

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 Parish Office. 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 Parish Office 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 Parish Office if someone from your family is in the hospital and wishes a priest to visit.

WEDDINGS:

Please make arrangements at the Parish Office with one of the priests of the parish one year in advance.



The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 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.

PARISH CENTER/RECTORY

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Presentation of the Lord, February 2

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 Lori Nemitz
 9:30 Delfina & John Duarte
 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, February 3, 2020

7:00 Janet Cronin
 8:30 Chris Bowers, Healing (L)

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

7:00 In Thanksgiving for a healing for Danny
 8:30 Robert Wright

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

7:00 John O'Shea, Healing (L)
 8:30 Luisa Garcia

Thursday, February 6, 2020

7:00 Remedios Macalalad
 8:30 Julio Gutierrez

Friday, February 7, 2020

7:00 Consuelo Calleja
 8:30 Jonathan Prudencio

Saturday, February 8, 2020

8:30 Benny Santiago
 5:30 Arsenio Marcelo

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 2, 2020

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:30 Andres Calleja
 11:30 Maria Conidi

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

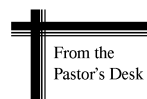
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

January 27, 2019: \$5,879.00
January 20, 2020: \$4,411.00
Snow Removal: \$1,783.00

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

Reading for Sunday February 9, 2020

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



Formerly, today's feast was known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and focused on Mary's fulfilling the requirement of the Jewish ritual purification after childbirth. Now we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. The focus is on Jesus and is a kind of epiphany. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, the Gentiles. Today Jesus is presented in the Temple, he is manifested to his own people.

Statues and pictures of Jesus can make him seem unapproachable. We've seen the icon of the Last Judgment as the Son of Man calls sinners to justice. We've seen Jesus portrayed as the king whose decisions about our eternal destinies are sealed by his final and unchanging word. We've even seen Jesus as a baby held by his loving mother so often that we can forget that he ever grew up!

Jesus is our "intercessor." It all happens through him and with him and in him. Holy men and women who have gone before us help us on our journeys through life. People relate to St. Anthony or "the Little Flower" or "Mother Theresa." They feel their compassion and help in time of need. Mary has been honored, and rightly so, as a model "intercessor." As a mother, she cares for the poor and the lowly; she is always approachable and she never turns away from her child, regardless of what traps or confounds them. But Simeon sees fulfillment in a baby. Through the Spirit, Simeon sees the completion of God's promises to his people—a "light of revelation to the nations."

As a "revelation to the nations," Jesus reveals God's mystery and purpose for all of humanity. The mystery of the Incarnation consecrates human life. A child grows to appreciate the value of human love through the experience of being in a family. A spouse grows in love through the challenges and blessings that marriage affords over a lifetime. A Church "happens" as men and women are challenged to come together with people they have not chosen as friends and yet know that, in loving the other, they come to know more about what their love of God really means.

Just as gifts of bread and wine change at the consecration of the Mass to become Christ's Body given and his Blood poured out, so are we consecrated in communion with him to become one Spirit in Christ. God will be at work outside these church doors to make his love and compassion manifest. To be human, in Jesus, calls forth the best of humanity, formed and nurtured in the divinity of grace.

✠ **Feast of St. Blaise...Blessing of Throats...**In memory of St. Blaise we will bless throats at 7am and 8:30am Masses on Monday, February 3rd.

✠ Married Couples of Ascension Parish celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, 5 year multiples, and all married couples 50 years and more in 2020 are invited to celebrate our annual **Marriage Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, February 16th at the 11:30am Mass. A reception will follow in the Fr. Benedict Center. Please fill out and return the response form in the bulletin as soon as possible. (Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Feb. 9th.)

✠ Our Ascension Boy Scout Troop 291 will sponsor a Parish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 1st, from 8am to 12 Noon in the Fr. Benedict Center. You may purchase tickets at the door. Please, come over, share breakfast together, and support their efforts.

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

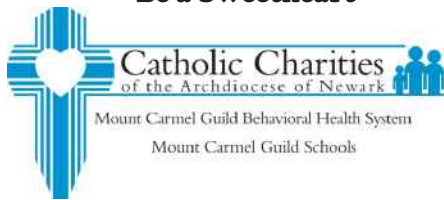
P. David



The best way to experience Transfiguration is to be a **Tiger for a Day**. Any interested student in grades K-7 is invited to spend the day with us. Contact the school office, 201-384-3627 for more information.

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.

Be a Sweetheart



What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? Would you be willing to take few moments and look in your closet today? The Catholic Charities Donation Bin accepts clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, knickknacks, and Children's books. Thank you with all our heart.



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: _____



Calendar:

Sunday, February 2nd –1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
 Monday, February 3rd –7th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, February 5th–9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Sunday, February 9th –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 1st Eucharist Parent** meeting on **February 9, 2020** at 10:45 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-Purpose Room. **One parent is required to attend.** Please know that both are more than welcome.

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 if 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 – 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



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

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Marriage Anniversary Liturgy

2020



*Church of the Ascension
will once again honor couples in our parish
who celebrate*

*a Wedding Anniversary
in a multiple of 5 years in 2020*

*(1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., and
any anniversary 50 years and over).*

*A special Marriage Anniversary Mass
will be celebrated on*

Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 11:30am.

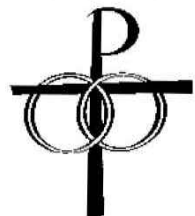
*A reception will follow
in the Fr. Benedict Center.*



*If you wish to celebrate with us, please fill out and return the form below
to the Parish Center no later than Sunday, February 9, 2020*



*Church of the Ascension
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy
Sunday, February 16, 2020*



Name _____ Phone _____

Anniversary celebrated in 2020: _____ Anniversary Date: _____

Number of persons attending reception: _____

Please return this form to the Parish Center no later than Sunday, February 9, 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



"To everything there is a season..."

"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
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.



SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 2, 2020 * Groundhog Day

Presentation of the Lord

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Chapel/PC

Religious Education – 10:45am – 1-6 Grade

Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room/PC

Feast of St. Blaise * Monday, February 3, 2020

Blessing of throats at 7:00am & 8:30am Masses

Religious Education Grades 7 & 8 – 7:00pm

CFM – 7:30pm – Gathering Room/PC

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Ministry of Service – 7:00pm – Gathering Rm/PC

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Religious Education Confirmation Prep. – 7:00pm

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Filipino Core Meeting – 8:00pm – Gathering Room/PC

Thursday, February 6, 2020

No events

First Friday, February 7, 2020

Communion visits to homebound

Finance Council & Building & Grounds – 7:30pm – PCtr.

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Confession – 11:00am – Church

Children's choir – 4:15pm – Church

Lenten Group Sign-Up

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Fuel Collection

Lenten Group Sign-Up

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Chapel/PC

Religious Education – 10:45am – 1-6 Grade

First Eucharist Parent Meeting – 10:45am



Meetings

MINISTRY OF SERVICE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 7:00PM
IN THE PARISH CENTER GATHERING ROOM

FINANCE COUNCIL
BUILDING & GROUNDS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 7:30PM
IN THE PARISH CENTER GATHERING ROOM

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 parish office to check availability.

Blessing
of
Throats

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

On Monday, February 3rd, we will commemorate the Feast of St. Blaise with the traditional blessing of throats at our morning Masses.

“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other evil.”



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



SUNDAY*FEBRUARY 2ND

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – FEBRUARY 17th**

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-TOOTHPASTE

LAUNDRY DETERGENT-PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

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



Please patronize
our advertisers.
They help us GROW.

**BOULEVARD FUNERAL HOME & Cremation Service
201-692-0100**

Please remember to patronize,
who help make this bulletin possible

A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL TOBIN

“Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The physical and mental health of the Archbishop emeritus John Joseph Myers has suffered a serious decline.

After a recent visit with his family in central Illinois, Archbishop Myers decided to remain in the region of his birth where he is receiving specialized care and can be visited by his family as well as the clergy of the Diocese of Peoria.

I ask all the faithful in our Archdiocese to pray for Archbishop Myers that the mercy of God comfort and strengthen him in this moment of fragility. If you would like to write to him, his address is:

Pleasant View
505 College Avenue
Ottawa, IL 61350

The Archdiocese has begun preparation for the sale of his retirement residence in Hunterdon County. After members of his family have collected his personal possessions, the home and property will be sold and the funds will be returned to the Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.”

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S & MEN’S COMMISSIONS

Men’s Conference is Saturday, February 29, 2020, at Seton Hall University. Women’s Commission Day of Reflection is Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Seton Hall University. www.rcan.org/mens-commission Men or for Women at www.rcan.org/womenscommission. For complete information.



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 parish 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: _____