

# Church of the Ascension

*Invites You to Share with us. . .*

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

### In Residence

Rev. Brian G. Plate

### Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

### Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

### Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

### Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

### Religious Education Center

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.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 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)

E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896

E-mail: [ascensionreled@optonline.net](mailto:ascensionreled@optonline.net)

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 19, 2019**

- 5:30 John Carbone
- 7:30 Vincent Gianfredi
- 9:30 Jacob & Elizabeth Orth
- 11:30 Louis McElwain

**Monday, May 20, 2019**

- 7:00 Janet Johnston
- 8:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

- 7:00 The Dalton Family (L)
- 8:30 Angelina Juliano

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

- 7:00 Clemencia Cabacoy
- 8:30 Mary O'Shea

**Thursday, May 23, 2019**

- 7:00 Patrick O'Shea
- 8:30 John Foran

**Friday, May 24, 2019**

- 7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
- 8:30 Nell O'Shea

**Saturday, May 25, 2019**

- 8:30 Thanksgiving
- 5:30 Eufronio Pongos

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 26, 2019**

- 7:30 Donald Evans, First Anniversary
- 9:30 Simplicio Lazaro
- 11:30 Ramon Abuedo

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

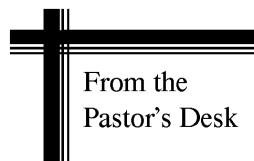
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

<b>May 13, 2018:</b>	<b>\$6,147.50</b>
<b>May 12, 2019:</b>	<b>\$5,005.00</b>
<b>Fr. Hilary Scholarship:</b>	<b>\$ 795.00</b>

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

**Reading for Sunday, May 26, 2019**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
[4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



It is sometimes so hard to remember the important things in life. Our lives are often filled with so much activity, so many distractions and attractions, that we sometimes forget what it is all about.

Well, what is it all about? Are we just living from moment to moment, being pushed from one thing to another? Sometimes it's so sad when you hear people talk about their lives as nothing but a whole bunch of activities. There doesn't seem to be any real content in some people's lives. It's just one thing after another.

So what is it all about? It's all about love. Loving one another, as Jesus so simply told us once again today. "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. "

Our lives as women and men are incomprehensible and senseless if they are not lived in love, and from love. At times, so much of life is incomprehensible. Often we just don't understand the way things are. We don't understand why certain terrible things happen to people.

It's especially at times like those that we need to have the experience of love. When we are in the midst of loving and taking care of others, then life makes sense on a deeper level. We don't have any more understanding, but we become deeply engaged in life in a way that goes beyond words.

We need to be immensely grateful that the Lord saw fit to give us such a gift. When all of us take this gift and use it every day of our lives, we will then create the new heaven and the new earth because we will all be living in love.

✠ Don't forget to purchase your tickets for our **65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mega 50/50**. The drawing will take place on our feast day, Ascension Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, during the Ice Cream Social after the 7:30pm Mass. Tickets are available after all Masses in the front vestibule of the church.

✠ Thank you so much to the 126 parish families who have contributed to the **Sharing God's Blessings Appeal**. We have now reached \$27,853.00 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!**

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



Congratulations to the following students who achieved Principal's List for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester: JC Abella, Kyle Esteban, Olivia Garcia, Cynthia Jacob, Layla Libanan, Joshua Naviamos, Caroline Tharakan

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$2500; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$1500; and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kofcstjoseph.org). For additional information contact Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174. **Copy of application in rectory office.**



**Registration for 2019 - 2020:**

Registration forms for 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

First Communion Families may pick up the child's banner anytime during regular office hours.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- † We are in **NEED** of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2019-2020 School year. Anyone interested, please call Mrs. 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 pm – In Rectory  
Other times by appointment



A Trip is planned to the Resorts World Catskills Casino, Monticello, NY on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. COST: \$30 Per Person that includes \$25 play and \$15 food voucher. The bus will leave Ascension's parking lot at 9:30 AM. And return about 7pm. You must have ID to get a promotion card. For more info. and reservations call: Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

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

**[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)**

*Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford, New Jersey*

*Invites You to Gather Together and Share...*

*Our Parish Feast Day and  
Closing of Our Parish*

*65th Anniversary*

*May 30, 2019*

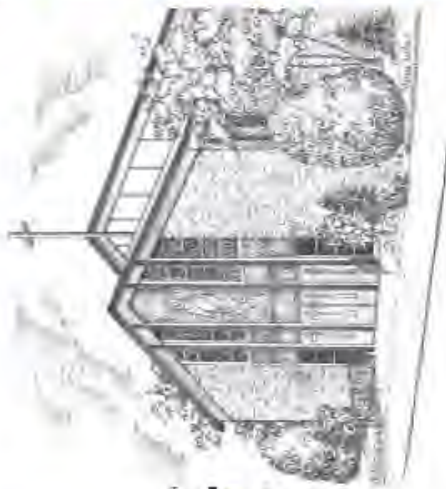
*Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*

*...7:30pm Feast Day Solemn Eucharistic Liturgy*

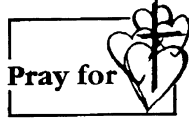
*...8:30pm \*\*Make your own Ice Cream Sundae\*\**

*...9:00pm 65th Anniversary Mega 50/50 Drawing*

*Please...Come...Join Us !*



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*“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, 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...”*

**Joseph Herm**

*and a time for every purpose under heaven”*

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**



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

**BREAD and WINE** this week are in loving memory of **Jim Byrne**



**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

**Monday, May 20, 2019**

Food Pantry Distribution

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm – Church

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

No events

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

Harrison House

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

**Thursday, May 23, 2019**

No events

**Friday, May 24, 2019**

No events

**Saturday, May 25, 2019**

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Santa Cruzen Mass 5:30pm and Reception

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

**Catholic Home Mission Appeal**

**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**





**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 126 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$27,853.00 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>



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**BERGEN GARDEN CENTER AND FARMS  
201-261-1574**

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

**ASCENSION PARISH 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE  
\$1,142.50 CASH PRIZE TO DATE  
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 20<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.

- 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

**NEW MILFORD WOMEN'S CLUB  
BINGO AND TRICKY TRAY  
FRIDAY, JUNE 7 AT 6:30PM- \$20.00  
NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL  
Call Linda at 201-400-1475 to reserve your  
spot/additional information.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

