

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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 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

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Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019

5:30 Angelo & Vito Cucco
7:30 Rose D'Eufemia
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Eileen Morehead

Monday, February 18, 2019

7:00 Donald Evans
8:30 Carmela Percontino

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

7:00 Virginia D. Ruiz
8:30 Donald Evans

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Al Letizia

Thursday, February 21, 2019

7:00 People of Ascension Parish
8:30 Ricardo Javier

Friday, February 22, 2019

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Saturday, February 23, 2019

8:30 Frank & Thomas Meyer
5:30 C.V. Ceriyan

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Cathy Trimarcki White
11:30 Richard Winters, First Anniversary

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

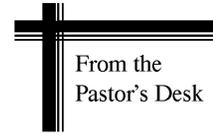
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Thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

Reading for Sunday February 24, 2019

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49
/Lk 6:27-38



I recently read an article about a town that has something unique. It is a drive-in Passion play, where you watch the action from a big parking lot and listen to the words over an FM radio station. It reminds me of the old Drive-In Movies. (How old am I?) Their ad says, "Come and experience the Life and Passion of Christ—all from the comfort of your own car."

I think we could all agree that, if there is any word we would never associate with the Passion of Christ, it would be the word "comfort." But the greatest comfort can come to us from living a life of faith, which includes Christ's Passion. So, following the life and Passion of Jesus Christ does not mean we should never experience comfort. But it's hardly a spectator sport, is it?

Becoming involved with Jesus starts when we are very young, with a sense of mystery. Maybe as a child at the ocean, playing football, or walking in the woods—or listening to a piece of amazing music—somehow, we were getting just an inkling of a deeper truth about life.

Somehow, the deep inner questions led us to Jesus—and the mystery of being his Body for others through the thick and the thin of life. But we cannot be "the Church that God desires from within our areas of comfort." (K. Kirsten)

What ARE the "areas of comfort" that hold us back—as an individual, or as a church—from living as Jesus would? Super Bowls (you gotta love those Saints!), beer and bubble baths are fine. But are we uncomfortable being around the poor, the disabled, the needy? Do we pamper ourselves to an extent we know is excessive?

When Jesus says, "Alas for the rich," it means the richness of comfort and distraction that keeps us from examining our motives and our actions—can even keep us from God. Especially in these few days before Lent begins, let's reflect upon our areas of discomfort until we discover a new awareness of a passion for Jesus in our life—for love beyond comfort.

✠ 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 ups will take place this weekend in the front vestibule of the church at all Masses.

✠ **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. **Completed Registration Form, \$500.00 deposit and copy of passport are due NOW.**

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

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 Pass Port.** Brochures with complete details may be obtained in the parish office.

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – FEBRUARY 18TH

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.

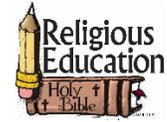
- ICED TEA-HOT COCOA-APPLE SAUCE-APPLE JUICE
- GRAPE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE-EGG NOODLES
- CANNED MUSHROOMS-CANNED SPINACH-KETCHUP
- INSTANT RICE-JAM-CHICKEN BROTH-BEEF BROTH
- MANDARIN ORANGES-PANCAKE SYRUP-
- SALAD DRESSING-CHICKEN GRAVY- BEEF GRAVY-
- MUSTARD-LENTIL SOUP-TOMATO PASTE-CRACKERS-
- COOKIES-FROSTED FLAKES-RAISIN BRAN
- BATHROOM TISSUE-NAPKINS-TISSUES

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



Calling All Alumni! Are you an alumnus of Transfiguration Academy, St. John's, St. Mary's, or Ascension? Our newly formed alumni committee is looking for you! If you or someone you know graduated from any of these schools, please share your contact information with our committee so that you can receive information about fellow alumni and special alumni events. Please email your name, email, and cell phone (if you would like to receive text messages) to alumni@transfigurationacademy.org.

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 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 17th – No Religious Education or Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Monday, February 18th – No Religious Education
- Wednesday, February 20th – No Religious Education
- Sunday, February 24th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

There will be No Children's Liturgy of the word today February 17, 2019. We will resume next Sunday.



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.

9th 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 7th, 8th and 9th 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:

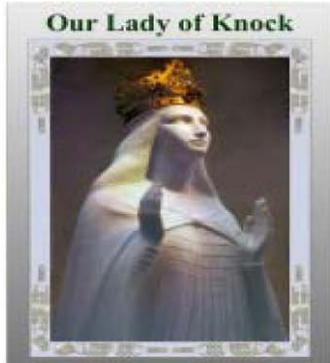
- Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory
- Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School
- Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School
- Closed: Thursday & Saturday
- Other times by appointment

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



Ireland

— the Land of Saints and Leprechauns —



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 _____



PRAY FOR . . .

“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
Ken Raptopoulos



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.

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



FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 17, 2019

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

Monday, February 18, 2018

Food Pantry Distribution
NO Religious Education
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

NO Confirmation Prep.
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts- 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Thursday, February 21, 2019

No events

Friday, February 22, 2019

No events

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Confirmation Retreat 8th Grade – 2:30-5:30pm Mass
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Eastern Europe
Lenten Group Sign-up
Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45am - School



Meetings

**PARISH EVENTS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM
“ALL ARE WELCOME”**

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.



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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

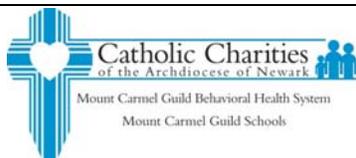
Ascension Parish will sponsor a 5 day trip to Vermont & New Hampshire from June 7th – 11, 2019. The price of \$825 (dbl.) \$949 (single) includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, Luncheon at the Trapp Family Lodge, 3 dinners, including dinner on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, 2 welcome receptions, 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 1st. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended and available upon request. For info. & reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

The Archdiocese Reports all Allegations of Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse also to reach out to the Prosecutor.

Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256. The phone number for the Prosecutors for Bergen County is (201) 226-5689.



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**

**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.

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: _____

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, or by visiting www.sicnj.org and looking under "Parish News".

