

# Church of the Ascension

*Invites You to Share with us. . .*

## + *Our Pastoral Staff* +

### **Pastor**

Rev. David W. Milliken

### **In Residence**

Rev. Brian G. Plate

### **Parish Business Manager**

Serina Sharkey

### **Director of Maintenance**

Brendan Suter

### **Weekend Assistant**

Rev. Tim Graff

### **Director of Music**

Glenn Gordon

### **Parish Trustees**

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

### **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.



**The Most Holy Trinity**

**June 16, 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

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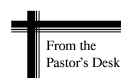
### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### The Most Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019

#### Father's Day

5:30 All Fathers of the Parish  
 7:30 All Fathers  
 9:30 of Ascension Parish  
 11:30 Living & Deceased

### Monday, June 17, 2019

7:00 Thanksgiving  
 8:30 Sean Healy (Healing)

### Tuesday, June 18, 2019

7:00 Priests Convocation  
 8:30 Dolly Shipley

### Wednesday, June 19, 2019

7:00 John Nolan  
 8:30 Priests Convocation

### Thursday, June 20, 2019

7:00 Priests Convocation  
 8:30 Mary Blanco (L) Birthday

### Friday, June 21, 2019

7:00 Elisa Caparas (L) 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
 8:30 John Delaney

### Saturday, June 22, 2019

8:30 Luis Mendoza  
 5:30 Mary Buckley, 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, June 23, 2019

7:30 Louis D'Eufemia  
 9:30 Consuelo Calleja  
 11:30 Giella Family

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### *WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*

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

June 3, 2018	\$4,676.00
June 2, 2019	\$3,902.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,483.00
Ascension:	\$1,637.00
June 10, 2018	\$5,103.00
June 9, 2019	\$5,360.50
Air Conditioning:	\$1,567.00

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

### Reading for Sunday, June 23, 2019

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1  
 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Is there anyone reading this who has a good explanation for how the Holy Trinity works? If so—step up—you can make history! Not even St. Augustine could explain it. But then, we also can't explain the deepest feelings we have about the person we love, the amazing concert we went to, or the fantastic artwork we saw at the Museum. Why do words fail us?

Because the dynamic interactions within the Trinity *are* the core of every experience of beauty, wonder, grandeur, and amazement that we can possibly have. So, now, turn off your thinking brain, and go way outside the box on this: The Trinity is not a "thing", and the Trinity is not a special kind of person that results when you put three ingredients together.

The Trinity is a description of the energy and movement of the most intimate relationship far beyond the depth of love and interaction that you share with the love of your life. Your bond is only a shadow of the explosive, utterly beatific dance of love that fuses, seals, and completes the members of the Trinity.

But the amazing feelings we have in life are supposed to move us to a greater sense of compassion, forgiveness, and gratitude. So let us live as the Trinity does, in a dance of beauty and power which constantly spins out love and concern for everything in our path. Let us forgive ourselves, and anyone else we have injured; and let us be passionate in our thanks, for everything we experience, in every way that we can. The Trinity invites us to join the dance!

✦ This weekend we celebrate Father's Day. **Father's Day Mass Cards** are available at the doors of the church and in the Rectory that we may remember our fathers, living and deceased in a special way for the month of June. We will offer a blessing for our fathers at all Masses this weekend.

✦ Monday to Thursday of this week all the priests of our Archdiocese of Newark will gather in Convocation at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton in Montvale. Please keep us in your prayers.

✦ Just a reminder...Next Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. Our Holy Father, 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, plan to join us!

✦ **Please note: Our Summer Mass Schedule will begin Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>: Saturday evening at 5:30pm; Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Mass Monday through Friday at 8am; Saturday at 8:30am.**

✦ **Summer is almost here. A thought concerning Summer attire in church:**  
*"Adore the Lord in holy attire." (Psalm 96:9; Ps 29:2)*

Clothes say something about what we think, what we value. They also influence how we behave and feel. That our culture has become so casual about everything says something about us. I cannot exactly articulate it but it seems to say, "nothing is really all that important." But that is not true. Going to God's house IS important. Being ministered to by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is astounding. Casual attire in these circumstances is simply inappropriate if we really think about what we are doing, where we are going and who it is we will meet. It does not necessarily follow that we must wear tuxedos and formal gowns. **But decent, better than everyday work or play attire, our Sunday best, seems wholly appropriate. Sunday is special, God's House is special. Some things really ARE important and our clothing and demeanor ought to reflect this truth.**

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

*R. David*



**Summer Hours**

The Academy's business hours during the summer are from 10:00am to 2:00pm daily beginning Monday, June 17.

**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](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".



**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 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.

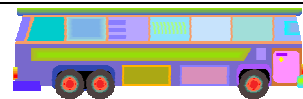
First Communion Families may pick up the child's banner anytime during regular office hours.

**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)

JUNE 16, 2019



## *Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford, New Jersey*

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

## *Corpus Christi*

*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus*

*June 23, 2019*

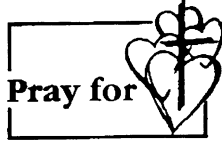
*11:30am Mass*

*Procession*

*Benediction*

*Come, Join Us!!*





*"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, 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..."*

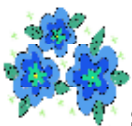
President Donald John Trump,  
our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

*and a time for every purpose under heaven"*

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of **Manuel Garcia**



**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.



**Sunday, June 16, 2019**

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

**Monday, June 17, 2019**

**Priests Convocation**  
Food Pantry Distribution  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

**Tuesday, June 18, 2019**

**Priests Convocation**

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

**Priests Convocation**  
Novena at 7:30pm in Church  
Filipino Core Meeting – 8:00pm – Gather. Rm

**Thursday, June 20, 2019**

**Priests Convocation**

**Friday, June 21, 2019**

**Fortnight for Freedom**

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

**Fortnight for Freedom**  
Confessions – 11:00am - Church

**Sunday, June 23, 2019**

**Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus**  
**Fortnight for Freedom**



**Congratulations to Pauline Palad and thank you to all who participated in this year's 50/50 Mega Raffle. This year's prize was \$1,607.50.**

**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



**FIRST FULL DAY OF SUMMER JUNE 21ST**

*"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."*  
-St. Francis of Assisi



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 150 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$35,520.57 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>



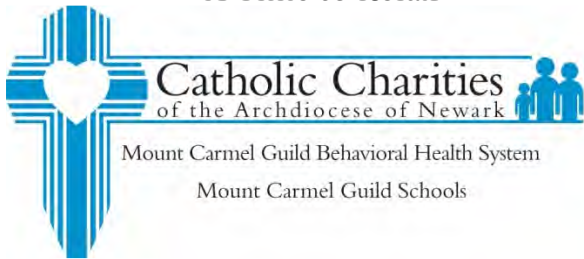
Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY  
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JUNE 17<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-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.

**A Time to Relax**



Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System  
Mount Carmel Guild Schools

Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? Please donate them to the Catholic Charities bin located on the Church grounds. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.



**A Father's Day Blessing**

**Blessed is the Father  
who lets the Lord be his guiding hand,  
whose faith brings his family courage,  
whose wisdom comes from God,  
and whose children still stand and honor him.**

*Happy Father's Day to all Father's, Grand-Father's,  
God-Father's and those who are like Father's to us*



**MEMORIALS**

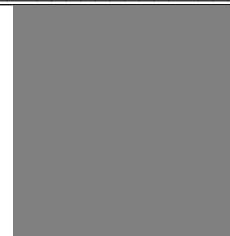
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Rectory (201)836-8961.

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50</b>
	<b>(per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



**Riewerts Memorial Home Inc.  
201-384-0700  
Please remember to patronize,  
who help make this bulletin possible**

