

# 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.



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 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

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

5:30 Eufonio Pongos  
7:30 Donald Evans, First Anniversary  
9:30 Simplicio Lazaro  
11:30 Ramon Abuedo

### Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019

8:30 Men & Women of our Armed Forces

### Tuesday, May 28, 2019

7:00 Sr. Bridget O'Shea  
8:30 Ramon Abuedo

### Wednesday, May 29, 2019

7:00 Lawrence Marra  
8:30 Noel Tangney

### The Ascension of the Lord

### Thursday, May 30, 2019

7:00 All Parishioners  
8:30 of Ascension Parish  
7:30 Living & Deceased

### Friday, May 31, 2019

7:00 John Vo  
8:30 P.J. O'Sullivan

### Saturday, June 1, 2019

8:30 People of Ascension Parish  
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

### Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 2, 2019

7:30 Donald Evans  
9:30 Teresa Vazzano  
11:30 Jack & Serina Sharkey, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

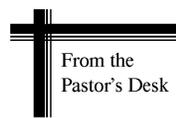
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

May 20, 2018:	\$4,884.25
May 19, 2019:	\$4,799.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,253.00

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

### Reading for Sunday, June 2, 2019

Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/  
Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26



Let's take a brief look at two realities that we all must deal with in our lives — fear and peace. Just as we often choose the wrong foods to nourish ourselves with, so we often choose those things, which can lead to fear. This is so because fear is most often associated with losing things. If our looks, our name, our security, our finances are the most important things in our life, then when we perceive that any of them are threatened, then fear arises within us. None of us would choose fear, and yet our choices often take us down the fearful road.

The risen Jesus offers us peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Choices have consequences. Our food choices bring specific results, and our life choices also bring specific results. If we continually choose the wrong foods, we will suffer physically and if we continually make the wrong life choices, we will suffer spiritually.

As Christians, we are challenged to put on the mind and heart of Christ—we are challenged to make the choices that bring peace rather than fear. It is only when we are able to fully welcome our Lord into our lives that we will know what peace really means. Prayer is an absolutely necessary road we need to take if we are to imitate Jesus Christ. Nothing external, nothing materialistic can give us the peace we so desire. Jesus has been making this offer of a peace that the world cannot give for a long time now. May each of us have the willingness and courage to accept it.

✠ This Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, our nation celebrates **Memorial Day**. It is a special day to remember all those who sacrificed their lives that we may live in freedom. To honor our fallen heroes, we will march in parades, we will display and wave our flags, we will observe moments of silence, we will gather with family and friends to enjoy barbeques with food and drink and fun being together. These are all part of our Memorial Day celebrations.

But our observance of Memorial Day must touch us more deeply. We remember, especially, our brothers and sisters who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and we continue to pray for the members of our Armed Forces around the globe who put their lives on the line for us.

Above all, on this day may we gather together — united around the Lord's table — as the grateful community of Ascension to remember and give thanks for all who gave their lives for us and our American way of life. Please join us to celebrate Eucharist at 8:30am. Let us join together and **REMEMBER**.

✠ This Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, a holyday of obligation, our parish Feast Day. We will celebrate Mass at 7:00 and 8:30am. At 7:30pm we will celebrate our solemn Feast Day Mass and close our parish's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. Mass will be followed by our "Make your own Ice Cream Sundae" reception on Ascension Plaza. At 9pm we will draw the winner of our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mega 50/50. Please join us.

✠ On Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we begin our **Novena for Pentecost**—nine days of prayer asking God to renew us, our parish, and our world with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will pray the Novena prayer, which is inserted in the back cover of our hymnals, at all daily and weekend Masses after the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions).

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



The faculty, staff and students of Transfiguration Academy wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. The school office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 27.

**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”.

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

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



**Father’s Day Cards** are available at the doors of the Church this weekend. As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Father’s, living and deceased, of parishioners on Father’s Day. If you would like a card for your Father, please pick one up after Mass this weekend. Offering is \$10.00 per card/intention. The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Father's Day Sunday, June 16th.**



**MONDAY, MAY 27TH  
RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE  
OF MEMORIAL DAY  
HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND**



**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.

**TO OUR FRIENDS TRAVELING TO  
VERMONT/NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Please be advised that a meeting will be held in the Gathering Room of the Church on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30PM. We will go over the itinerary and answer any questions you may have about this trip. We will also collect \$15 per person for gratuities for the bus driver and tour guides.

*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*

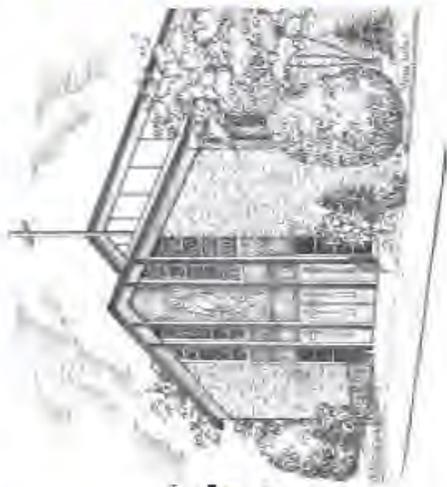
*Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*

*...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 !*





*"To everything there is a season...*

*"a time to be born..."*  
Ira Marie Dinu

*"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, 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..."*  
Joan Polis

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



The SANCTUARY CANDLE  
burns this week in  
Celebration of  
Enrique Blanco's Birthday



**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal Today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your donations support programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find More information can be found at

[www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

**Catholic Home Mission Appeal**

**Monday, May 27, 2019**

Holiday, One Mass at 8:30am  
Parish Offices Closed

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

No events

**Wednesday, May 29, 2019**

Harrison House  
Novena at 7:30pm in Church

**Thursday, May 30, 2019**

No events

**Friday, May 31, 2019**

No events

**First Saturday, June 1, 2019**

Confessions – 11:00am - Church  
Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

**Parish Maintenance & Repairs**  
Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – 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



**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.

**AMBRUSTER LANDSCAPING**  
201-967-1489

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



### Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 135 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$28,943.00 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>



**ASCENSION PARISH 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
MEGA 50/50 RAFFLE  
\$1,285.00 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**

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

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

### "LEST WE FORGET"

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the lives and service of our men and women in the Armed Forces. Strengthen them and give them guidance as they stand in harm's way to protect our nation and way of life. May they face each day of their service the same way Your Son Jesus did; with courage, dignity and faith. And if it be Your will, when their work is through, bring them safely home.

Lord, please also bless the families of our troops. Reward them generously for their sacrifices which are known only to You.

May we never forget those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom and safety: those who have died in the service of our county.

May they rest in peace forever with You in Your kingdom.

Amen



**PARISH FEAST DAY  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019  
MASS SCHEDULE  
7:00AM\*8:30AM & 7:30PM**

