

# 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

### Summer Assistant

Rev. Hilary Ocho

### 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.



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 4, 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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)  
E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**  
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# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

August 4, 2019

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Mary Cucco

11:30 Paul Mitchell

### SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 5, 2019

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

8:00 Lillian Person

Thursday, August 8, 2019

8:00 Larry Galvez, Jr.

Friday, August 9, 2019

8:00 Ramon Abuedo

Saturday, August 10, 2019

8:30 Juanita Santiago

5:30 Ramon Abuedo

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

August 11, 2019

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Larry Galvez

11:30 Macaria & Agustina Maglaqui

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

July 29, 2018: \$5,358.00

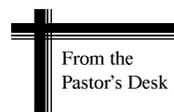
July 28, 2019: \$4,843.00

Fr. Hilary Scholarship: \$1,214.00

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

### Reading for Sunday, August 11, 2019

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22  
[12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-  
12/Lk 12:32-48 or  
12:35-40



A wise rabbi once taught a lesson by comparing a window to a mirror. When you look through the window, you see other people, life around you. When you look in a mirror, you see only yourself. "The only difference is that—as soon as silver is added, you can only see yourself."

Money, silver, objects, shopping... the "spirit that's always wanting more"—it seems to possess us these days. People camp outside stores for days to get the newest iPhone. Gadgets make you so "cool" that even the poorest may not have enough food, but they must have cell phones. The question to ask ourselves is, what is our relationship to what we have?

Do I keep shopping, and "cling" to my possessions? Does what I buy really enhance my life AND the lives of others? Do my purchases help me become more generous, more compassionate in sharing what I own? Or do I stay a teenager forever, hoarding my piggybank for my own little desires?

One woman has decided to balance her buying this way: whatever she spends on a fun or expensive purchase, she gives that identical amount of money to the local homeless shelter.

Today, Jesus is trying to teach this lesson to his listeners: We should enjoy and love what is of beauty and goodness. But look beyond ourselves, and look beyond this world. The rich fool in the gospel was clearly self-centered. Let us try to make our attitudes truly Christian: When goods and money come into our hands, let's think of giving some of it away. Instead of seeking happiness by piling up and hoarding, experience joy by giving something away.

✠ We invite you to contribute school supplies for the children of our food pantry clients and for the children of our area schools. A Collection Box is located in the front vestibule of the church.

✠ Thank you to those parishioners who stay after Mass and tidy the church pews. We ask others to volunteer to stay after Mass and neaten the pews. It takes only about five minutes. Further, please consider those who will be at Mass after you and make sure you replace the hymnals in the racks and clean up after yourselves. Please, help to keep God's house neat and clean.

✠ A thought concerning Summer contributions:

Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, 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!

*Fr. David*



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

**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 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. 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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com) and download 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:**

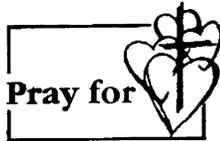
Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory  
 Other times by appointment

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
 FYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*  
 UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>August, 2019</h1> <h2>Church of the Ascension</h2> <p>New Milford, New Jersey</p>						
<p>18 Ordinary Time Parish Maintenance and Repair</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:30pm Woodcrest Center Mass</p> <p>7:30pm Baptism Prep GR</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30pm Novena CH</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Hackensack Homesless</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11am Confession CH</p>
<p>19 Ordinary Time Missionary Appeal at all weekend Masses Food Pantry/Sunday Collection</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30pm Novena CH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses: 7:00am and 8:30am and 7:30pm</p> <p>8:00pm Novena CH (after 7:30pm Mass)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11am Confession CH</p> <p>6:30pm Novena CH</p>
<p>20 Ordinary Time Church in Africa</p> <p>1pm Baptism</p> <p>6:00pm Novena CH</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Food Pantry Distribution</p> <p>7:30pm Novena CH</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30pm Novena CH</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Queen'ship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>7:30pm Novena CH</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11am Confession CH</p> <p>8:30pm Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Reception follows</p>
<p>21 Ordinary Time Fr Hilary Scholarship Fund</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30pm Novena CH</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



**EIGHTEENTH 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, 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  
William & Elizabeth Morris

BREAD and WINE this week  
are in loving memory of  
William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are  
in loving Memory of  
William & Elizabeth Morris



**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**

**Monday, August 12, 2019**

No events

**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

No events

**Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Masses 7:00am & 8:30am & 7:30pm**

Queenship Novena after 7:30pm Mass

**Friday, August 16, 2019**

Queenship Novena 7:30pm in Church

**Saturday, August 17, 2019**

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Queenship Novena 6:30pm in Church

**Sunday, August 18, 2019**

**Collection for Church in Africa**

Baptism – 1:00pm – Church

Queenship Novena 6:00pm in Church

**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



