

# Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

**Pastor**  
Rev. David W. Milliken

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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.



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 3, 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 July & August

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 7:45 a.m.



**RECTORY**  
**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)

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 3, 2019**

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Doris Piro

11:30 Robert Figueroa

**Monday, February 4, 2019**

7:00 Theresa Coll

8:30 Burd Larry

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

7:00 Allan Beres

8:30 Luisa Garcia

**Wednesday, February 6, 2019**

7:00 Mai Cronin

8:30 The Porzl Family (L)

**Thursday, February 7, 2019**

7:00 Maria Natale

8:30 Steven Nienstedt

**Friday, February 8, 2019**

7:00 John Duarte

8:30 Dolly & Chet Shipley

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

8:30 Andres Colleja

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 10, 2019**

7:30 James Zadroga

9:30 Jim Reynolds

11:30 Margaret & Maureen Tenney

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

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

January 28, 2018: \$4,662.00

January 27, 2019: \$5,879.00

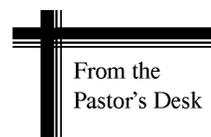
Communicating God's Word: \$ 901.00

Snow Removal: \$1,264.00

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

**Reading for Sunday  
February 10, 2019**

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8  
[1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



Each of us is called by God to be a presence of love in the world. Loving should be at the heart of our lives. But there are some things that can prevent us from bringing our love to others. One such thing is fear. We are often afraid to give our love because we are afraid of the consequences. Love can cost us dearly. Love can open us to being hurt by others who might reject us, criticize us, judge us, try to possess us, or just ignore us.

Our first task must be to overcome this fear of loving. In one single life we travel down so many different and unique paths. On most of these paths we find ourselves involved with all kinds of people. We are called by God to love every single one of these brothers and sisters who may cross our path—some people only for a few moments or hours, others for a few days, and others who will be part of our lives for the rest of our time on earth. We are called to give our love to all of them. We do not get to choose whom we are going to love, because God calls us to love everyone.

We so need to expand the circle of our love so that it excludes no one. In other words, we need to love as Jesus loved. He loved all and forgave all. “Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” If during our life we continue to expand the circle of those whom we love, then no matter what else we may have done or not done with our lives, when we come to the end of our days, we will have lived a full and beautiful life.

Remember that the Crucifixion of Jesus began here—with people’s refusal to love the “weird” stranger, the outcast. Bottom line: Be Jesus toward people whose opinion isn’t yours.

✘ This weekend is the **last chance** for Married Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5 year multiples in 2019 to sign up for our annual **Marriage Anniversary Mass** next Sunday, February 10th at the 11:30am Mass and reception. If you plan to celebrate with us, please fill out and return the response form today.

✘ This Sunday our Boy Scouts will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast in the Fr. Benedict Center from 8am to 1pm.

✘ This weekend we begin the **Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal for 2019**. Thank you to our parish families who contributed to the 2018 Appeal. We surpassed our goal and I am indeed proud of all who chose to help the neediest of our Archdiocese. Our 2019 goal is \$39,161.00. Please read further in the bulletin for information on the 2019 Appeal.

✘ **Ireland—the Land of Saints and Leprechauns** awaits you! Our parish will travel to the cities of Shannon, Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Knock (special Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Ireland), and Galway from May 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. Let Fr. David know if you are interested and he will give you a brochure, or stop by the rectory. We will have an informational meeting with Ann Breslin (Great Experiences) this Sunday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 11:30am Mass in the Gathering Room.

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

*Fr. David*

**FATHER DAVID MILLIKEN WILL ESCORT A GROUP TO IRELAND-MAY 12-20, 2019**

You are invited to come away to the magical land of Ireland! Father David will be the escort during a tour which he will celebrate Mass on some days in special sites (such as the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Ireland in Knock). In addition, sightseeing by a professional guide will include sites in and around Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Dublin, and Galway. Included in the cost of \$3,150.00 per person-two in a room or \$3,800.00 - single occupancy. Round-trip transportation from Church of the Ascension to Newark International Airport, round-trip non-stop Economy airfare and all departure taxes, all transportation and sightseeing by private motor-coach with the services of a professional guide/driver. 7 nights hotel accommodations in First Class hotels, full breakfast and dinner daily, entrance fees, hotel baggage handling, taxes and service charges, tip to the guide/driver. Brochures with complete details may be obtained in the parish office. **We will have an informational meeting with Ann Breslin (Great Experiences) on Sunday, February 3 at 1:00pm in the Gathering Room.**

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**

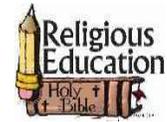
**This Sunday, February 3rd**, we commemorate the Feast of St. Blaise with the traditional blessing of throats at All Week-End (Sunday) Masses.  
*“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other evil.”*

**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 2pm 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, February, 14<sup>th</sup>.**  
We could sure use your help.  
Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry.



**Thank You!** Thank you to all who celebrated with us last Sunday as Cardinal Tobin opened Catholic Schools Week and recognized our Blue Ribbon Status; to Msgr. Richard Arnholts, Pastor of St. John’s for making all of the arrangements for the Cardinal’s visit; to Fr. Stephen Carey, Pastor of St. Mary’s and Fr. David Milliken, Pastor of Ascension and the priests of St. John’s for concelebrating the Mass; to St. John’s Choir and Spirit Group, for the beautiful and prayerful music during the liturgy; to Mayor Norman Schmelz for the Proclamation from the Borough of Bergenfield; and to all of the parents, students and staff of Transfiguration Academy for your presence and help in making this day such a success. Please check our web site: [www.transfigurationacademy.org](http://www.transfigurationacademy.org) or follow us on Facebook for pictures of the Mass and celebration at Conlon Hall.



**Calendar:**

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)  
Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm in the Church-Mandatory Meeting  
Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)  
Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

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

**Reminder:**

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.



There is a **Mandatory 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent** meeting on February 10, 2019 at 10:45 am in the school. **At least one parent MUST attend, but both are more that welcome.**

Please check your child’s backpack or books for an Updated Family Contact Form. Please fill out this form and return to The Religious Education Office as soon as possible.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Parents please note the change in time for the Wednesday night class. We will be ending at 8:15 pm, please be here at this time to pick up your student. No student will be permitted to walk home.

**Volunteers Needed:**

We are in need of Catechists for our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade programs, 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 8:45 pm – In School  
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School  
Closed: Thursday & Saturday  
Other times by appointment



**SUPERBOWL SUNDAY**

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Church of the Ascension  
New Milford, NJ 07646

Office of the Pastor

February 2/3, 2019

Dear Ascension Parishioners,



Sharing 65 years of Faith and Service!

This weekend the **2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal, "Serving God's People,"** begins throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Each year, the Annual Appeal provides valuable resources to parishes and schools in need, helps the poor with food, shelter and clothing, supports many pastoral ministries, funds three Archdiocesan seminaries and makes housing and medical care possible for retired priests. The Appeal reminds us that we are one with all the other parishes of our Archdiocese throughout Essex, Bergen, Hudson, and Union counties and gives us a chance to work together for God's people by sharing our God-given gifts.

This year's appeal once again reminds us that through sharing the many blessings that we have received we become the beacons of hope for those in need, for some, the very face of God.

Supporting the Annual Appeal is an opportunity to provide hope, faith and love to so many in our community. The appeal helps the hungry, the homeless, and the sick. It also provides for religious education and makes our faith a reality for thousands in Northern New Jersey.

Our 2019 goal is set at **\$39,161.00**. If you have already contributed, I want you to know how grateful I am for your generosity. If you have not yet contributed, I write to you now to ask for your help. I ask that each parish family make a financial commitment to the Annual Appeal so that, with God's help, we may surpass our goal. **Give a lot...Give a little...but, please, Give something for the Glory of God!** It is with great trust in God and in our parishioners that I ask **every Ascension family** to say "yes" to our Annual Appeal by contributing, at the very least, a one-time donation of \$5.00 or \$10.00, more if your means allow. This would ensure surpassing our goal and receiving a substantial rebate. Perhaps, you could make the Appeal part of your Lenten fasting.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. The practice of Catholic stewardship puts our faith into action. God has blessed each of us in a variety of ways. I know that everyone has unique life circumstances. Only you can decide what gift is right for you, your family, and your budget.

Thank you for your kind consideration! May God bless you for your generosity!

Know that I pray for you and your family each and every day. Please keep me in your prayers, too.

God Love You!



Rev. David W. Milliken  
Pastor

Rectory: 256 Azalea Drive

Telephone: (201) 836-8961

FAX: (201) 836-5896



**PRAY FOR . . .**

*“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, Joan Polis, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloebles, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, John Delaney, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Benny Santiago, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Ana Tumang, Mary Anne Meyer, Denis Mullins, John Quinn

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, AIC 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**



**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.



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**Feast of St. Blaise \* February 3, 2019**

**Maintenance & Repairs Collection**

**Annual Appeal Weekend**

**Blessing of throats at all Masses**

Scouts Pancake Breakfast after all masses

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am

Religious Education – 10:45am – School

Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Ireland Trip Mtg. – 1:00 – Gathering Room

**Monday, February 4, 2018**

Pastoral Staff Mtg. – 9:00am – Rectory Mtg. Room

Religious Education grade 7 -7:00pm

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

Woodcrest Center Mass – 2:30pm

Ministry of Service - 7:00pm – Gathering Room

**Wednesday, February 6, 2019**

Confirmation Prep – 7:00pm

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

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

**Thursday, February 7, 2019**

No events

**Friday, February 8, 2019**

No events

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Set up Marriage Anniversary Reception FBctr.

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

**Sunday, February 10, 2019**

**Fuel Collection**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am

Boy Scout Sunday

Religious Education – 10:45am – School

First Eucharist Parent Mtg. – 10:45am – Multi-Purpose

Marriage Anniversary Liturgy - 11:30am

Reception in Fr. Benedict Ctr. after Mass



Meetings

**MINISTRY OF SERVICE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT 7:00PM  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

**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.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)**

Important  
Message

we are now accepting mass intentions for the 2019 Mass Book for week-day morning masses for either 7:00 or 8:30am. There are **NO** week-end masses available. As always our first Saturday of each month Memorial Mass at 8:30am is always available. Please stop by the office to make your request. Sorry **NO** telephone or e-mail requests.

### ASCENSION PARISH TRIP

Ascension Parish will sponsor a 5 day trip to Vermont & New Hampshire from June 7<sup>th</sup> – 11, 2019. The price of \$825 (dbl.) \$949 (single) includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, Luncheon at the Trapp Family Lodge, 3 dinners, including dinner on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, 2 welcome receptions, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory tour, Stowe Village, Quechee Gorge, Narrated cruise on Squam Lake where "On Golden Pond" was filmed. Loon Mountain Gondola Ride, Lake Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad ride, Luggage & Handling, taxes & gratuities, motorcoach transportation. \$100 deposit will hold your reservation and is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended and available upon request. For info. & reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

### HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</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.

- ICED TEA-HOT COCOA-APPLE SAUCE-APPLE JUICE
  - GRAPE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE-EGG NOODLES
  - CANNED MUSHROOMS-CANNED SPINACH-KETCHUP
  - INSTANT RICE-JAM-CHICKEN BROTH-BEEF BROTH
  - MANDARIN ORANGES-PANCAKE SYRUP-SALAD DRESSING
  - CHICKEN GRAVY- BEEF GRAVY-MUSTARD-LENTIL SOUP
  - TOMATO PASTE-CRACKERS-COOKIES-FROSTED FLAKES
  - RAISIN BRAN-BATHROOM TISSUE-NAPKINS-TISSUES
- Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

### St. Therese of Lisieux Parish Cresskill, NJ

Warmly welcomes you to our Bereavement Support Group & Ministry  
We invite all those who may be grieving from the loss of a loved one to join us. Come find comfort in the company of others and know that you are not alone.  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month we hold a Bereavement Open Gathering  
All are welcome!  
We are here to support one another, offer information, listen, and share feelings.



### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Church of the Ascension will once again honor couples in our parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary in multiple of 5 years in 2019 (1,5,10,15, 20, 25, etc., and any anniversary 50 years and over)

A special Marriage Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am with a reception following in the Fr. Benedict Center. If you wish to celebrate with us, please complete this form and return to rectory no later than February 3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary celebrated in 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Sign-Ups for Upcoming Cornerstone Retreat

All parishioners of the Church of the Ascension are welcome to participate in the upcoming Cornerstone Retreats being held at St. Joseph's parish in New Milford in March. Cornerstone is a retreat run by past participants and is open to men and women of all Christian faiths, and provides an opportunity for you to build on your spirituality and faith, together with others in your community. The Women's retreat is scheduled for March 1 & 2, and the Men's retreat is scheduled for March 22 & 23. All are welcome to register. Information and registration materials can be obtained by emailing [tmoran@oradellfire.org](mailto:tmoran@oradellfire.org), or by visiting [www.sjcnj.org](http://www.sjcnj.org) and looking under "Parish News".

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_