

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

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Summer Assistant

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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.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 28, 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 7:15 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
E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

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(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896
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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

July 28, 2019

5:30 Seamus Nugents
7:30 Naty Hayo
9:30 John Patrick Gilmartin
11:30 Marcella Clayton

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 29, 2019

8:00 Thanksgiving from the Ruiz family

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

8:00 LaVonne Seifert

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

8:00 Irene & Maureen Dargan

Thursday, August 1, 2019

8:00 Augustine & Monica (L) 38th Anniv.

Friday, August 2, 2019

8:00 Pio Balagot (L)

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Memorial

8:30 Consuelo Mendoza, Theresa Buccino
Nilda Redoblado-

40 Day Commemoration

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

August 4, 2019

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Mary Cucco

11:30 Paul Mitchell

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

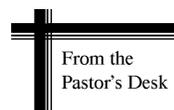
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

July 15, 2018:	\$4,374.00
July 14, 2019:	\$4,646.00
Archdiocesan Retired Priests:	\$1,648.00
July 22, 2018:	\$5,257.00
July 21, 2019:	\$4,854.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,321.00

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

Reading for Sunday, August 4, 2019

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



“No prayer, no faith... no faith, no love... no love, no devotion... no devotion, no service.” So Saint Mother Teresa has written. Prayer is intimately connected to faith, faith to love, love to devotion and devotion to service. Today we have St. Luke’s version of the greatest of all prayers, the Lord’s Prayer or the Our Father, as most of us call it.

When we pray this prayer we are surrendering to God, trusting God with our daily lives, asking forgiveness from God and giving this forgiveness to others. This prayer is not primarily one of asking God for favors for ourselves or for others, even though Jesus follows it with a story which seems to be all about asking. God doesn’t need us to act like beggars on the street, but rather as children of a loving Father. In fact, the Father will give us much more than we ask. We will be given the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that we can begin to live our lives with the Spirit of Love living within us.

Sister Joan Chittister reminds us that, “Christians do not pray in order to coax satisfaction out of the universe. God is life, not a vending machine full of trifles to fit the whims of the human race. God is the end of life, the fulfillment of life, the essence of life, the coming of life. Christians pray in order to be open to what is, rather than to reshape the world to their own lesser designs.”

That’s a wonderful little phrase: **God is life, not a vending machine.** When we pray, we are putting ourselves consciously in the presence of Life Itself, of Love Itself. Because our life can be so scattered, confused, hurried and harried, we need to pray often. We need to be in the presence of Love, of Life, of the One who cares for us beyond our wildest imaginings. Praying the Lord’s Prayer with reverence, thoughtfulness and feeling can help us on our life’s journey.

St. Paul today says that even when we were dead in our sins, Jesus nailed all of our debts and failings to the cross. So, listen when Jesus says, “Whoever you are, not only is it OK to pray—I’m telling you, will you listen to me?—‘Knock, and the door will be opened. Seek, and you will find. Ask, and you will receive...’”

Persistence is the key. If it is a real love relationship, then it’s going to be a process. It will have its hot-and-cold spots, but God is in it with us, and we are both in it for the long haul. The great joy of prayer is that we never have to be afraid to ask, seek, doubt, or try. Even when we don’t feel anything happening, genuine prayer can rise up from the painful and dark places in our lives. This is the very time we should be coming to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist—when we feel like we’re not passing the course on love—because that is when we need the prayer of others around us most. We need to believe that our community will “supply faith” and strength, when our voice alone is too weak to cry out for bread at midnight.

✠ Thank you so much to our 161 parishioner families who have pledged \$40,135.57 to the Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal. We have now gone over our goal. If you have not already done so, please consider making a pledge to help us to receive a share of all that is now contributed. Brochures are at the church doors.

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

Fr. 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. Please note there is a \$10 late fee as of June 30, 2019, per student. 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. If you need a Registration form please visit the parish website www.churchoftheascension.com and down load the form.

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

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

JULY 28, 2019

2020 MASS BOOK

WILL OPEN ON
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS
WILL ONLY BE TAKEN
FROM 9:00-10:30 & 2:00-3:00 DAILY
IN THE RECTORY OFFICE

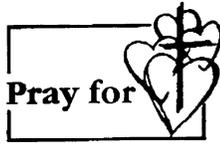
*****Forms at doors of church, rectory office or on website*****

- *Please print clearly using “2020 Mass Book Intentions Form” Only (Sorry no request will be processed unless they are on form)**
- *No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail**
- *One Form per person (Maximum 8 Mass Requests)**
- *Checks made payable to Ascension or Cash no Credit cards**
- *Requests will be assigned on a first come, first served basis**

There will be a Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass limit of three (3) for each person requesting masses. **Weekday masses will be limited to five (5) for each person.** Christmas, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and all legal holidays are always for the intentions of the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish. In addition, one Sunday Mass per weekend is offered for the Parishioners of Ascension Parish. The 8:30am Mass on the First Saturday of the month is always available as a Memorial Mass for persons who have recently died.

Please note that the Church governance requires that only one intention (person) per Mass. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners. We will adhere to the following: Two first names with the same last name (i.e. John and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Smith and Jones Families) will be allowed per intention.

Those who are homebound or unable to visit the office may mail-in or give completed forms with payments to another person to drop-off to office. ***These requests will be processed starting August 5th.***



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

David Matthew Hardesty

"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, Joseph Meyer, Peggy Evans, 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
Fermin Pineda



Sunday, July 28, 2019

Fr. Hilary Scholarship Fund

Monday, July 29, 2019

2020 MASS BOOK OPENS

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

No events

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

Thursday, August 1, 2019

No events

First Friday, August 2, 2019

Communion Visits to Homebound

First Saturday, August 3, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

Monday, August 5, 2019

No events

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Woodcrest Center Mass 2:30pm

Baptism Prep. – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

Thursday, August 8, 2019

Hackensack Homeless

Friday, August 9, 2019

No events

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Food Pantry Sunday



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.

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 161 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **Because of your generosity we have reached our goal!** We are currently at \$40,135.57 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little; give a lot; but please give something! Remember anything over goal is shared with your parish.

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>



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!

36TH 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!



LACY CONSTRUCTION
201-261-1561

Please remember to patronize,
who help make this bulletin possible



HELP US TO

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – AUGUST, 19th

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.

JAM-JELLY-CANNED WHITE POTATOES-MUSHROOMS
LEMONADE MIX-TEA-EGG NOODLES-COFFEE-FLOUR
CANNED PEARS-CORN FLAKES-BREAD CRUMBS
MIXED VEGETABLES-APPLE SAUCE-BROWNIE MIX
INSTANT OATMEAL-SAUERKRAUT-CAKE ICING
INSTANT FLAVORED POTATOES-LENTIL SOUP-JELL-O
GRATED CHEESE-TISSUES-NAPKINS-TOOTHPASTE

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: _____

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, AUGUST 8th.

We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry.

