

# 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 Body & Blood of Christ  
June 23, 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**

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896

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

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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

5:30 Mary Buckley, 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
7:30 Louis D'Eufemia  
9:30 Consuelo Calleja  
11:30 Giella Family

**SUMMER MASS SCHEULDE**

**Monday, June 24, 2019**

8:00 Consuelo Calleja

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019**

8:00 Greg Higley

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

8:00 Catalino Banez, Jr.

**Thursday, June 27, 2019**

8:00 Margaret Gardner &  
Alice Reilly

**Friday, June 28, 2019**

8:00 Mariam Chacko

**Saturday, June 29, 2019**

8:30 Mary Brady  
5:30 John Iuliano

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
June 30, 2019**

7:30 Donald Evans  
9:30 Fernando & Palmyra Fernandez  
11:30 Mary Mottola

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

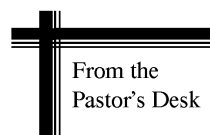
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

June 17, 2018	\$6,569.00
June 16, 2019	\$4,771.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,295.00

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

**Reading for Sunday  
June 30, 2019**

**1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11 [cf. 5a]/Gal 5:1, 13-18/  
Lk 9:51-62**



Melchizedek is a priest and a king. His strange and mysterious arrival in the story of Abraham points to something truly profound about our encounter with Jesus Sunday by Sunday in the Eucharist. Here we encounter a sacrifice once offered, a gift once given that pours itself out in blessing across the ages, from generation to generation. Sunday by Sunday, we receive the blessing that is the living presence of Jesus Christ in the act of love on the cross in which he offers himself for us to the Father. This blessing of generous love and life, as with the loaves and fishes on the hillside of Galilee, is given to each of us to extend to all the people we encounter in the week ahead.

The priesthood we share through baptism, the priesthood of all believers, is the priesthood of Melchizedek. We encounter the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic Bread and Wine here at the Lord's Table, and with St. Paul we receive and extend to others the blessing of mercy, grace, and restored life.

Do we feel thankful and unified as we gather as a community of believers around the Lord's Table and as we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus each Sunday? Or do we feel pretty crabby about being there at all? As one man said, "I don't want to think any deeper; I just do the church thing and leave." So he slips in and out of church, avoids eye contact and gives the bare minimum of response and involvement at Mass.

May we, with St. Paul, acknowledge and joyfully hand on to others the goodness and blessing we encounter here in the Eucharist.

✠ **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.**

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

*P. 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 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)**





*Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford, New Jersey*

**2019 Summer**

**Mass Schedule**

*Monday, June 24th to Friday, August 30th*

*Weekdays:*

*Monday through Friday...8am*

*Saturday...8:30am*

*Weekends:*

*(NO Changes)*

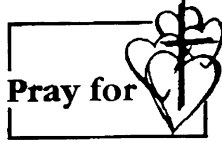
*Saturday...5:30pm*

*Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am*

*Holy Days: 7am, 8:30am, 7:30pm*

*Civil Holidays: 8:30am*

**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**



*"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 Kloebler, 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 **Theresa Vazzano**



The ALTAR BREAD & WINE this week in loving memory of **Beth Sullivan**



**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.**



**Sunday, June 23, 2019**

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

**Monday, June 24, 2019**

**Fortnight for Freedom  
SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS  
ON WEEKDAY MASS AT 8:00AM  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room**

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019**

**Fortnight for Freedom**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

**Fortnight for Freedom  
Harrison House  
Novena at 7:30pm in Church  
Filipino Core Meeting – 8:00pm – Gather. Rm**

**Thursday, June 27, 2019**

**Fortnight for Freedom**

**Friday, June 28, 2019**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Fortnight for Freedom**

**Saturday, June 29, 2019**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Fortnight for Freedom  
Confessions – 11:00am - Church**

**Sunday, June 30, 2019**

**Fortnight for Freedom  
Peter's Pence**

**40 Years and Counting  
A concert celebrating Fr. Jerry Hahn's  
40 years of service in the priesthood  
Saturday, July 13, 7:30pm  
Free-will offering  
St. Anthony's Church  
199 Walnut St.  
Northvale, NJ  
201-768-1177**



**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**





**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>

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).



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



**BASRALLIAN FUNERAL SERVICE**

**201-261-0222**

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

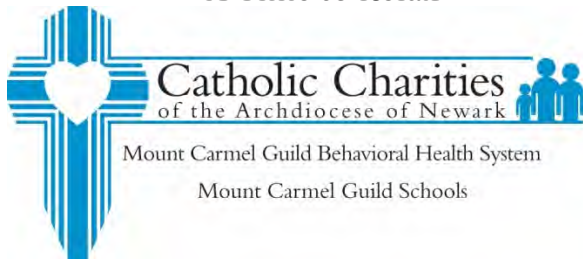
**36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019  
 NEW MILFORD**

**TO JOIN CITIES NATIONWIDE FOR  
 "AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST  
 CRIME & TERRORISM"**

**Giant town wide block party on LaBarbera Field,  
 located off of Patrolman Ray Woods Ln.  
 7:00pm-10:00pm**

**Amusement rides, music (DJ), food vendors,  
 law enforcement and emergency services displays,  
 ice cream, games & much more!**

**A Time to Relax**



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.

