

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .



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+ 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 Easter
May 5, 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.

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Third Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2019

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 John Coringrato
11:30 Dorothy & Margaret Tenney

Monday, May 6, 2019

7:00 Mrs. Milbrad
8:30 Monica Nunez

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

7:00 Eileen Moorehead
8:30 Felisa O. Javier

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

7:00 Rolando & Dona Viduya (L)
8:30 Kay Scarpa

Thursday, May 9, 2019

7:00 Lydia Ngo
8:30 Encarnacion Fineza

Friday, May 10, 2019

7:00 Donald Evans
8:30 Elizabeth M. Aronson

Saturday, May 11, 2019

8:30 Juanita Santiago
5:30 All Mothers

Mothers Day, May 12, 2019

7:30 All Mothers
9:30 of Ascension Parish
11:30 Living & Deceased

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

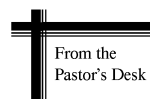
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
Ascension Parish is supported by people
who place their faith and trust in God.

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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, May 12, 2019**

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
[3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



We need to seek out experiences with the risen Christ, in our prayer and in our community of faith, because being with Christ is what transforms our past and our future... the encounter with Christ forgives our sins of the past, and gives us courage and hope to face the reality of our future.

The apostles were not perfect people; they deserted their Lord, were frightened and jealous. So the concrete symbol for us, and for the forgiveness we seek, is Peter. The man who three times denied Jesus, today transforms himself three times, "Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus is saying to Peter and to us, "Don't just talk about my love in endless committees—don't just be the 'frozen chosen'—"Show me." Notice that each time Jesus asks, "Do you love me?" he connects the answer to the words, "Then tend my lambs, feed my sheep."

Today, as we see Jesus giving them the grilled fish and bread, we feel an echo of the Last Supper, their most intimate dinner recently shared with Jesus just before his Crucifixion. Well, this is the same mission—to feed my sheep—that Jesus gives us at each Mass, too. In this Easter season, can we take this to heart?

Today's story shows us that the risen Christ has not gone "up there" somewhere...Jesus is just as present to us while cooking our meals, doing the laundry, walking the dog, going to work or school, playing sports, or caring for each other, as he was to the apostles that day. We might not always feel him there during those times of human intimacy, pain, or suffering. But on reflection and in prayer, we can often look back and see that there was "something more" to our gathering or meeting than we could see at the time. This is why we need to remember—tell the stories—and re-live those important human moments.

✠ We offer our best wishes and prayers for the children in our parish family who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time last weekend. May our children and their families always be eager to receive Jesus at his Table of Life. Special thanks to Theresa Carbone and Dena Sedlak and to the catechists who have shared their faith so joyously with these children.

✠ **May is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** On Sunday at the 9:30am Mass we will celebrate our annual **Parish May Crowning**. Our First Communicants will help us to give special honor to our Blessed Mother. Also, please remember that we pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church.

✠ Next Saturday, May 11th at 11am, Bishop Dominic Marconi will confer the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of **Confirmation** upon our young men and women. We invite you to come and celebrate with them. Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

✠ Remember, **Mother's Day** is May 12th. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers, living and deceased, for the month of May.

✠ We are well into the **Sharing God's Blessings Appeal**. Jesus' words to Peter in today's gospel, "Tend my lambs, feed my sheep," are as much a challenge to us as to Peter. I pray that every parish family will take Jesus' challenge to heart and participate, pray and work together. With God's help may we do our very best. Please, **give a little; give a lot; but please give something!**

✠ Because so many parishioners have commented positively about the Five Minutes with the Word Lenten booklets, **Five Minutes with the Word for Easter** are available for you in the book rack in the back of the church. Please take one for yourself and feel free to take a couple to share with your friends. They'll appreciate the thought!

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

Fr. David



SAVE THE DATE:

Transfiguration Academy Drama Club's production of The Wizard of Oz will be presented on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 at Bergenfield High School. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 and can be purchased at the school office.

The newly formed Alumni Association will be hosting a brunch on Sunday, May 19 beginning with the 12:00 Mass at St. John's Church with a catered brunch immediately following in Conlon Hall. This event will honor Sr. Madeline Hanson, SSND and Transfiguration alumnus Charli Roberts. All proceeds will go to the Sr. Trinity Scholarship Fund.

Tuition Raffle Would you like to win a raffle for tuition to any accredited school? The Transfiguration Academy Home and School Association is sponsoring their annual tuition raffle. Prizes are: 1st prize - \$2500; 2nd prize - \$1500; and 3rd prize - \$1000. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the school office. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 8 PM in Conlon Hall.

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

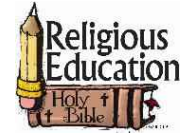
The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the rectory office. Thank You!

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, May 5th – May Crowning at the 9:30 am
- Tuesday, May 7th – Confirmation Candidates Only -- Rehearsal starting at 6:55 pm SHARP - CHURCH
- Friday, May 10th – Confirmation Candidates & Sponsor Rehearsal starting at 6:55 pm SHARP - CHURCH
- Saturday, May 11th – Confirmation Mass- Meet in gym at 10:30 am Sharp- Mass at 11 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in October, please look for the Children's Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Children's Liturgy of the Word, anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.



Congratulation to the Mico Ayto, Isabella Benitez, Leah Bobe, Sylar Briones, Daniel Catibog, Juliana Cerdas, Jacob Fabro, Xian Gui, Eva Henriquez, Omar Henriquez, Christophe Ibe, Camila Martinez, Maria Merizalde, Sofia Merizalde, Malaika Niamien, Ayla Reyes, Noah Reyes, Jericho Torrente, and Skyler Yu all who received First Eucharist for the first time last weekend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Confirmation Class of 2019:

- † Tuesday, May 7th-- Confirmation Rehearsal 6:55 pm in Church-Candidates Only – Mandatory
- † Friday, May 10th – Confirmation Rehearsal 6:55 pm in Church-Candidates and Sponsors –Mandatory for BOTH
- † Saturday, May 11th - Confirmation Mass at 11 am - Candidates and Sponsors are to meet in the Fr. Benedict Center (gym) at 10:30am SHARP

Registration for 2019-2020:

Registration forms the 2019-2020 School year have been distributed to all students, please look for them in your child's backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30th. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

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

MAY 5, 2019

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*We welcome you all to our celebration of **Easter 2019** here at Ascension.*

We especially welcome those who have been away from Ascension due to school, illness or living elsewhere for whatever reason. It is good to have you home again. Welcome to all visitors.

Thank you for choosing to celebrate your Easter with us.

Easter is the most beautiful and holiest time of year, when we celebrate Jesus' new life shared with us at Easter and all throughout the year – the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of each other.

We invite you to share in many important celebrations of Jesus' new life shared with us during the seven weeks of the Easter Season and beyond.

*On the weekend of April 28, we will celebrate **First Holy Communion** at specific weekend Masses.*

*On Sunday, May 5th, during the 9:30am Mass we will celebrate our **Crowning of our Blessed Mother**.*

*On Saturday, May 11th at 11am, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of our young men and women in the **sacrament of Confirmation**.*

*We will observe **Mother's Day** on May 12th and we will celebrate the **Blessing of Mothers** at all weekend Masses.*

In the evening we leave for our parish 65th Anniversary Trip to Ireland.

*We will celebrate our **Parish Feast Day, Ascension Thursday**, May 30th. Mass will be celebrated at 7am and 8:30am.*

*We will close our Parish 65th Anniversary Year with great fanfare as we celebrate the 7:30pm Mass, which is followed by our **"Make your own Ice Cream Sundae"** and we will draw the winner of our **Sapphire Anniversary Mega 50/50 Raffle**.*

What a special day for us!

*On June 9th, the **Solemnity of Pentecost**, we celebrate the special presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.*

*We end the Easter Season on the weekend of June 16th, **Most Holy Trinity Sunday**.*

*We will observe **Father's Day** on this weekend of June 16th with the **Blessing of Fathers** at all weekend Masses.*

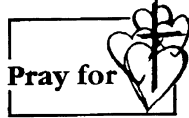
*On Sunday, June 23rd, we will celebrate **Corpus Christi** at 11:30am Mass followed by our annual Corpus Christi Procession.*

I encourage you to immerse yourself in the spirit and graces of the season by participating in these special celebrations and I ask that you bring someone you love with you.

My prayer is that the Risen Christ may live in your hearts and in your homes throughout this season.

A Most Blessed Easter!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



"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, Eileen Kloebler, 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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris

BREAD and WINE this week are in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



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



Sunday, May 5, 2019

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

9:30am Mass with May Crowning
Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – Gathering Room
French Academy FBC

Monday, May 6, 2019

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00 – Rectory Mtg. Rm.
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Woodcrest Center Mass 2:30pm
Confirmation Rehearsal (Candidates only) – 7:00 CH

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

Thursday, May 9, 2019

No Events

Friday, May 10, 2019

Confirmation Rehearsal (Candidates & Sponsors)
7:00pm - Church

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Filipino Atlantic City Trip
NO Confessions
Confirmation – 11:00am - Church
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church



Sunday, May 12, 2019

Fr. Hilary’s Scholarship Fund

Parish Trip to Ireland leaves from Ascension

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.



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



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available at doors of Church or in the Rectory Office.

As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Mother's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Mother's Day. If you would like a card for your mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who has been like a mother to you. You may return with payment in the collection or drop off at the rectory office BLACK mail box.

Offering for each card is \$10.00.

Please remember to return your offering for each card that you take.



**ASCENSION PARISH 65TH ANNIVERSARY
MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE
TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES
IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE**



FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – May 20th

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-LEMONADE MIX-OATMEAL
- CANNED PINEAPPLE-CORN FLAKES-FROSTED FLAKES-CHILDRENS CEREALS-CHICKEN GRAVY
- INSTANT OATMEAL-TOMATO SAUCE-SAUERKRAUT
- GRATED CHEESE-PEANUT BUTTER-TISSUES

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: _____



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Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 107 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$23,658.00 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little; give a lot; but please give something!

This year our Parish Goal is \$39,161.00

For information about the appeal or to make a donation you can visit website at: <http://rcan.org/sharing>

