

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

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Director of Maintenance

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Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

Parish Trustees

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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.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 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 Summer

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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E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 30, 2019

- 5:30 John Iuliano
- 7:30 Donald Evans
- 9:30 Fernando & Palmyra Fernandez
- 11:30 Mary Mottola

SUMMER MASS SCHEULDE

Monday, July 1, 2019

- 8:00 Christina Mascittie, First Anniv.

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

- 8:00 Irini Hronopoulos

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

- 8:00 George & Mary Noonan

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4, 2019

- 8:30 All Our Nation's People

Friday, July 5, 2019

- 8:00 Alphonse Giella

Saturday, July 6, 2019

Memorial

- 8:30 Dorothy White, Ryan Fraser

- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 7, 2019

- 7:30 Donald Evans
- 9:30 Jerome Guce
- 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

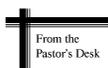
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

June 24, 2018	\$5,125.00
June 23, 2019	\$4,795.00
Fr. Hilary Scholarship:	\$ 844.00

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

Reading for Sunday July 7, 2019

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
[1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
or 10:1-9



What made Jesus the most amazing example of freedom who ever lived was his single-mindedness in following God. On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus meets individuals who want more, who say they want to follow him. In each case, Jesus accepts them, and challenges them to join him. And in each case, there is some distraction present, some way that the person simply will not focus on centering their life on God.

Is that surprising? In 2019, we actually look for distractions—hours of TV, parties, shopping, shopping, more shopping. We're in withdrawal if we're away from our iPhones, iPads, and computers for an hour. Single-minded doesn't mean narrow-minded. To follow God means to invite God to become our center. Let yourself feel the desire to be centered—which is the desire for God. Look at a yoga class. Some people are sitting with their hands peacefully folded, eyes closed, letting go of rigidity while others are fidgeting, letting every thought pull them around—the grocery list, gas bill, boyfriend.

Do you call yourself a believer? Then your whole life has to show it. Some things about you have to look very different from the life of a non-believer. Maybe churches haven't been holding any of us to a high enough standard! What we are talking about is utterly life-reversing.

You have the freedom to choose all of God's ways—but as Jesus asks, do you have the single-mindedness? For once, let's clear away all the distractions, and picture yourself free and single-minded, plowing a furrow alongside Jesus, heading straight to God's presence.

✘ This week Fr. Hilary returns to join our pastoral staff for July, August and September. Let us give Fr. Hilary our usual warm welcome to Ascension! We are certainly glad to have him back with us.

✘ This Thursday we observe **Independence Day**, our nation's two hundred forty-third birthday. We will celebrate Mass at 8:30am. Together at the Lord's Table, as we conclude the Fortnight for Freedom, we will give thanks for God's blessings on our nation, especially the freedom of religion that we share as Americans. In observance of Independence Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th. Regular business hours resume on Monday, July 8th. Enjoy a blessed and safe July 4th weekend!

✘ **Summer is 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. Our clothing and demeanor ought to reflect this truth. Please, use your good judgment

A thought concerning Summer contributions:

Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, the 4th of July and, of course, those well-deserved family summer vacations. While families spend hours planning ahead for those 3-day weekends and weeks out of town, they sometimes tend to overlook that their parish needs them even during the summer months. Envelopes are often forgotten.

Our parish bills do not stop during the summer months. Please help us by making your offering each week. If you are away for vacation, please remember your missed offering the following week. What better time than the summer to consider how WeShare consistently sustains parishioner support the whole year?

Electronic giving helps parishioners give consistently with the peace of mind knowing that they are doing their part to support their parish and its ministries. Why not consider enrolling in electronic giving this week? Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

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 for more information, to arrange a tour or to have your student spend the day with us as a "Tiger for a Day".



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 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



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: _____

ANIMAL SHELTER IN NEED OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT

START II, a local shelter we have worked with in the past, has reached out to us as they are in desperate need of laundry detergent. With the arrival of kitten season and a new batch of puppies, they are forced to do many extra loads of laundry each day. We are reaching out to our animal lovers to donate some detergent if they can. A box will be placed in the vestibule for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.



THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, JULY 4 & FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019 HAVE A SAFE & ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!



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)

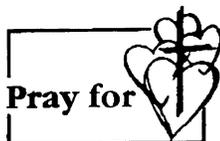
Saturday...5:30pm

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

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

Civil Holidays: 8:30am

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"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

GOD Bless AMERICA

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.



Sunday, June 30, 2019

Fortnight for Freedom

Peter's Pence

Monday, July 1, 2019

Fortnight for Freedom

Welcome back Fr. Hilary

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Fortnight for Freedom

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

Fortnight for Freedom

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

Thursday, Independence Day

Fortnight for Freedom

One Mass at 8:30am

Parish Offices Closed

First Friday, July 5, 2019

Parish Offices Closed

Communion Visits to homebound

First Saturday, July 6, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Sunday, July 7, 2019

Parish Maintenance & Repairs



SUMMER

Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!!

School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!

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



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 151 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$35,820.57 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>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*
UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JULY, 15th

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.

- RAISINS-JAM-JELLY-INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
 - INSTANT RICE-LEMONADE MIX-TEA-EGG NOODLES
 - CANNED PEARS-CORN FLAKES-BREAD CRUMBS
 - CHILDRENS CEREALS-RAISIN BRAN-PEANUT BUTTER
 - INSTANT OATMEAL-SAUERKRAUT-BBQ SAUCE-FLOUR
 - INSTANT FLAVORED POTATOES-LENTIL SOUP-TISSUES
 - NAPKINS-TOOTHPASTE-CONDITIONER-BATH SOAP
- Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.



NATURE'S WAY IRRIGATION, INC.
201-265-8367

Please remember to patronize,
who help make this bulletin possible



PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 5:1)

We praise you and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, I the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Please be generous today. For more information, visit 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: _____

