

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 10, 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.



PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

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

RECTORY

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time,
November 10, 2019**

5:30 All Souls
7:30 Eufrocima Lazaro
9:30 Consuelo Calleja
11:30 Peter Buckley

Monday, November 11, 2019

7:00 All Souls
8:30 Christopher & Amalia Aldea

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

7:00 People of Ascension Parish
8:30 All Souls

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

7:00 All Souls
8:30 Richard Thomas

Thursday, November 14, 2019

7:00 Erlinda Habana (L) Birthday
8:30 Maureen & Thomas Meyer

Friday, November 15, 2019

7:00 Archbishop Patrick Delaney
8:30 Lai Fong Eng

Saturday, November 16, 2019

8:30 John Coringrato
5:30 Arthur Sofia

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time,
November 17, 2019**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Mary Karwoski
11:30 Juanita Santiago

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

November 4, 2018: \$5,575.00
November 3, 2019: \$5,621.00
All Saints': \$1,564.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$2,954.00

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

**Reading for Sunday
November 17, 2019**

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2
Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

In a way, Jesus had some good news and some bad news for the Sadducees in the gospel today. They were the religious group who didn't believe in resurrection after death. So Jesus' good news for them is, "Guess what? YES, there IS an afterlife." But the bad news from their perspective would probably be—there's no marriage in heaven!

But that is only followed by Jesus' even better news, that something even more wonderful than marriage awaits us in the afterlife. This is hard to believe for anyone who says, "What could be better than being with my sweetie?"

The energy and living vitality of the love we give and receive here will become "the substance of things hoped for" in the afterlife. And I believe we will share in all of the love relationships which have been the substance of life for millions of others. We will finally experience love from the eye-witness perspective of every plant, animal, and person who has received or given love in their lifetime.

I cannot begin to describe what that will feel like—a million nuclear explosions, times a million, maybe? Perhaps that is why every painter has given us a different view, every poet can only take on expressing a small sliver of that reality. And every believer has only their hope, and the love they give in everyday life, to rely upon.

This is why no expression of love is too small. No giving of love by any creature ever goes unnoticed by God. And no moment of love ever dies. That is why we know there is an amazing afterlife. Marriage will pale by comparison.

Please remember these upcoming November Parish events:

✠ November is here. Please remember these upcoming November Parish events:

◆ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on Sunday, November 24th from 7:00am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.

◆ **Interfaith Thanksgiving** on Sunday, November 24th here at Ascension Church at 4pm

◆ **Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30am**

◆ **Parish Advent Giving Tree** on Saturday, November 30th and Sunday, December 1st at all Masses

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

Pr. David



Congratulations to the Transfiguration Academy 8th Grade students who participated in the annual St. Joseph Regional High School Academic Competition with 19 other Catholic grammar schools. Uma Nath placed 1st in Mathematics; Amy Kim placed 1st in Art; and Caroline Tharakan placed 3rd in English. The entire team won 3rd place in the overall competition.

Transfiguration Academy's **2020 Alumni Mass and Brunch** will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 beginning with the 12 Noon Mass at St. John's Church with brunch following in Conlon Hall. This event will honor Sr. Madeline Mary Hanson's many years of service to our community as well as the memory of 2013 alumna Charli Roberts. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by visiting

<http://www.transfigurationacademy.org/tfa/Alumni/>
Donations to the Sr. Trinity Fund which provides scholarships to defray the cost of attending Transfiguration can also be made at this site.

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.



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, November 10th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

Monday, November 11th-7th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, November 13th - 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, November 17th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (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 invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace: This week our parish children preparing for First Reconciliation will discuss moral choices and how they can begin to know the difference between right and wrong choices. All of us are invited to think about our own moral choices and how we make them. What advice would you give to our First Reconciliation children? Please continue to pray for them on the journey to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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 - Parish Center

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

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



*We Need Your Help...
with refreshments
for the reception following
the 44th Annual
New Milford Community
Interfaith Thanksgiving
Church of the Ascension
Sunday, November 24, 2019
4:00 P.M.*

(Detach and Return by 11/18/19)

Refreshments for Interfaith Thanksgiving

(Return by Monday, November 18, 2019)

Name _____ Phone _____

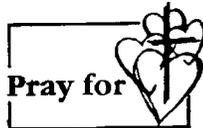
I/We will bring ___ sandwiches ___ fruit salad ___ regular salad
___ cheese and crackers ___ vegetable and dip

Desserts: ___ cookies ___ brownies ___ pie ___ cake ___ other

Beverages: ___ water ___ Iced Tea ___ Soda ___ other

Questions? Call Josie 201-265-0485 or Anna 201 387-2632

THIRTY-SECOND 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 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, 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, Sr.A 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..."

James Burke

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
Brian and Regina McCann

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one of 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 Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.



Sunday, November 10, 2019

Archdiocese for the Military

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30 – Chapel, PC
Religious Education 1-6th Grade - 10:45am



Monday, November 11, 2019

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

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

No events

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Rel. Ed. 9 Grade – 7:00pm – School
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center
Filipino Core. Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room, PC

Thursday, November 14, 2019

No events

Friday, November 15, 2019

No events

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Parish Trip to Atlantic City
Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Children's Choir – 4:15pm - Church

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Food Pantry Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30 – Chapel, PC
Religious Education 1-6th Grade - 10:45am
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

"Look at all the Food"

How often have we heard those words as we look at the abundance on our Thanksgiving table? Many people lack food as well as a table to gather around. Please help Catholic Charities to feed the hungry as well as provide other corporal works of mercy by donating to the clothing bin on the Church property. Thank you



DOOR COLLECTION – The Little Sisters of the Poor are committed to preserving the original charism of their Foundress Saint Jeanne Jugan, by giving happiness to the elderly and meeting their needs at their St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa. This year the Little Sisters are celebrating their 150th year of coming to the United States. They will be at our Parish **next weekend, Nov. 16-17, 2019**, to ask for our assistance with their important work. Please prayerfully consider your support.

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 171 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 \$42,990.57 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>



FUNERAL ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. Please call the parish office at 201-836-8961 or speak with Father David if you are able to help.

**DON'T NEED YOUR FREE SHOP-RITE TURKEY?
DONATE IT TO THE ASCENSION TURKEY DRIVE**

This year Shop-Rite New Milford has agreed to hold any turkeys for us that are donated by shoppers who have earned them but don't need them. For our parishioners they have agreed to give us the free turkeys if we simply give them the Price Plus card number involved. This way, there is no need for you to pick up the turkey and bring it to us. Simply e-mail ascension@optonline.net or drop off your Price Plus Card # (to parish office with this article) once you have earned your free turkey. What could be easier? As always, we thank you for your continued support of this most important ministry to the poor. Please do not call the parish office with #'s.

MY # IS:

WOODCREST MINISTERS NEEDED

On the first Tuesday of each month Mass is celebrated (at 2:30pm) for the residents at Woodcrest Center in New Milford. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Father David or call the parish office at 201-836-8961.

CAN YOU HELP?

Many hands make light work. We are currently in desperate need of Sacristans to launder Altar linens (purificators & corporals) used for daily & Sunday mass. If you would like to help please contact the parish office (201-836-8961) or speak with Fr. David. Thank you.

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: _____



**Please remember to patronize
who help make this bulletin possible,
SHAW'S LOCK & DOOR SERVICE
201-387-0021**

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – NOVEMBER 24TH

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-MUSHROOMS-APPLE SAUCE-CANNED WHITE POTATOES HOT COCOA-JELL-O-CAKE ICING-INSTANT TURKEY STUFFING-LENTIL SOUP-INSTANT FLAVORED POTATOES-PANCAKE MIX-RAISINS-GRATED CHEESE-SALAD DRESSING-GRAPE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE-INSTANT MASHED POTATOES-OLIVES**

TURKEY GRAVY-BATH TISSUE-CONDITIONER

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

Child and Youth Protection -How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who need to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

