

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Director of Music
Glenn Gordon

Weekend Assistant
Rev. Tim Graff

Parish Business Manager
Serina Sharkey

In Residence
Rev. Brian G. Plate

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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.



First Sunday of Lent
March 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 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
E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646
(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896
E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019

5:30 People of Ascension Parish
7:30 Donald Evans
9:30 Michael & Marge Bruno, Third Anniv.
11:30 Charles J. Poveromo

Monday, March 11, 2019

7:00 Phyllis Pucci
8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

7:00 Mariano Cadiz
8:30 John Davis, 90 Birthday (L)

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Grace Kent

Thursday, March 14, 2019

7:00 Lucretia Paniscotti
8:30 Walter Schuette, First Anniversary

Friday, March 15, 2019

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 People of Ascension Parish
7:30 Mary & Howard Stephens

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:30 Teresa Patagno
5:30 Thomas J. Hopkins

Second Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2019

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Michael & Marge Bruno
11:30 Thomas & Maureen Meyer

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

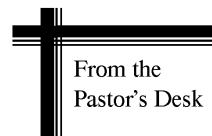
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

March 4, 2018	\$6,700.00
March 3, 2019:	\$4,840.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,662.00

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

Reading for Sunday March 17, 2019

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9,
13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/
Lk 9:28b-36



Temptations—now there's a topic you don't read about very often anymore. One Catholic website advertised their booklet on temptations this way: "Sloth, Lust, and Gluttony are now available for direct download for only \$3." Wow—what a bargain! And so easy, too! I bet Jesus never imagined we'd be downloading temptations someday. Turns out Jesus didn't even need to download—these same three temptations came and found him in the gospel today.

Does it surprise you to know that Jesus really experienced the same things that tempt us? That is because Jesus truly lived a human life in the flesh. And his temptations, just like ours, were tailored to hit him in the very places where he would feel weakness. Take gluttony. Jesus had just finished weeks of retreat in the desert, so the evil voice says, "Go ahead; do it the easy way—turn these stones into bread." But Jesus' commitment is to live the human life fully, to feel all the same limitations of time and fatigue and energy that we feel. So he resists the easy way out, and stays true to God's call in his life.

When we are tempted to use our money, power or sexual appeal the wrong way, do we stay true to God's call in our life? That call is not to take advantage of another person, to give up some of our power, to be compassionate and humble instead of powerful and righteous? Sure, it may hurt our ego—but it will feed our souls to do what Jesus would have done. Think about it, as you start your Lenten journey this year. You'll find out that Jesus was right—we really can't live just by bread alone!

✠ **LENT** is all around us in the colors, the absence of flowers, the silence, and the symbols. Our Entrance and Penitential Act during Lent take on a new form and on **Fridays in Lent** we have added a Mass at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Lenten regulations and a complete schedule for **Lent 2019** and our **Parish Lenten Calendar of Good Deeds** are available at the doors of the church. Please keep them handy so that you can take advantage of the many grace-filled opportunities our parish offers during this holy season of Lent. Also, we have placed "**Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2019**" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend.

✠ Thank you so much to our 57 parishioner families who have pledged to the "**Sharing God's Blessings**" Annual Appeal. I pray that with open minds and hearts, we will all be able to that the appeal will help the many needs of the people of our Archdiocese, including our own parish.

Cardinal Tobin has set our 2019 goal at \$39,161.00. Our pledges to date amount to \$6,433.18. There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are in the pews and at the doors of the church. Please, I ask that all of our parish families consider the great good we of Ascension can do with God's grace when we choose to help the neediest of our Archdiocese. Help us to reach and even surpass our goal. **Give a lot; give a little; but please give something!**

✠ **Lenten Fasting and Feasting...**

Let us...

- ...**fast** from complaining and **feast** on gratitude
- ...**fast** from harsh judgments and **feast** on kind thoughts
- ...**fast** from worry and **feast** on trust in God to provide
- ...**fast** from discouragement and **feast** upon hope
- ...**fast** from bitterness and **feast** on forgiveness
- ...**fast** from hatred and **feast** upon returning good for evil
- ...**fast** from anger and **feast** on patience
- ...**fast** from pettiness and **feast** on becoming mature
- ...**fast** from jealousy and **feast** on praying for trust
- ...**fast** from gossiping and **feast** on controlling your tongue
- ...**fast** from sin and **feast** on virtue
- ...**fast** from giving up and **feast** on perseverance

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



International Night will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 6:30 PM in Conlon Hall at St. John's Church. All are invited to share an evening of food and fun as we celebrate the diversity of our community. Tickets are available by contacting the school office at 201-384-3627 before March 25. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 school year. The best way to learn about our school is by visiting us. Transfiguration Academy is a United States Department of Education 2018 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges. Please call the school, 201-384-3627 or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org for more information, to arrange a tour or to have your student spend the day with us as a "Tiger for a Day".

St John the Evangelist's Rosary Society is sponsoring a FISH FRY featuring British Fish and Chips or Chicken Tenders, on Saturday, April 27th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Conlon Hall at St. John's Church, 19 N. William Street, Bergenfield. A basket raffle will also be available. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Dinner includes French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Desserts and Beverages. Take-out orders will be available. For tickets, please call Ria at 201-384-6279 or Mary at 201-384-0488.



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, March 10th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)
 Monday, March 11th – 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, March 13th – 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Meet at 7 pm in School
 Sunday, March 17th -- 1st thru 6th 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 5th grade are welcomed to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us. How do we as a parish listen attentively to the word of God and allow the Spirit of love to transform our hearts and our minds – our very lives?

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The First Eucharist Retreat has been **RESCHEDULED for March 24, 2019**. This is a MANDATORY Retreat for all First Eucharist Candidates and at least one Parent. Please Mark your calendar with this change. We will see you on March 24th starting with the 9:30 am Mass.

Reminder:

9th Grade Confirmation students please bring in your letters to Bishop Marconi this week.

9th Grade Confirmation Class 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 9th grade program and Substitute Catechists 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

MARCH 10, 2019

Msgr. Charles G. McCorristin Assembly 1289



Proudly Serving:

Closter, Cresskill, Emerson, Englewood, New Milford, Oradell, Norwood, Paramus
River Edge & Harrington Park
John Landers, Faithful Navigator



BEEFSTEAK DINNER EXTRAVAGANZA

Dinner Catered by Nightingale Catering

wine, beer, soda and water included

ENTERTAINMENT BY SUPERIOR SOUNDS

DONATION IS \$35.00 PER PERSON

Make Checks Payable to: Msgr. Charles G. McCorristin Assembly 1289

TRICKY TRAY AND 50/50 WILL BE AVAILABLE

Location: Church of the Ascension Gym

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ

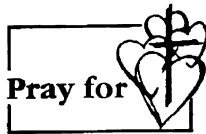
Saturday, April 6, 2019 – 6:30PM – 10:00PM

For Tickets & Information Please Contact:

SK Paul Noonan (201) 201-265-4452 or

Fr. David Milliken 201-836-8961

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



"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 Kloeblen, 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, 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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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.

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*UPCOMING EVENTS

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sunday, March 10, 2019

Maintenance & Repairs Collection

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

Religious Education – 10:45am – School

Monday, March 11, 2019

Confessions at Transfiguration Academy – 1:00pm

Religious Education, grade 7 – 7:00pm

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

No events

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Confirmation Prep. 7:30pm

Novena - 7:30pm

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

Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Thursday, March 14, 2019

No events

Friday, March 15, 2019

Mass & Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church



Second Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2019

Food Pantry Sunday

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

Religious Education – 10:45am – School

Important
Message

Mass intentions available 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.



REMEMBER DURING LENT

Evening Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

Also, we have placed "Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2019" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to this year's Annual Appeal For information about the appeal or to make a donation you can visit website at: <http://rcan.org/sharing>

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: _____

Healing of Hearts Retreat

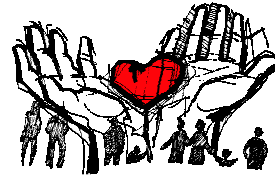
Saturday, March 30 from 8:30am-4:30pm-St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 445 Fifth Ave., River Edge, NJ 07661

St. Peter the Apostle parish invites you to join the Healing of Hearts Retreat. Fr. Ernest Rush will host this Catholic retreat that addresses the wounded hearts in the body of Christ, the Church. This is an excellent retreat for all ages, especially young adults. The simplicity and sincerity of the talks have a great ability to touch tender hearts and heal their wounds. All have encountered heartaches in life and some have departed from the ways of God which further damages the heart. Fr. Ernie, as he is fondly known, is a 15 year survivor of a heart transplant. His witness of God's faithfulness inspires us to increase our faith which gives us the hope of healing in our own lives. Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession, Healing Services, Consecration to the Twin Hearts. Cost is \$25/person, \$30/couple. To register visit: www.johnleaps.com or call 800-313-6933



BERGEN GARDEN CENTER AND FARMS
(201) 261-1574

Please remember to patronize,
who help make this bulletin possible



PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

During this Lenten season please consider Stewardship, the sharing of your talents and time with any of the many ministries we offer here at your parish. Sing in our Choirs (adult/children)*Become a Eucharistic Minister or Lector at our weekend Masses*Minister at Woodcrest*Help plan our Parish Events*Become an Altar Server (adult/child).

Yes I am willing to share my talent & time, please contact me.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Ministry: _____

(Please print and return to the parish office or in collection basket)

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – MARCH 18TH**

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.

- COFFEE-ICED TEA-HOT COCOA-EGG NOODLES
- INSTANT RICE-JAM-CHICKEN BROTH-BEEF BROTH
- BAKED BEANS-PANCAKE SYRUP-PANCAKE MIX
- CHICKEN GRAVY- BEEF GRAVY-LENTIL SOUP
- SALAD DRESSING-BREAD CRUMBS-BROWNIE MIX
- CAKE ICING-RAISINS-TOOTHPASTE

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

10 Miles with Jesus. If you are tired of giving up sweets and coffee for Lent and are ready to embark on a different Lenten practice, leave your comfort zone for a day and challenge yourself physically, spiritually and personally. We invite you to join us on a 10-mile pilgrimage of prayer through meditating upon the Stations of the Cross of our Lord's sufferings and death.

Join us! Take up your cross and walk with Jesus! **TEN MILES WITH JESUS!**

The walking Pilgrimage will begin on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II (St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish) 131 E. Edgar Rd., Linden, NJ and will conclude at the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral 89 Ridge St., Newark, NJ at around 5 pm with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Very Reverend Bishop Manuel Cruz, Pastor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FREE ADMISSION, however all participants must register.

To register and for additional information visit: www.10mileswithJesus.org, email: info@10mileswithJesus.org or call: 201.220.1949

