

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.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020

+ 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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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020

- 5:30 Hieu "Hugh" Nguyen
7:30 Timothy Cronin
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Mario & Renn Reyes (L)

Monday, January 20, 2020

- 7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Enrique & Mary Blanco, Anniv. (L)

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

- 7:00 Rev. John P. McGovern
8:30 Consuelo Mendoza

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

- 7:00 Florence Madlambayan
8:30 Braden DeMartin

Thursday, January 23, 2020

- 7:00 Filemone Cambod
8:30 Phyllis & John Sullivan (L)

Friday, January 24, 2020

- 7:00 Chris Bowers, Healing (L)
8:30 Joan Stusnick

Saturday, January 25, 2020

- 8:30 George & Dorothy Schaeffer
5:30 Rose Carbone

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Emillana Guce
11:30 Christina & Francisco Tababan

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

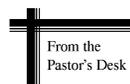
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

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| January 13, 2019: | \$5,266.00 |
| January 12 2020: | \$5,867.00 |
| Communicating God's Word: | \$1,378.00 |

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

Reading for Sunday January 26, 2020

Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor
1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Have you ever had trouble recognizing someone on the street whom you actually know very well? Well, today is about recognizing the authentic Son of God. We can't imagine how eagerly, anxiously, the many generations the Chosen People, the Jews, had been waiting for their Messiah to make his appearance. "When is the Messiah coming? Who will he be? How long must we wait, O Lord?"

Today, John tells us (twice!) that even he didn't recognize Jesus! God had to tell him, "**When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit.**" Once John saw the dove descending on Jesus' head, he could say with conviction, "Now I have seen for myself and have testified, 'This is God's chosen One.'"

It is crucial that we imitate John, because if we are really Christians, we will want to show the authentic Jesus to the world—not some imitation that comes from our own ego or desire to be appreciated. It is easy to call ourselves Christian. But authenticity is what makes a relationship real.

We must also guard against treating religion as our private club, as the Pharisees did. Sadly, many Christians act as if faith in Jesus Christ takes away their sins only. But the Lamb of God "takes away the sin OF THE WORLD." That is why the revelation of Jesus shocked the Jews: God says, "It's not enough for Jesus to restore Israel; I'm giving Jesus 'as a light to all the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'" Let us have pure humility and a quiet spirit of service, so that the light that shines from us is not our own, but is the authentic light of Jesus to all the nations!

✠ A very special **Thank You** to our Filipino community for the 11th joyous annual Santo Nino Festival in Ascension last Sunday. We all appreciate your keeping this beautiful tradition alive in our parish. It is a wonderful reminder to us to continue reflecting on the mystery of the Incarnation which we have celebrated during the Christmas season.

✠ Thank you so much to our parishioners who helped to take down the Christmas decorations. Your help is always much appreciated. Again, thank you to all who made the Christmas Season at Ascension so special!

Remember...while we have taken down these special reminders of Christmas, may we keep the spirit of this beautiful season alive in our hearts and in our lives all year long!

✠ On Wednesday, January 22nd, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, **Roe vs. Wade** (1973) we will celebrate a "day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life" (USCCB, 2000).

After the 8:30am Mass we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and share in a Holy Hour which will conclude with Benediction at 10am. Please come and join us.

✠ The **2020 Annual Appeal** has begun. By now, you may have received a letter from Cardinal Tobin inviting you to make a gift to the Appeal. I encourage all of you to look it over and prayerfully consider making a pledge. This weekend we will see the video for the 2020 Annual Appeal.

If you have not received a letter in the mail, I encourage you to pick up a brochure at the back of church. In the coming weeks, we will be holding a special collection for the Annual Appeal. Thank you for your support.

✠ Next weekend Fr. Nee will be with us at all Masses to remind us of the ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach.

Also, we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a very expensive item on our budget and we don't know how many more storms we will have...so I ask that each parishioner family be as generous as your means allow.

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

Fr. David



January 19, 2020 Bulletin

Transfiguration Academy will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. On this day, we will be hosting all of the Bergenfield elementary school students in Conlon Hall involved in the **“MLK Day: Changing Bergenfield One Community Service at a Time”** program. Student volunteers from grades 3 through 5 will assemble “First Night Kits” for the Jersey Cares Program.

On Friday, January 24th, 8th grade students will be joining St. John’s parishioners for the 46th Annual Right to Life March in Washington D.C.

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.



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 Parish Office (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: _____



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



Calendar:

- Sunday, January 19th –1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
- Monday, January 20th –No Religious Education
- Wednesday, January 22nd–9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, January 26th –1st thru 6th 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 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

Reminder:

There is a **Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student** meeting on **January 27, 2020** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents in 8th grade are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2021.**

When your child/ren are going to be absent from class you must call the Religious Education office and let us know. We will call the home is you do not call us, so PLEASE make sure you have a working home or cell number that we can contact you especially in the event of an emergency.

Volunteers Needed:

- † 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



OUR PARISH OFFICES HAVE MOVED TO THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US AT OUR NEW LOCATION FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY.



SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

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2020 ANNUAL APPEAL AREAS OF SUPPORT

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| Proclaiming the Gospel | \$1 Million |
| Passing on the Faith | \$2.9 Million |
| Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable | \$2.3 Million |
| Forming Future Priests and Supporting Retired Clergy | \$2.1 Million |
| TOTAL 2020 AA GOAL | \$8.3 MILLION |



Your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal supports essential programs and ministries including:

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

- African American Apostolate
- Hispanic Apostolate
- Charismatic Communities
- Family Life Office
- Haitian Apostolate
- Ministry For Ethnic Apostolate
- International Missions
- Multi-Cultural Concerns
- Women's and Men's Commission

PASSING ON THE FAITH

- Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Catechetical Office
- Campus Ministry and affiliated Colleges & Universities

CARING FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

- Catholic Charities
- Hospital and Prison Chaplaincy
- Ministry With Persons With Disabilities
- Respect Life Office

FORMING FUTURE PRIESTS AND SUPPORTING RETIRED CLERGY

- Continuing Education and Formation for Priests
- Seminarian Education
- Priest Health Care

VISIT RCAN.ORG/SHARING TO MAKE A GIFT TODAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...”

“a time to be born...”
Victoria Ann Sta. Maria

“a time to be healed...”
Al Suter, 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, 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., Yokosuka, Japan, 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.

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



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



ALTAR FLOWERS for this week
Donated in Thanksgiving
By Renn Reyes



Sunday, January 19, 2020

Social Concerns Sunday

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

Monday, January 20, 2020

Martin Luther King Jr.
Food Pantry Distribution
NO Religious Education Grades 7 & 8 – 7:00pm
CFM – 7:30pm – Gathering Room/PC
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

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

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Day of Penance and Prayer for Preservation of Life
8:30am Mass, Exposition, Holy Hour for Life, Benediction
Harrison House
Religious Education Confirmation Prep. – 7:00pm
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Thursday, January 23, 2020

No events

Friday, January 24, 2020

No events

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Confession – 11:00am – Church
Children’s choir – 4:15pm - Church

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Snow Removal

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



PARISH EVENTS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020
7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM
“NEW MEMBERS WELCOME”



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR
SNOW REMOVAL – JANUARY 25 & 26**
Next Weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. So far our cost for snow removal and salting of lots & walk-ways is over **\$4,000.00**. So we ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **Thank you!**

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.

Please Notice This



Our monthly food pantry envelope has been changed to Social Concerns/Charity Fund. This monthly envelope will provide money not only for our food pantry but also for other charitable donations from our parish.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Father Nee of CCO will be visiting our parish *next weekend* to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. CCO was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



“Dear Parishioners of Ascension Church,
On behalf of our guests and community, we would like to thank you for your donation on December 18th of new items: socks, undergarments, tee shirts and winter clothing items. As the weather gets colder, and we are seeing more people coming to our shelter, these items will enable us to provide for our guests. Your compassion, continued generosity and community service supports the Center and its guests in the daily effort toward rebuilding lives and regaining hope. If in the future you would like to inquire about our most needed items, volunteer opportunities, or to learn more about how you can donate to the Jerome S. Some Memorial Fund, our vocational program that assists the homeless in obtaining gainful employment, please contact the center at 201-336-6491.

Respectfully,
Julia Orlando
Director
Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center”



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 20th



**FEED THE
HELP HUNGRY**

FOOD DISTRIBUTION – JANUARY 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.

- PAPER TOWELS-BATHROOM TISSUE**
- NAPKINS-TISSUES**
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-DEODORANT-BATH SOAP**
- TOOTHPASTE-TOOTHBRUSHES-**
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT**
- PERSONAL CARE ITEMS**

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



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: _____



**A LAUNDRY CHUTE
201-262-WASH (9274)**

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