

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.



**Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 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 Intentions for the Week



Third Sunday of Lent, March 24, 2019

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Donald Evans

9:30 Jim Lacey

11:30 Mary Buckley

Monday, March 25, 2019

7:00 Dolores Crowley

8:30 Rogelio Basalatan

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

7:00 The Dalton Family

8:30 Alfraiz Cajucom

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

7:00 John

8:30 Denis Mullins

Thursday, March 28, 2019

7:00 Natalie Ava Habana, BDay (L)

8:30 Mary & Walter Lewis

Friday, March 29, 2019

7:00 Mr & Mrs John Durante

8:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Gerard Rohrbeck

Saturday, March 30, 2019

8:30 Fidela Sunga

5:30 John M. Vo

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 31, 2019

7:30 Donald Evans

9:30 Peter Thomas

11:30 Cesare Naboa

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

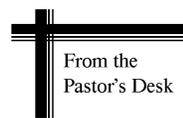
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

March 18 2018	\$6,389.00
March 17, 2019:	\$5,278.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,422.00

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

Reading for Sunday March 30, 2019

**Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
[9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**



“Will you repent and believe in the Gospel?” We all said **YES** to this on Ash Wednesday. Jesus reminds us today that we must repent from living unproductive lives — lives that are so focused on our own needs, our own fun, our own bank accounts, that we get into a rut of living a life that is not bearing any spiritual fruit...and is maybe not that much fun after all.

This process of questioning and reflecting upon how we might do more or do better in our lives is a big part of what it means to repent. Again, Jesus says today that we must repent, we must change our lives in ways that continually make us bear more and better fruit, of the kind that builds the kingdom of peace and justice.

In the Lord’s Prayer, recall that the words “Forgive us our trespasses” are immediately followed by “as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Forgiveness usually requires some major change of heart and mind. Of course it’s painful—our egos are involved! But it’s best for us to remember that there will **BE** no forgiveness for us, if we are not actively forgiving others. Any honest person knows it’s never enough simply to avoid breaking the 10 Commandments—that is only the least we can do. But if we are focused on reviewing in a thoughtful way our goals and ideals, our lifestyle, and our habits, with an eye toward producing more fruit—the Commandments usually take care of themselves.

It is all about the big picture, our overall mindset, or should I say, “heartset.” Good ideas come naturally the more we ask questions such as, “How does my life show good works? Am I aware of other people’s needs? Do people around me benefit from my being alive; or do I use others?” Bearing the best fruit means that we try to understand those who touch our lives. By helping them on life’s journey, we ourselves become ever-bearing trees who will live forever.

✘ Remember, during Lent we have added a Mass on Fridays 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.

✘ Please join the priests and parishioners of St. John’s, Bergenfield and St. Mary’s, Dumont as we will celebrate our **Tri-Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions** at St. John’s, Bergenfield on Saturday, March 30th at 1pm. What a wonderful way for us to prepare for the holiest week of the year. We will not hear confessions at 11am on this day.

✘ 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 parishioners 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 \$17,803.00. 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. God Love You!

Fr. David

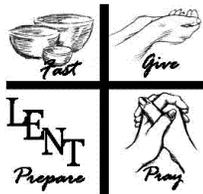


Congratulations to 6th grade student Kyle Esteban has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2019 National Geographic GeoBee New Jersey State Competition. The contest will be held at Rowan University on Friday, March 29, 2019.

This is the second level of the National Geographic GeoBee competition, which is now in its 31st year. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the State GeoBees. State champions will receive a medal, \$1,000 in cash, and other prizes, as well as a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 19-22, 2019.

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 this Monday, March 25. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 school year. 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".



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 24th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)
- Monday, March 25th – 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, March 27th – 9th Grade 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, March 31st -- 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.



This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on Jesus' presence with us in the Eucharist. Through our sharing the one bread and one cup we are made one with Jesus and one with his Body, the Church. How are we as a parish living as peacemakers to show that Jesus is with us?

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The First Eucharist Retreat today **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 24, 2019

Come and Join us...

*Church of the Ascension
New Milford*

*St. John's Church
Bergenfield*

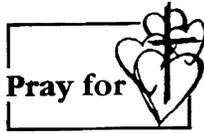
*St. Mary's Church
Dumont*

Invite You to Gather Together and Celebrate...

*Lenten Communal Penance Service
with Individual Confession*

*Saturday,
March 30, 2019
St. John's Church
Bergenfield
1:00 P.M.*





“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, 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.

“a time to die...”

Denis Mullins

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week
in loving memory of
Gerard Patrick Lee



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.



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

Monday, March 25, 2019

Religious Education, grade 7 – 7:00pm
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Ministry of Worship/Liturgy–7:30pm–Gathering Rm.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

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

Thursday, March 28, 2019

No events

Friday, March 29, 2019

Mass & Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

Saturday, March 30, 2019

NO Confessions here at Ascension
Tri-Parish Lenten Penance Service at St. John’s,
Bergenfield – 1:00pm
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 31, 2019

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



**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY
TUESDAY, MARCH 26 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.



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

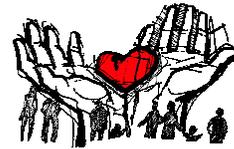
"THANK YOU"...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call 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: _____



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)

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. 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 – APRIL 15th

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-APPLE JUICE-RAISINS-JAM
- INSTANT RICE-CHICKEN BROTH-BEEF BROTH
- PANCAKE SYRUP-PANCAKE MIX-CORN FLAKES
- CHILDRENS CEREALS-CHICKEN GRAVY
- BATH SOAP-TOOTHPASTE-TOOTHBRUSHES

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



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.



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who help make this bulletin possible**



BEEFSTEAK DINNER EXTRAVAGANZA

On Saturday, April 6, 2019 6:30pm-10:00pm. Dinner catered by Nightingale Catering. Donation is \$35. Per person. Will be held in Ascension's Father Benedict Center. For Tickets and information please contact Paul Noonan (201) 265-4452.

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

