

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.

Pentecost Sunday

June 9, 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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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019

5:30 Donna Rossi
7:30 Donald Evans
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli

Monday, June 10, 2019

7:00 Rev. John A. Merity
8:30 Patrick Mallon

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

7:00 Mary Rose Mallon
8:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

7:00 Stephen Hellriegel
8:30 Domenico Carriero (Healing)

Thursday, June 13, 2019

7:00 Bernard Mallon
8:30 Thanksgiving

Friday, June 14, 2019

7:00 Juanita Santiago
8:30 Seifert Family

Saturday, June 15, 2019

8:30 Ann & Lubin Zuniga
5:30 All Fathers of the Parish

The Most Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019

Father's Day

7:30 All Fathers
9:30 of Ascension Parish
11:30 Living & Deceased

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

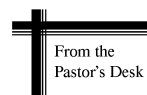
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Thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

Reading for Sunday, June 16, 2019

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/
Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15



An eighth grader who had recently received the sacrament of confirmation was concerned that she didn't "feel" any different after the liturgy than before. She had prepared diligently, flawlessly completed her service hours, really put herself into the confirmation retreat. She took everything quite seriously. But she didn't "feel" any different! Were all those months she so generously gave of herself a waste? Did she miss something? Was she unworthy?

Most of us didn't experience at our confirmation, our own personal Pentecost, those tremendously powerful events that the first disciples of Jesus experienced: "noise like a strong driving wind," "tongues of fire," "speaking in different tongues." Did we miss something? Are we unworthy?

John's account of the first Pentecost is both telling and helpful. It is resurrection night. What a weekend! Thursday night the disciples had a wonderful meal with their Master and Teacher. He nourished them in a most exceptional way. Friday was another day! Suffering. Death. Hopes dashed. They "locked" themselves in the Upper Room. Then Jesus "stood in their midst." In the context of fear and locked doors, Jesus wishes them "Peace!" not once, but twice. Jesus' peace unbinds them. The Holy Spirit empowers them. Jesus sends them — to bring peace — to forgive — to be His Mercy.

Jesus didn't appear to disciples who understood, to disciples who "felt different" after this weekend of incredible salvation events. Their actions speak otherwise. He appeared to disciples like us. Resurrection, Pentecost, **Confirmation** don't necessarily make us "feel" different. **But they do make us different.** How do we know? Not from feeling different, but by the way we allow ourselves to be transformed and then by the way we live. Resurrection, Pentecost, **Confirmation** transform us to be witnesses of Jesus' peace and forgiveness. The effect is not measured by feeling, but by acting.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

✠ Today we extinguish this Paschal Candle. Remember, that the greatest gift you can ever give God is the gift of yourself. Be the light that God has created you to be so that others will be touched by the flame of the Spirit and will, in turn, go out and share it with others.

✠ **Ascension Ministers**--Altar servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers--please get your summer availabilities forms with vacation dates to Fr. David for the summer schedule **TODAY**.

✠ Just a reminder...On Sunday, June 23rd, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. Pope Francis has asked all of us to make the celebration of Corpus Christi truly special. We will celebrate 11:30am Mass, after which we will expose the Blessed Sacrament and enter into procession around our church grounds. During the procession we will pause twice for Benediction and return to church for a third Benediction. What a day of Eucharistic Blessing for Ascension! Please, join us!

✠ We are in need of adults to help as servers for Funeral Masses. This Lazarus Ministry is so comforting to a bereaved family. Also we are in need of Lectors and Special Ministers of the Eucharist for our Sunday Masses. Jesus calls us to love one another through our gift of service. These are grace-filled opportunities for us to serve the Lord. Anyone who is interested, please contact Fr. David in the Rectory.

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

Fr. David



Summer Camp

Transfiguration Academy will again host a summer camp. The camp which is open to all children in grades PreK 3 through grade 8 will run from June 17 – August 16. Full Day (8:00AM-6:00PM) and Half Day (8:00 – 1:00PM or 1:00PM – 6:00PM) options are available. Please contact the school office, (201)384-3627 for more information.

Seats are still available 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!

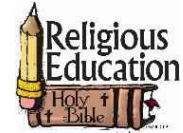
I would like....

- _____ 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: _____



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.

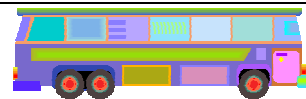
First Communion Families may pick up the child’s banner anytime during regular office hours.

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 9th, 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

JUNE 9, 2019

ASCENSION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, NJ 07646
201-836-3085

REGISTRATION FORM 2019-2020

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

One Registration Form per Student

Parish # _____
Baptismal Cert. _____
Label List _____
Folder _____
Permanent RC _____
Pub Consent Form _____
<i>Office uses only</i>

New Student? Yes ___ No ___ TODAY'S DATE _____ '19-'20 Religious Ed Grade _____

SECTION I – Family Information

STUDENT'S FIRST & LAST NAME _____

STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ MALE ___ FEMALE _____

LAST NAME OF FAMILY STUDENT CURRENTLY LIVES WITH _____

(Please indicate if student lives with mother, father or both) Mother ___ Father ___ Both ___ (Please check one)

MOTHER/GUAR. FIRST & **MAIDEN** NAME _____

FATHER/GUAR. FIRST & LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

FATHER CELL PHONE _____ MOTHER CELL PHONE _____

FAMILY EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL STUDENT WILL ATTEND IN 2019-2020 _____ GRADE _____

SECTION II – Schedule and Fee

Grades: K through 6th: 10:45 am to 12:00 am Sunday _____

Grade: 7th (Monday) 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm _____ or Grade: 8th (Monday) 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm _____

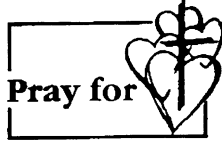
FEE: One student \$120.00 Two students \$180.00 Three or more students \$220.00

(Plus a \$100.00 Sacrament Fee for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, due at the time of Registration.)

(NOTE: PAYMENT IS DUE UPON REGISTRATION, there will be a \$10.00 late fee per student after 6/30/19)

PAYMENT RECEIVED: Check # _____ Cash _____ Amount _____

Penance & Eucharist Paid Fee: Check # _____ Confirmation Paid Fee: Check# _____



"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, 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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns
this week in loving memory of
Gregory & Anthony Poli



June

Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019

Parish Air Conditioning

Monday, June 10, 2019

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm – Church

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

No events

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Hackensack Homeless

Friday, June 14, 2019

No events

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church



Sunday, June 16, 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 Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.





Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 141 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$29,918.00 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>

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 2 pm 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, JUNE 13th.** We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry.

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: _____



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JUNE 17TH

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-RAISINS-JAM-JELLY-MANDARIN ORANGES
 INSTANT RICE-LEMONADE MIX-OATMEAL-TEA
 CANNED PEARS-CORN FLAKES-FROSTED FLAKES
 CHILDRENS CEREALS-RAISIN BRAN-PEANUT BUTTER
 INSTANT OATMEAL-SAUERKRAUT-GRATED CHEESE
 TISSUES-NAPKINS-TOOTHPASTE-BATHROOM TISSUE

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



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 Next Sunday, June 16th.**



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