

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Rev. Tim Graff

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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.



Second Sunday of Lent
March 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
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
(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896
E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

Second Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2019

5:30 Thomas J. Hopkins
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:30 Michael & Marge Bruno
 11:30 Thomas & Maureen Meyer

Monday, March 18, 2019

7:00 Peggy Mulvihill
 8:30 Peter K. Thomas

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

7:00 Deacon Jim Stumbar, healing (L)
 8:30 Fernandez – Pena Families

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

7:00 Rose DiPippo
 8:30 Debra Cordes

Thursday, March 21, 2019

7:00 Anthony Surage
 8:30 Larry Figalora, Fourteenth Anniv.

Friday, March 22, 2019

7:00 Leo M. Milito
 8:30 Xavier Lawrence Habana, Bday (L)
 7:30 Robert Kaminski

Saturday, March 23, 2019

8:30 Paul Mitchell
 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Third Sunday of Lent, March 24, 2019

7:30 Donald Evans
 9:30 Jim Lacey
 11:30 Mary Buckley

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

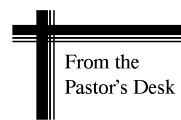
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

March 11 2018	\$5,412.00
March 10, 2019:	\$5,507.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$1,500.00

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

**Reading for Sunday
 March 24, 2019**

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



In today's gospel, it's easy to focus only on the image of Jesus while he prayed. It says "his face changed in appearance, and his clothing became dazzling white." Moses and Elijah also "appeared in glory", meaning that they, too, glowed and shone with a brilliant, almost unbearable light.

But probably the last thing we are thinking is that that brilliant light has anything to do with us. We are the opposite of light, aren't we? We are called jars of clay, or earthen vessels. We are certainly reminded often enough each day that we're limited, morally and physically. Even when we're trying our best, we fail so often, so easily. We know why we have "feet of clay": we are dust, and into dust we shall return.

So, now that we're down here in the dust, we are going to have to make a quantum leap to get a clear vision of reality. Yes, sin is real. Evil is here among us, and causes us to have inclinations that go against all of God's hopes for us.

But the story of the Resurrection, which we are speeding toward week by week, is that God's hopes are the ultimate solution. God's hopes WILL be fulfilled. Can you believe that? And the full effect of Jesus' saving death on the cross will result in every one of us shining just as brightly as Jesus and Moses and Elijah are shining today.

THEIR transfiguration is OUR transfiguration! That is the hard-to-believe truth! That is the shimmering, amazing image of our future that God wants us to carry in our hearts: the glorified faces of Jesus and Moses and Elijah—not the downtrodden, miserable face of grief, bitterness, depression, defeat.

✠ Remember, during Lent we have added on Fridays a Mass at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Also, we have placed "**Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2019**" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend.

✠ Our Knights of Columbus have made a wonderful presence here at Ascension for our parish celebrations. They have been so faithful in donating funds for our parish, especially our Food Pantry. They now ask our help to fund the Fourth Degree Knights by our participation in their Beefsteak Dinner here at Ascension on Saturday, April 6th, from 6:30pm to 10pm. It's only \$35.00 per person and a great evening together. Please consider attending. See Fr. David for tickets.

✠ Please plan ahead to be with us on Friday, April 12th. We will join together for our **Parish Lenten Evening of Recollection** which will begin at 5:30pm with a Lenten Soup Supper served by our 9th grade Confirmation candidates. Tickets are \$8.00 per person. At 7pm we will pray the Stations of the Cross followed by Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, opportunity for individual sacramental Reconciliation, and at 8:45pm we will conclude with Benediction. What a beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the holiest week of the year!

✠ Thank you so much to our 59 parishioner families who have pledged to the "**Sharing God's Blessings**" Annual Appeal. I pray that with open minds and hearts, we will all be able to that the appeal will help the many needs of the people of our Archdiocese, including our own parish.

Cardinal Tobin has set our 2019 goal at \$39,161.00. Our pledges to date amount to \$14,060.00. There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are in the pews and at the doors of the church. Please, I ask that all of our parish families consider the great good we of Ascension can do with God's grace when we choose to help the neediest of our Archdiocese. Help us to reach and even surpass our goal. **Give a lot; give a little; but please give something!**

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too. Happy St. Patrick's Day!! God Love You!

Fr. David



IHA 2nd Annual Science Olympiad 2019

On March 5, 2019, selected students from the 6th through 8th grades participated in Immaculate Heart Academy's 2nd Annual Science Olympiad. Students competed as individuals and in teams in various events, including: Periodic Table Memory Game, Jeopardy, Bridge Building, Tower Building, Egg Drop, Washer and Tin Foil, Aerodynamics, and Tower Building. We applaud all our students that participated, especially 6th grader Kyle Esteban who took 1st place in the Periodic Table Memory Game and the 7th grade team of Uma Nath, Caroline Tharakan, and Selena Tovar who took 1st place for Bridge Building and 2nd place for the Egg Drop competition.

International Night will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 6:30 PM in Conlon Hall at St. John's Church. All are invited to share an evening of food and fun as we celebrate the diversity of our community. Tickets are available by contacting the school office at 201-384-3627 before March 25. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. No tickets will be sold at the door.

St John the Evangelist's Rosary Society is

sponsoring a FISH FRY featuring British Fish and Chips or Chicken Tenders, on Saturday, April 27th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Conlon Hall at St. John's Church, 19 N. William Street, Bergenfield. A basket raffle will also be available. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Dinner includes French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Desserts and Beverages. Take-out orders will be available. For tickets, please call Ria at 201-384-6279 or Mary at 201-384-0488.



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: _____



Calendar:

Sunday, March 17th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)
 Monday, March 18th – 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, March 19th – 9th Grade 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Sunday, March 24th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be 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.



This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on their gifts, which are blessings from God. At the Eucharist (a word meaning "to give thanks") we thank God for all his gifts and blessings. How do we as a parish help others develop such a grateful heart?

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The First Eucharist Retreat has been **RESCHEDULED for March 24, 2019**. This is a MANDATORY Retreat for all First Eucharist Candidates and at least one Parent. Please Mark your calendar with this change. We will see you on March 24th starting with the 9:30 am Mass.

Reminder:

9th Grade Confirmation students if you did not bring in your letters to Bishop Marconi last week, please bring in this week.

9th Grade Confirmation Class 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 9th grade program and Substitute Catechists 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

MARCH 17, 2019

Msgr. Charles G. McCorristin Assembly 1289



Proudly Serving:

Closter, Cresskill, Emerson, Englewood, New Milford, Oradell, Norwood, Paramus
River Edge & Harrington Park
John Landers, Faithful Navigator



BEEFSTEAK DINNER EXTRAVAGANZA

Dinner Catered by Nightingale Catering

wine, beer, soda and water included

ENTERTAINMENT BY SUPERIOR SOUNDS

DONATION IS \$35.00 PER PERSON

Make Checks Payable to: Msgr. Charles G. McCorristin Assembly 1289

TRICKY TRAY AND 50/50 WILL BE AVAILABLE

Location: Church of the Ascension Gym

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ

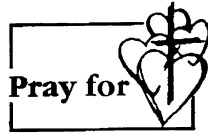
Saturday, April 6, 2019 – 6:30PM – 10:00PM

For Tickets & Information Please Contact:

SK Paul Noonan (201) 201-265-4452 or

Fr. David Milliken 201-836-8961

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



“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

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.

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
FYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**



Second Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2019

Food Pantry Sunday

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

Monday, March 18, 2019

Food pantry distribution
Religious Education, grade 8 – 7:00pm
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 * St. Joseph

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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

Thursday, March 21, 2019

No events

Friday, March 22, 2019

Mass & Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Eagle Scouts Court of Honor
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Third Sunday of Lent, March 24, 2019

Catholic Relief Services

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45am – School
First Eucharist Retreat Day–9:30am Mass-4:00pm



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



Mass intentions available 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.



REMEMBER DURING LENT

Evening Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

Also, we have placed "Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2019" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to this year's Annual Appeal For information about the appeal or to make a donation you can visit website at: <http://rcan.org/sharing>

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: _____

Healing of Hearts Retreat

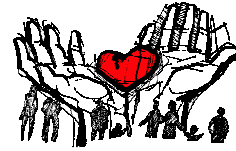
Saturday, March 30 from 8:30am-4:30pm-St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 445 Fifth Ave., River Edge, NJ 07661

St. Peter the Apostle parish invites you to join the Healing of Hearts Retreat. Fr. Ernest Rush will host this Catholic retreat that addresses the wounded hearts in the body of Christ, the Church. This is an excellent retreat for all ages, especially young adults. The simplicity and sincerity of the talks have a great ability to touch tender hearts and heal their wounds. All have encountered heartaches in life and some have departed from the ways of God which further damages the heart. Fr. Ernie, as he is fondly known, is a 15 year survivor of a heart transplant. His witness of God's faithfulness inspires us to increase our faith which gives us the hope of healing in our own lives. Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession, Healing Services, Consecration to the Twin Hearts. Cost is \$25/person, \$30/couple. To register visit: www.johnleaps.com or call 800-313-6933



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PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

During this Lenten season please consider Stewardship, the sharing of your talents and time with any of the many ministries we offer here at your parish. Sing in our Choirs (adult/children)*Become a Eucharistic Minister or Lector at our weekend Masses*Minister at Woodcrest*Help plan our Parish Events*Become an Altar Server (adult/child).

Yes I am willing to share my talent & time, please contact me.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Ministry: _____

(Please print and return to the parish office or in collection basket)



HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – MARCH 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.

- COFFEE-ICED TEA-HOT COCOA-EGG NOODLES
- INSTANT RICE-JAM-CHICKEN BROTH-BEEF BROTH
- BAKED BEANS-PANCAKE SYRUP-PANCAKE MIX
- CHICKEN GRAVY- BEEF GRAVY-LENTIL SOUP
- SALAD DRESSING-BREAD CRUMBS-BROWNIE MIX
- CAKE ICING-RAISINS-TOOTHPASTE

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



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 Wiinipesaukee Scenic Railroad ride, Luggage & Handling, taxes & gratuities, motorcoach transportation. \$100 deposit will hold your reservation. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended and available upon request. For info. & reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

