

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646
(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896
E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 25, 2019

5:30 Timoteo & Estela Viray
7:30 Timothy V. Cronin
9:30 Olga & George Arnold
11:30 Luisa Garcia

Monday, August 26, 2019

8:00 Maureen Finigan

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

8:00 Glenn Haas, First Anniversary

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

8:00 Eva Liza

Thursday, August 29, 2019

8:00 Cathy Trimarchi-White

Friday, August 30, 2019

8:00 Montecucollo Family

Saturday, August 31, 2019

8:30 Eva Liza
5:30 Christopher Boes

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 1, 2019

7:30 Donald Evans
9:30 Theresa Lacey
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

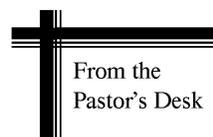
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

August 19, 2018:	\$4,844.50
August 18, 2019:	\$4,290.00
Assumption:	\$1,428.00
Church in Africa:	\$1,384.00

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

Reading for Sunday, September 1, 2019

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



Taking in Jesus and his gospel was never intended to be like taking an anti-depressant pill—more like taking up a cross. The way of Jesus is not like a big comfortable pillow we settle back on for a snooze. Yet, one of the hazards of reading the Scriptures regularly is that we tend to only go back to those parts of the Scripture that are comfortable to us.

You can imagine how penetrating the eyes of Jesus are into each one of our souls. There is “nowhere to run, nowhere to hide” if we are just going through the motions of a surface religion. Jesus certainly knows if we use religion the way a drug addict uses drugs, to feel good about ourselves, to justify our lifestyle, to satisfy our craving for righteousness.

Some of us will not be strong enough to enter the narrow way because we haven’t made our lives into anything of strength. We haven’t exercised any “spiritual muscles”: haven’t built up virtue, or patience, haven’t practiced giving freely to others; we haven’t held our tempers, or forgiven those who don’t deserve to be forgiven. Those who do not want to forgive, who hold on to anger, who do not want peace, will not be ready for an eternity full of reconciliation, and complete joy and oneness which Jesus Himself IS.

Jesus is not just asking for external observance, for keeping the rules as many Jews did, without a deeper purpose. Jesus is asking us to put on his very life—to eat and drink of his body and blood, so that we live out of his very substance. Only then will we have the inner guidance required to live life in the Spirit of Jesus. Rules are fine—but it is the Spirit of the law which gives life to us, and everyone around us.

✠ 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.

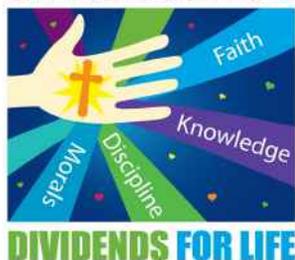
✠ Thank you to those parishioners who stay after Mass and tidy the church pews. We ask others to volunteer to stay after Mass and neaten the pews. It takes only about five minutes. Further, please consider those who will be at Mass after you and make sure you replace the hymnals in the racks and clean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

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

P. David



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



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 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!

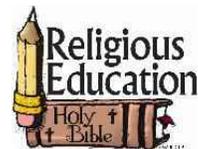
I would like....

- _____ 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. If you need a form you may pick one up in the Rectory or go to the Parish website at www.churchoftheascension.com and download the form. 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.

Registration for 2019-2020:

The Religious Education Office in the school will be open today, September 8, 2019 for last minute registration from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. All registered families' will receive their letters the first week of September. If you have registered by September 1st, you will NOT receive your letter. Please call the Religious Education office if you have any questions.

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

SACRED HEART CHURCH in Haworth will host a carnival on September 26-29. Hours are Thursday 6:00 to 10:00, Friday 6:00 to 11:00, Saturday 3:00 to 11:00, Sunday 1:00 to 6:00. Bring your family and friends for great food and fun and enter a chance to win in the 50/50 raffle. Sacred Heart Church -102 Park Street in Haworth.

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

Come ... Join Us...



Ascension Parish's Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Washington, NJ (The Blue Army)

Saturday, September 7, 2019

to celebrate

The Birthday of our Blessed Mother

- † 9:00 am Bus Departs Ascension Church Parking Lot
(Bring your own lunch; lunch will be in the picnic area)
- † 10:30 am Confessions – Upper Shrine
- † 12 Noon Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- † 5:00 pm Candlelight Rosary Procession with Pilgrim Virgin Statue
- † 6:00 pm Bus Departs Shrine for Ascension
- † There will be ample time to visit the Holy House, Rosary Gardens, the Way of the Cross, and many other shrines and gift shops.

DRESS CODE: A strict Dress Code is enforced at the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Comfortable shoes are suggested. Slacks for women are permitted. Shorts are NOT permitted for males or females over the age of 11. Tank tops, halter, sundresses, mini-skirts, skin-tight and revealing attire are NOT permitted.

Fill out the Registration Form below and return with your check for \$25.00
(made payable to: Church of the Ascension)
in an envelope marked "Shrine Trip" and drop it in the Black Mailbox.
Deadline: Friday, September 6th. Your check is your reservation.

For further information, please call: Anna Giella (201) 265-9435 or Mel Mintz (201) 921-1144.



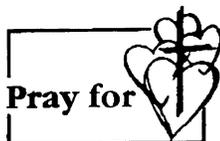
Ascension Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: Friday, September 6th.
Your check is your reservation

NAME _____

PHONE _____ Amount Enclosed _____



"To everything there is a season...

"a time to be born..."
Stella Viray Cerciello

"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, 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



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
Luisa & Manuel Garcia



Sunday, August 25, 2019

Fr. Hilary Scholarship Fund

Monday, August 26, 2019

No events

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

No events

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Thursday, August 29, 2019

No events

Friday, August 30, 2019

No events

Saturday, August 31, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am – 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



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Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 165 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 \$41,065.57 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>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR NEW MILFORD CHILDREN IN NEED

Throughout the month of August and the first week of September, the Service Ministry will be collecting school supplies for the children of New Milford who cannot afford to buy their own supplies. The following are some of the items which will be needed: pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, erasers, safety scissors, rulers, index cards, composition books, spiral notebooks, 1" binders, pencil cases, lunch boxes, back packs. We are hoping to donate to children from kindergarten thru high school. A box has been placed in the vestibule of the church for your donations. Our sincere thanks goes out to all for your continued support of our ministry to those in need within our community.

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION-SEPTEMBER 16TH

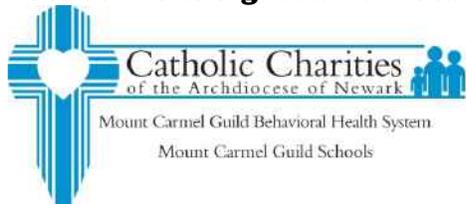
The following are items most needed to restock our shelves this month. Any item or items you can purchase for our pantry would be greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your continued support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- JAM-JELLY-CANNED PEARS-BAKED BEANS-PORK & BEANS
 - TEA-COFFEE-FLOUR-HOT COCOA-MAYONNAISE-JELL-O
 - RICE CRISPIES-RAISIN BRAN-INSTANT OATMEAL-OATMEAL
 - MIXED VEGETABLES-APPLE SAUCE-CHICKEN GRAVY
 - BEEF BROTH-LENTIL SOUP-CHICKEN BROTH-CRACKERS
 - GRATED CHEESE-SALAD DRESSING-COOKIES-PAPER TOWELS
 - TISSUES-NAPKINS-TOOTHPASTE-BATH TISSUE-DEODORANT
- Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!

We would like to establish and resume a group to crochet. Anyone older than 18 years old, regardless of the expertise in crocheting, is welcome. If interested call me at 201 417-6444, Rosa Gutierrez, and leave a message with your name and number. I will call you back. Thank you in advance for your support. Any religious education personnel who is interested please call me as well.

School Bells Signal a New Start



The sound of the school bell is a welcomed sound to most parents who have worked diligently to prepare their children to work up to their potential. Many students will not be able to work up to their full potential as they are lacking in nourishing food and are dealing with stressful family situations. Please help Catholic Charities in its mission to help individuals and families who are hurting. This is a most opportune time to clean out the summer clothes for the Catholic Charities clothing bin. We also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels and children's books. Thank you.

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: _____

