

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

In Residence

Rev. Brian G. Plate

Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

Summer Assistant

Rev. Hilary Ocho

Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

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Christopher Cudina

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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.



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 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 Summer

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 7:15 a.m.



RECTORY

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RECTORY

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**Catechetical
Sunday**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
September 22, 2019**

5:30 Marisa Aversa
7:30 Andres Villaluna
9:30 Madeline LaGuardia
11:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli

Monday, September 23, 2019

7:00 Patrick Delaney & Family (L)
8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

7:00 Mary Camosino (L) 90th Birthday
8:30 Ellen Delaney

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

7:00 Peggy Evans (L) Birthday
8:30 Joan Polis

Thursday, September 26, 2019

7:00 Maria Sullivan
8:30 Sharon Teneza

Friday, September 27, 2019

7:00 Edward James Makowski
8:30 Consuelo Calleja

Saturday, September 28, 2019

8:30 Joan Polis
5:30 Angelo DeCarlo (L) 90th Birthday

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
September 29, 2019**

7:30 Leandro Cabacoy
9:30 Marlene Hellriegel
11:30 Evaristo Conidi

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

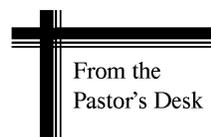
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

September 16, 2018: \$6,410.00
September 15, 2019: \$5,142.00
Food Pantry: \$1,327.00

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

**Reading for Sunday
September 29, 2019**

**Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1
Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31**



Today Jesus speaks again about our relationship to our money and our possessions. Maybe we picture the people of Jesus' time as poor, living in small thatched homes, walking around in sackcloth and sandals. There were many poor people following Jesus, because he was their only hope. But notice that Jesus' concern for everyone, rich or poor, is about our core relationship with money. Personally, I think Jesus was far more respectful of money than we are. He dealt with the reality before him. When it comes to money and possessions, we indulge in a lot of fantasy thinking. We listen to the lies in commercials and convince ourselves, "Oh, I don't really spend that much," or, "I had a rough day, I deserve a treat," or "We can always take out a second mortgage to pay off the new furniture..."

In the popular book, "Tuesdays with Morrie," the older man, Morrie, says, "We've got a form of brainwashing, going on in our country. Do you know how they brainwash people? They repeat something over and over: 'Owning things is good. More money is good. More property is good. More commercialism is good. More is good.' We repeat it and have it repeated to us over and over until nobody bothers to even think otherwise."

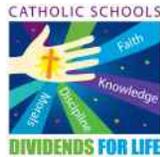
If there were no deeper meaning to life, maybe all this would be fine. But Jesus constantly reminds his disciples, "Keep awake! There's more to this life than meets the eye." We are people created to be in a deep love relationship with God and all of the creatures we live with. We are to be stewards, caretakers, not to be "users" of the creation around us. Money is a symbol for power; before we spend money, do we think about what impact our purchases will have on our life?

✠ Religious Education classes begin this weekend. Please check the bulletin for the times of the class sessions. Also, now that Religious Education classes have begun, please be extra careful driving on the church and school grounds.

✠ On Sunday, September 22nd a solemn Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to honor the feasts of the Filipino Martyrs **San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro**.

✠ ATTENTION, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS...
In order to have an opportunity to pray together and to review the procedures associated with your ministry, **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** will meet in the church on Tuesday, September 24th at 7:30pm. It is imperative that you attend these sessions so that you can continue to serve in your ministry with knowledge and reverence.

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



It's not too late to register your child! 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. We know that testing isn't the only measure of your child's education. **Discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:**

- Call to pick up registration materials and/or for a tour: **201-384-3627**
- **Email: principal@transfigurationacademy.org**
- **Visit our website: transfigurationacademy.org**
- **Visit us on Facebook** to experience how engaged our students and families are

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 2 pm 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, OCTOBER 10th.**

We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry.



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, September 22nd -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
- Monday, September 23rd – 7th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, September 29th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
- Monday, September 30th --7th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, October 2nd – 9th Grade Parent/Student Meeting 7 pm (MPR)

On Wednesday, October 2, 2019 there is a **MANDATORY Parent/Student/Catechist Meeting** in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room at 7 pm. We asks they all be on time for this important meeting. Children's Liturgy of the Word will start on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to Celebrate Mass together.

Registration for 2019-2020:

The Religious Education Office is still accepting registrations for the current school year. All registered families' letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

Please note our hours for classes.

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon.

The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:15 pm. Students are asked to be here by 6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.



Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in need of 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 8:15 pm – In School
- Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School
- Closed: Thursday & Saturday
- Other times by appointment

GOODBYE



Ascension Parish

Pot Luck Dinner

to say Goodbye and Thank You
to Fr. Hilary

Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 4pm

Fr. Benedict Center

*If you would like to participate in this special occasion,
please fill out the form below and submit it in collection
or at the Rectory Office by September 23rd.*

(Detach and Return by 9/23/19)

Pot Luck Dinner for Fr. Hilary

(Return by Monday, September 23, 2019)

Name _____

Phone _____

_____ Number Attending (Bring your family and your favorite covered dish to share)

I/We will bring _____ salad _____ entree _____ dessert _____ beverage

Parish will provide coffee, tea, and Cake!



“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, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Eileen Kloebler, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Benny Santiago, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Ana Tumang, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Joseph Meyer, Peggy Evans, 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
Gregory & Anthony Poli



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



Sunday, September 22, 2019

Religious Education 1-6th Grade - 10:45am
Sts. Lorenzo Ruiz & Pedro Calungsod at Cathedral
Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark at 3:00pm

Monday, September 23, 2019

Rel. Ed. 7th & 8th Grade – 7:00pm – School
CFM – 7:00pm – Gathering Room
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Parish Eucharistic Ministers – 7:30pm - Church

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Harrison House
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Thursday, September 26, 2019

No events

Friday, September 27, 2019

No events

Saturday, September 28, 2019*San Lorenzo Ruiz

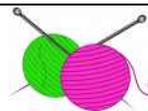
Filipino Atlantic City Trip
Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm - Church

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Fr. Hilary Scholarship Fund
Religious Education 1-6th Grade - 10:45am
Father Hilary Good-Bye reception – 4:00pm – FBCtr.



**PARISH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 7:30PM
IN THE CHURCH**



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!

We would like to establish and resume a group to crochet. Anyone older than 18 years old, regardless of the expertise in crocheting, is welcome. If interested call me at 201-417-6444, Rosa Gutierrez, and leave a message with your name and number. I will call you back. Thank you in advance for your support. Any religious education personnel who is interested please call me as well.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*
UPCOMING EVENTS**

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 167 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **Because of your generosity we have reached our goal!** We are currently at \$41,565.57 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little; give a lot; but please give something! Remember anything over goal is shared with your parish.

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>

Come, join the **NEWARK ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BECOME A PILGRIM FOR A DAY!** The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a one-day pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The pilgrimage will take place under the leadership of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Buses will leave from local parish churches and return the same day. The feature of the day will be a rosary devotion and concelebrated Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine. Plan now to be part of this Archdiocesan act of love and devotion in honor of Mary, Mother of the Church. Sign up with your parish promoter as soon as possible. The parish pilgrimage promoter at our parish is Anna Giella (201) 265-9435 or Father David.

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: _____



GARDEN STATE AUTO BODY
201-385-5155

**Please remember to patronize,
 who help make this bulletin possible**



In conjunction with the *Feast of St. Francis* we will be collecting donations for local shelters to help feed, shelter and stimulate animals waiting to find their forever homes. The following is a list of items which various shelters have need for. If you would like to give a gift card or cash instead, please hand it to one of our priests rather than leave it in the box. Your continued support of our Ministry is greatly appreciated, as always. Let's help these poor animals which God has given us a companions to be happy and safe until they find their permanent homes! Nutro Lamb & Rice Dog Food, Pro-Plan Cat Food (wet or dry), Purina Dry Indoor food for cats & for kittens, Natural Balance LID for Dogs (wet & dry), Tennis Balls, Kong toys for dog, Cat Toys (no feathers or sticks), Paper Towels, Small Pet Beds, Envelopes, Cat Carriers (hard), Postage Stamps, Bleach, Cat treats (made in USA please), Dog treats (made in USA please, and no rawhide), Laundry Detergent, Fabuloso cleaner, Clean sheets, blankets, towels, pillows. Any brand of dry food is accepted to feed feral (outdoor) cats during the cold winter months.

PLEASE REMIND ANYONE COMING TO THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ON OCTOBER 4TH TO BRING A DONATION FOR THE ANIMALS IN NEED. THANK YOU!

God bless you for your generosity to God's loving creatures!

**PARISH SPONSORED
 HOLIDAY TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC**

Ascension Parish will sponsor a 3 day Holiday trip to Washington, DC from Friday Dec. 13-Sunday December 15, 2019. The price of \$549 per person (dbl. occ.) \$650 (single occ.) includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 full course dinners, visit to the White House Center, VIP tour of the White House (based on availability), the US Botanic Garden, "A Christmas Carol" at the Ford Theatre, visit to the Bible Museum, visit to the Memorials & Monuments, Pageant of Peace in Ellipse Park (see the National Christmas Tree and 56 smaller trees, etc.), Candle Light tour of George Washington's Mt. Vernon where we will witness the Christmas festivities of the 18th Century, Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, downtown holiday market, drive by Embassy Row and Washington's National Cathedral, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities and motorcoach transportation. A \$100 deposit will hold your reservation which is due by Oct. 1st. Balance due Nov. 1st. For info. and reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)3872632. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended.

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
 FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – OCTOBER 21st**

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.

- JAM-CANNED PEARS-MUSHROOMS-BEETS-APPLE SAUCE
- TEA-COFFEE-FLOUR-HOT COCOA-JELL-O-MUFFIN MIX
- RICE CRISPIES-RAISIN BRAN-MANDARIN ORANGES
- MIXED VEGETABLES-CHICKEN GRAVY-MUSTARD
- BEEF BROTH-LENTIL SOUP-CHICKEN BROTH-CRACKERS
- RAISINS-GRATED CHEESE-COOKIES-APPLE JUICE
- KETCHUP-EGG NOODLES-CRANBERRY JUICE-BATH SOAP
- PAPER TOWELS-TISSUES-NAPKINS-TOOTHPASTE
- BATH TISSUE-TOOTHBRUSHES-LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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