who should be an apostle—but, by the grace of God, "I am what I am." Paul knows who he is in the light of day, but he presses forward believing that God has his back now.

Simon Peter has a similar story. Peter "is who he is", a rough guy and an expert fisherman. He knows the best time to fish, and he's just spent all night at it, with no results. Now it's morning, and Jesus tells him, "Go back and drop your nets again—put out into deep water." No fisherman would agree to do this—it's against all reason. Peter says, "We tried that. But because YOU tell me to, I will do it." He is trusting something beyond his own experience of fishing, and beyond the evidence of his own eyes.

Do we have what Peter and Paul have? They look deeply at themselves and admit to God exactly who they are, in both their best and their worst qualities. Both of them trust God's call and God's directing of their lives. They listen for God's voice, then they step forward in faith. They don't let the sin of fear or timidity hold them back from being who they are.

Please think about this invitation God is giving you to sink your line into deeper waters—to say, "I am what I am, and I am going to give whoever I am to this cause." God wants us to come just as we are. So don't let guilt over past sins or lack of self-confidence ruin your trust in God's power and love for you. Have faith, as Peter did, that God knows just who you are, and can work with that.

✠ As we celebrate **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**, we congratulate all married couples of our parish. Thank you for your marriage commitment to each other and your witness to us and to the world of the freedom you experience in choosing to "*love one another.*"

We will honor married couples of our parish at the 11:30am Mass followed by a reception in the Fr. Benedict Center.

✠ I invite all of our parishioners to become a vital part of **LIVING LENT**, our 2019 Lenten program which offers opportunities for parishioners to meet Jesus more personally through the Lenten Scriptures, our Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, and activities. In addition to the usual Adult Sharing Groups, Family and Teen Groups are also available. I hope and pray that we will respond to Jesus' call and take an active part in this process. Together, may we let the light of Christ shine even more brightly in our parish! Sign up flyers are available in the bulletin. Sign-up begins next weekend.

✠ Anyone traveling with Father David to Ireland, are asked to kindly send in their \$500.00 per person deposit, along with completed registration form and copy of Passport. Thank you.

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

*Fr. David*

**FATHER DAVID MILLIKEN WILL ESCORT A GROUP TO IRELAND-MAY 12-20, 2019**

You are invited to come away to the magical land of Ireland! Father David will be the escort during a tour which he will celebrate Mass on some days in special sites (such as the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Ireland in Knock). In addition, sightseeing by a professional guide will include sites in and around Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Dublin, and Galway. 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 and sightseeing by private motor-coach with the services of a professional guide/driver. 7 nights hotel accommodations in First Class hotels, full breakfast and dinner daily, entrance fees, hotel baggage handling, taxes and service charges, tip to the guide/driver. **Deposit of \$500.00 is now due with registration form and copy of Passport.** Brochures with complete details may be obtained in the parish office.

**AN EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!**

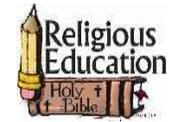
Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 150 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods). **Our next date is on Thursday, February, 14<sup>th</sup>.** We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry.



**March for Life** On Friday, January 18, 14 of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and 8 faculty and parents attended the National Right to Life Rally in Washington, DC.

**Future Cities** This year, Transfiguration Academy sent 5 teams of 3 students each to the Future Cities Engineering Competition at Rutgers University in Piscataway. One of the teams received the award for best planning practices.

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](mailto: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".



**Calendar:**

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)  
Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – No Religious Education or Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will be No Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday February 17, 2019. We will resume on Sunday, February 24, 2019.



**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.

Please check your child's backpack or books for an Updated Family Contact Form. Please fill out this form and return to The Religious Education Office as soon as possible.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Parents please note the change in time for the Wednesday night class. We will be ending at 8:15 pm, please be here at this time to pick up your student. No student will be permitted to walk home.

**Volunteers Needed:**

We are in need of Catechists for our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade programs, 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

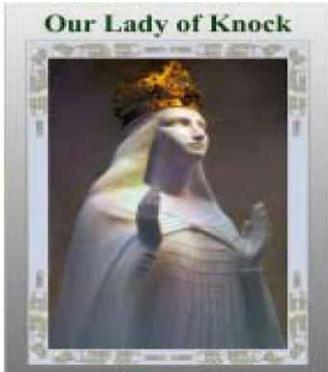
FEBRUARY 10, 2019

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



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 driver/guide extra.



## I am interested in the Ireland Trip

(Registration Form, Copy of Passport, and \$500.00 deposit are due NOW.)  
Additional Brochures and Registration Forms available in the Sacristy or from the Rectory,

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, John Quinn  
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



**BREAD and WINE** this week  
are in loving memory of  
**Arthur Daly**



**Altar Flowers** for this week are  
in loving Memory of  
**Agnes Oclarit**



**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.



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**FEBRUARY**



Sunday, February 10, 2019

**Fuel Collection**

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am  
Boy Scout Sunday  
Religious Education – 10:45am – School  
First Eucharist Parent Mtg. – 10:45am – Multi-Purpose  
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy - 11:30am  
Reception in Fr. Benedict Ctr. after Mass

Monday, February 11, 2018

Religious Education grade 8 -7:00pm  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room  
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Ministry of Word – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

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



Thursday, February 14, 2019

Hackensack Homeless

Friday, February 15, 2019

No events

Saturday, February 16, 2019

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

Sunday, February 17, 2019

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
**Lenten Group Sign-up**  
**NO Religious Education**  
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church



**MINISTRY OF WORD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 7:30PM**  
**IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**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  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

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.

### ASCENSION PARISH TRIP

Ascension Parish will sponsor a 5 day trip to Vermont & New Hampshire from June 7<sup>th</sup> – 11, 2019. The price of \$825 (dbl.) \$949 (single) includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, Luncheon at the Trapp Family Lodge, 3 dinners, including dinner on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, 2 welcome receptions, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory tour, Stowe Village, Quechee Gorge, Narrated cruise on Squam Lake where "On Golden Pond" was filmed. Loon Mountain Gondola Ride, Lake Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad ride, Luggage & Handling, taxes & gratuities, motorcoach transportation. \$100 deposit will hold your reservation and is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended and available upon request. For info. & reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

### HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

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.

- ICED TEA-HOT COCOA-APPLE SAUCE-APPLE JUICE
  - GRAPE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE-EGG NOODLES
  - CANNED MUSHROOMS-CANNED SPINACH-KETCHUP
  - INSTANT RICE-JAM-CHICKEN BROTH-BEEF BROTH
  - MANDARIN ORANGES-PANCAKE SYRUP-SALAD DRESSING
  - CHICKEN GRAVY- BEEF GRAVY-MUSTARD-LENTIL SOUP
  - TOMATO PASTE-CRACKERS-COOKIES-FROSTED FLAKES
  - RAISIN BRAN-BATHROOM TISSUE-NAPKINS-TISSUES
- Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.**

### Be a Sweetheart



What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? As the cold days of winter chill us to the bones, there are many homeless who don't even have a single blanket. Catholic Charities provides a warm haven (along with heavy blankets) in our 7 shelters. We need your help to continue this mission. We need all forms of used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books. Please contribute to the donation bin. Thank you with all our heart.



### ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 5th\*25th or 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating Christian marriage Anniversaries this year. The Anniversary Liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

**April 28, 2019 at 3:00pm  
For Fifty Years**

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**June 2, 2019 at 3:00pm  
For Five & Twenty-Five Years**

Please notify the parish office no later than March 29 if you would like to attend one of the celebrations.

### Sign-Ups for Upcoming Cornerstone Retreat

All parishioners of the Church of the Ascension are welcome to participate in the upcoming Cornerstone Retreats being held at St. Joseph's parish in New Milford in March. Cornerstone is a retreat run by past participants and is open to men and women of all Christian faiths, and provides an opportunity for you to build on your spirituality and faith, together with others in your community. The Women's retreat is scheduled for March 1 & 2, and the Men's retreat is scheduled for March 22 & 23. All are welcome to register. Information and registration materials can be obtained by emailing [tmoran@oradellfire.org](mailto:tmoran@oradellfire.org), or by visiting [www.sjcnj.org](http://www.sjcnj.org) and looking under "Parish News".

### 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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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>    | <b>\$150/1 Year</b>          |
|                             | <b>\$20/30 Days</b>          |
| <b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b> | <b>\$40 per week</b>         |
| <b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>        | <b>\$50</b>                  |
|                             | <b>(per basket/per week)</b> |
| <b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>     | <b>\$15 per week</b>         |

### MEMORIAL FUND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

