

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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mother's Day, May 12, 2019

5:30 All Mothers
7:30 of Ascension Parish
9:30 Living and
11:30 Deceased

Monday, May 13, 2019

7:00 Eriberto O. Javier
8:30 Con O'Shea

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

7:00 Peter Thomas
8:30 Jim Sumas

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

7:00 Santiago Sunga
8:30 Phyllis & John Sullivan (L)

Thursday, May 16, 2019

7:00 Dr. Ken Leistner
8:30 Helvia Sanchez

Friday, May 17, 2019

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Margaret Bitetti

Saturday, May 18, 2019

8:30 Elizabeth Aronson
5:30 John Carbone

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 19, 2019

7:30 Vincent Gianfredi
9:30 Jacob & Elizabeth Orth
11:30 Louis McElwain

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

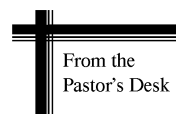
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

April 29, 2018:	\$5,488.00
April 28, 2019:	\$4,723.50
May 6, 2018:	\$4,978.50
May 5, 2019:	\$4,397.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$3,324.00
Easter WeShare Online Giving:	\$1,732.00
Additional Easter:	\$ 800.00

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

Reading for Sunday, May 19, 2019

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



This image of Jesus as a good shepherd doesn't seem to have the powerful meaning Jesus intended in the gospel today. Shepherds then had a terrible reputation as thieves and outlaws. They raised the animals used in the Jewish temple services, but because of their dirty profession, they were called "unclean" and not allowed to attend the services.

So we have the supreme paradox of Jesus actually calling himself a "good" shepherd. It would have been as shocking then as calling him "the good drug-dealer" or "the good slumlord."

Real shepherds were tough loners, men who fought off wild animals, rescued trapped lambs, ate what they could kill, and slept in the open with their dogs. Contrast this with those pristine pictures we usually see of Jesus as the Good Shepherd—standing there, untouched, tidy, in a blinding white robe with a few peaceful sheep at his feet.

Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" because he is the only shepherd who has lived our life and cares for us as for his own self... "I lay down my life for the sheep." He's not some untouched icon; he is right in there, fighting for us and with us in the grittiest and toughest moments of our lives.

Today on **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, we listen as Jesus proclaims our one and only vocation: "Follow me!" We are called to be lovers—of God and God's children. We are called to use our unique combination of gifts in whatever lifestyle will best allow us to "Follow Him", be it single, married, priestly or religious life. Let us follow Jesus by listening well!

✠ This weekend we recognize a great gift of God's special shepherding love in our lives—**our Mothers**. On this Mother's Day may we take this opportunity to thank and pray, especially for our mothers, living and deceased, for the many ways they have sacrificed themselves for us. May God bless all our mothers. Motherhood takes on so many forms today. Let us affirm and remember in our prayers all women who take on a mothering role in our lives—religious sisters, teachers, aunts, sisters, best friends, counselors, advisors, mentors, neighbors. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers for the month of May. **Happy Mother's Day to all of you!**

✠ Thank you to all who helped to celebrate our annual **Parish May Crowning** last Sunday. Special thanks to our First Communicants who participated and to our Coordinators. Thank you all so much for helping us to honor our Blessed Mother.

✠ Congratulations to the young men and women of our parish who received the Holy Spirit this weekend in the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide us together as Jesus' disciples to do what Jesus did, being bearers of peace, love, and forgiveness. Please, continue to pray for these newly confirmed. Special thanks to Bishop Dominic Marconi who administered the sacrament of Confirmation.

✠ Thank you so much to the 123 parish families who have contributed to the **Sharing God's Blessings Appeal**. We have now reached \$27,628.00 toward our \$39,161.00 goal. I pray that every parish family will take Jesus' challenge to heart and participate, pray and work together. With God's help may we do our very best. Please, **give a little; give a lot; but please give something!**

✠ On Sunday afternoon our parish trip to Ireland begins. Please keep me, our parishioners and friends in your prayers for a safe journey to and from the land of St. Patrick. We will see you on April 20th.

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

Fr. David



SAVE THE DATE:

Transfiguration Academy Drama Club’s production of The Wizard of Oz will be presented next weekend, Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 at Bergenfield High School. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 and can be purchased at the school office.

Spring Concert and Art Show

will take place on Tuesday, May 21 at 6 PM in Conlon Hall. All are invited to attend.

Tuition Raffle

Would you like to win a raffle for tuition to any accredited school? The Transfiguration Academy Home and School Association is sponsoring their annual tuition raffle. Prizes are: 1st prize - \$2500; 2nd prize - \$1500; and 3rd prize - \$1000. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the school office. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, May 21 at 8 PM in Conlon Hall.

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”.



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!

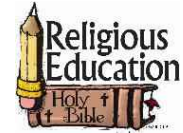
I would like....

- 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, May 12th – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will resume in October, please look for the Children’s Bulletins in the back of the church. We are in need of help with Children’s Liturgy of the Word, anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.



Congratulation to the Confirmation Class of 2019

Erica Acio, Joshua Banilan, Katrina Batac, Alex Cabrera, Rachel Cajucom, Kaitlyn Jeanne Camerlengo, Kaitlyn Grace Capasso, Christina Elizabeth Capone, Justin Cerdas, Christopher Francis Cortez, Kevin Cullen Junian John Ermita, Gerald Esquioja, Katrina Itona, Grace Mary Kelly, Bea Isabella Ngojo, Ashley Reyes, Katelyn Reyes, Jon Peter Salazar, Kayla Santos, Shane Philip Shaji, Isabella Constancia Spurlin

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Registration for 2019-2020:

Registration forms the 2019-2020 School year have been distributed to all students, please look for them in your child’s backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30th. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

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 – Friday: 9 am to 4:30 pm – In Rectory
Other times by appointment

Ascension Parish

*offers our prayers and best wishes to
our First Communicants*

*Mico Antonio Ayta
Isabella Benitez
Leah Bobe
Sylar Briones
Daniel Catibog
Juliana Cerdas*

*Jacob Fabro
Xian Gui
Eva Henriquez
Omar Henriquez
Christophe Ibe
Camila Martinez*

*Maria Merizalde
Sofia Merizalde
Malaika Niamien
Ayla Reyes
Noah Reyes
Skyler Yu*

*May Jesus, the Good Shepherd,
lead you again and again to his table!*

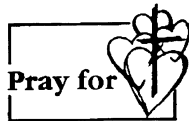
and our Confirmandi

*Erica Acio
Joshua Bantilan
Katrina Batac
Alex Cabrera
Rachel Cajucom
Kaitlyn Jeanne Camerlengo
Kaitlyn Grace Capasso (St. Joseph's Parish)
Christina Elizabeth Capone
Justin Cerdas
Christopher Francis Cortez
Kevin Cullen*

*Junian John Ermita
Gerald Esquioja, Jr.
Katrina Itona
Grace Mary Kelly
Bea Ngojo
Ashley Reyes
Katelyn Reyes
Jon Peter Salazar
Kayla Santos
Shane Philip Shaji
Isabella Constancia Spurlin*

*Grow in the Spirit!
May God Bless You Always!*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."
Xavier Cerdas

"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, 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, John Quinn, Jim Block 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.

"a time to die..."
Teresa Vazzano

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



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns
this week in loving memory of
Luisa Garcia



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
Margaret Bitetti



Sunday, May 12, 2019

Fr. Hilary's Scholarship Fund

Parish Trip to Ireland leaves from Ascension

Monday, May 13, 2019

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

French Academy FBC

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

French Academy FBC

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

Thursday, May 16, 2019

French Academy FBC

Friday, May 17, 2019

French Academy FBC

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Food Pantry Sunday

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

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



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.

CARNIVAL

**Holy Trinity Parish*Hackensack
May 22 through May 26**



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FYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*UPCOMING EVENTS
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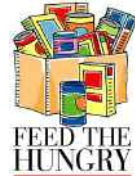
Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us
Made us strive in every way
Especially to remember
Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute
Flows directly from my heart
You are so loved and cherished
Invaluable, one and all, you are.



**ASCENSION PARISH 65TH ANNIVERSARY
MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE
TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES
IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE
DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE
ON OUR PARISH FEAST DAY
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019**



FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – May 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.

- COFFEE-ICED TEA-APPLE JUICE-RAISINS-JAM
- INSTANT RICE-LEMONADE MIX-OATMEAL
- CANNED PINEAPPLE-CORN FLAKES-FROSTED FLAKES-CHILDRENS CEREALS-CHICKEN GRAVY
- INSTANT OATMEAL-TOMATO SAUCE-SAUERKRAUT
- GRATED CHEESE-PEANUT BUTTER-TISSUES



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 123 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$27,628.00 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little; give a lot; but please give something!

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>

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: _____

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

St. Joseph Council No. 3814 of the Knights of Columbus in Oradell/New Milford is pleased to announce that \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to two 8th graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2019. Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell or Ascension Parish in New Milford. Selection will be based on criteria focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the Knights of Columbus principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph Council and postmarked no later than Thursday, May 30, 2019. Winners will be notified in June to attend the award ceremony on Friday, June 21st. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.kofcstjoseph.org. For additional information contact Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174. **Copy of application in rectory office.**



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