

# 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

### **Weekend Assistant**

Rev. Tim Graff

### **Director of Music**

Glenn Gordon

### **Parish Trustees**

Christopher Cudina

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### **Religious Education Center**

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 20, 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.



### **PASTORAL CENTER**

#### **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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

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Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 20, 2019**

5:30 Annabelle Vazzano  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 John Montecuoello  
11:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli

**Monday, October 21, 2019**

7:00 Natividad Pereira  
8:30 Josephine Lynch

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

7:00 Nilda M. Redablado  
8:30 Robert Mozia

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

7:00 Mary Zadroga  
8:30 Richard Thomas

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

7:00 Nilda Redoblado  
8:30 Andres S. Villaluna

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

7:00 Freya (L) & John Delaney  
8:30 Andres S. Villaluna

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

8:30 Ellen Delaney  
5:30 Luis Mendoza

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 27, 2019**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Maureen & Thomas Meyer  
11:30 Jack & Elise Boylon

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

October 14, 2018: \$5,070.50  
October 13, 2019: \$4,587.00  
Food Pantry: \$1,174.00

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

**Reading for Sunday October 27, 2019**

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



I think that **persistence** is the hardest part of faith for us who are believers in Jesus Christ. Perhaps that is why Jesus praised the persistent woman in the gospel today, who finally wore down the dishonest judge. Christians can certainly tire of “taking the high road,” making sure our choices are Jesus-centered... or keeping hopeful in spite of tragedy and sadness in everyday life. This is where “it takes a village to raise a Christian”. By “village” I mean the rest of the Christian community. Once we have made the first choice to follow Jesus, we need other believers at our side, struggling along with us, persisting in helping each other to “walk the walk” with integrity

One woman said she never realized how real the community could be until she had a major surgery. She said, “I was so overwhelmed with gratitude that the two doctors, the Surgical Nurse Practitioner, and the four surgical nurses had persisted through many sacrifices, no doubt, to attain their skills. And, somehow, here we were, all of our paths intersecting in this operating room, at this particular moment in history, so that I could be healed!”

Maybe the most striking part of our gospel today is the last sentence: “When the Son of Man returns, will he find faith on earth?” What a challenging question for us. Hopefully, Jesus will find us, doing our best, holding each other up with our arms and our prayers, and hanging in there together—persistent to the end!

✠ This weekend we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. It comes as a reminder of what missionaries do. They work in many fields including education, healthcare, orphanages, pastoral care, spiritual education, administration and formation of seminarians and novices. The work of missionaries is a vital element in protecting human rights and religious freedom in countries suffering oppression and injustice. Missionaries also work in projects that make the difference between life and death in many countries by providing basic necessities — food, clothing, healthcare, shelter and education. What do missionaries do? They show their people how God cares for them right here, right now.

Jesus challenges us to get the message of life out to the entire world. Jesus’ shocking new “mission statement” transforms the very concept of leadership: be servants to each other. Leadership which flows from Jesus’ humility and denial of self is called “servant leadership”. It is leading by using our power with and for others, not power over them.

How do we “make disciples of all nations” using servant leadership? Feeding, clothing, giving shelter to the poor must first flow “from a profound act of divine love...” We are not just consumers of Christ’s love and peace—we are real partners in Jesus’ redemption...each one of us is a missionary!

What does it really mean for US to be missionaries? First, to be curious about what mission God is giving us; then to listen to what God is placing in our hearts, and to take a few steps in that direction!

Our faith challenges us to look to the example of our missionaries and offer the precious gift of Jesus’ life to so many peoples throughout the entire world. On this **World Mission Sunday** may our prayers and our monetary offerings help our missionaries to be the gift of Jesus, the Good News, to the world.

✠ October is **Respect Life Month** and the **month of our Blessed Mother**. I call your attention to some excellent opportunities for us as Catholics to honor Mary, the Mother of our God of Life. We pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church. During the entire month we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish “**Giving Crib**”, on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month.

✠ Please join us on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, for the Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The cost for the bus is only \$25.00 per person. Further information is in the bulletin.

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

*P. David*



**Halloween Party**

The Transfiguration Academy Home/School Association Halloween Party will be held on Friday, October 25 at 6:30 PM in Conlon Hall. All children are invited to attend and tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. For more information call the school office, 201-384-3627.

Transfiguration Academy, serving students in grades PreK 2+ through grade 8, is a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools.

**MEMORIAL MASS**

The Knights of Columbus Council 3813 Memorial Mass for deceased brothers, sisters and family members. **Thursday, November 7, 2019** at 7:30pm. Coogan Hall, 199 River Road, New Milford. Mass will be celebrated by our Chaplain, Rev. David Milliken. All members, family and friends of Ascension and St. Joseph Parishes are welcome. Refreshments will be served after Mass.



**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: \_\_\_\_\_



**DON BOSCO PREP**  
**FALL OPEN HOUSE OCT. 27**  
**201-327-8003**

Please remember to patronize,  
 who help make this bulletin possible

**Calendar:**

- Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> -- 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
- Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> --7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> -- 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

All Families are asked to help support our "Respect Life" Baby Shower going on all month long. Please bring your donations in to the Church and place them in the crib on the right hand side of the Church. Thank you for your support.

**Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace:**

The children of our parish have begun the preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The children will learn about God's saving love and the forgiveness that comes to us through Baptism. All parishioners re asked to reflect on our baptismal call to forgive others. Please pray for these children as they begin their preparation.



**Please note our hours for classes.**

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

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

Parents are reminded to PARK BEHIND THE SCHOOL AND NOT TO THE SIDE>

**Volunteers Needed:**

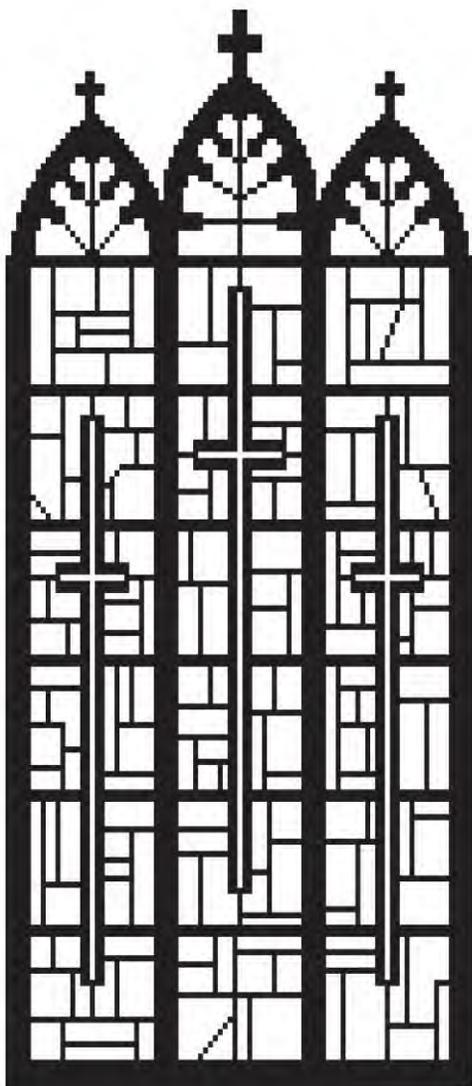
- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2019-2020 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- † Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college 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

**OCTOBER 20, 2019**

*Church of the Ascension  
256 Azalea Drive  
New Milford, New Jersey*



Dear Friend,

We, of Ascension Parish, feel that it is important for us to remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those persons who have touched our lives and whose presence we miss.

On Friday, November 1, 2019, as we celebrate All Saints Day, at the 7:30pm Mass, we will anticipate the Feast of All Souls, with our annual **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE** for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (Nov. 2, 2018-Nov. 1, 2019).

We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2019 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

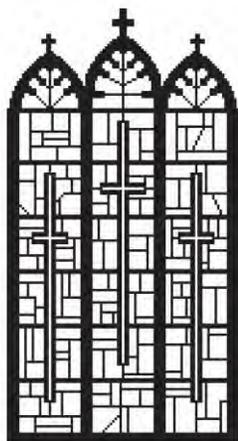
We look forward to being with you on Friday, November 1.

In the Lord's Peace,

Fr. David and Your Ascension Parish Family

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## *Annual Prayer of Remembrance*



*My Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone Number* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of Loved One* \_\_\_\_\_

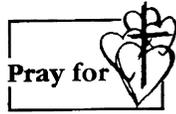
*Relationship to Me* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date of Death in 2018-19* \_\_\_\_\_

*Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance*

*Please, we must have this completed card by October 28<sup>th</sup>.*



**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*“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 Kloeblen, 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, 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.

*“a time to die...”*  
**Aida Iris Rodriguez**

*and a time for every purpose under heaven”*  
Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
burns this week in loving memory of  
**James & Annie Kate Cassidy**



**ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week are  
in loving Memory of  
**Elsie & John Dahl**

**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

**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.



**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

**World Mission Sunday**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30 – Chapel, PC  
Religious Education 1-6<sup>th</sup> Grade - 10:45am

**Monday, October 21, 2019**

Food Pantry Distribution  
Rel. Ed. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 7:00pm – School  
CFM – 7:00pm – Gathering Room, PC  
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room, PC

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

Harrison House  
Rel. Ed. 9 Grade – 7:00pm – School/Lib  
Confirmation Prep.  
Novena – 7:30pm – Church  
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.  
Filipino Core. Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room, PC

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

No events

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

No events

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC**  
Confessions – 11:00am – Church  
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm - Church

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30 – Chapel, PC  
Religious Education 1-6<sup>th</sup> Grade - 10:45am



**PARISH EVENTS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE PARISH CENTER GATHERING ROOM  
“NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!”**



**BUS TRIP TO RESORTS WORLD CATSKILL CASINO**

Our Parish will sponsor a trip to Resorts World Catskill Casino, Monticello, NY On **Thursday Nov. 7th, 2019**. The cost of \$30 per person includes \$25 play and \$15 food voucher. The bus will leave Ascension Church parking lot at 9:30AM. You must have ID to get a promotions card or bonus money. Please fill in the form below and drop off at Parish Center. For further info. call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**# OF PEOPLE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_  
**AMT. ENCL.** \_\_\_\_\_



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 170 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 \$42,590.57 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>



**RESPECT LIFE**

To show our respect for life, during the entire month of October we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "Giving Crib", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month. Please put monetary donations in envelope marked "Respect Life" in collection basket of give to Fr. 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)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50</b>
	<b>(per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
 FYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*  
 UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)**

**NEWARK ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. Leaves from Ascension Parish and returns same day. Registration forms in Parish Office or on Parish Website. Please see for complete details and return to Office by Monday, October 21.

**HARRISON HOUSE**

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2019!

**Help is needed for 2020...**We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2020. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or Mary Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.

**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.

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY  
 FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

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.**

