

# 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.



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 15, 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

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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**Catechetical  
Sunday**



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
September 15, 2019**

5:30 Marra's Family  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Emiliana Guce  
11:30 Manuel Garcia

**Monday, September 16, 2019**

7:00 Margaret Buhler, First Anniversary  
8:30 Cheryl Hoppe

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

7:00 Joan Tuomey  
8:30 Mary Oates & Family (L)

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

7:00 Martha Delaney (L)  
8:30 Joan Polis

**Thursday, September 19, 2019**

7:00 Renato Aglipay  
8:30 In Thanksgiving

**Friday, September 20, 2019**

7:00 Rustia Fecundo  
8:30 Joan Polis

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

8:30 Margaret McNicholas  
5:30 Marisa Aversa

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
September 22, 2019**

7:30 Andres Villaluna  
9:30 Madeline LaGuardia  
11:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

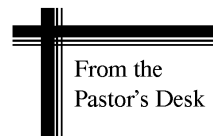
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

**September 9, 2018: \$4,355.00**  
**September 8, 2019: \$4,989.00**  
**Catholic University of America: \$1,069.00**

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

**Reading for Sunday  
September 22, 2019**

**Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1**  
**Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13**



The life of Christ is about living a life of love in the world; that in itself requires sacrifice and discipline, to live it with our whole hearts and minds. God's love for us is like a mother's heart; and a mother's heart always remembers the good in their child. This is not an excuse for bad action by their children; but it is the other part of the reality that we never know about the person.

Human parents may fail in being loving and forgiving. But the love of God is greater than anything we can imagine. "Though a mother forget her child, I will not abandon you." If you are discouraged about your life, and don't know why you're even still here, or if you feel nothing will ever change for you, this Scripture is for you. Know that we are always welcome back, and there are no limits of age or time or past history. Never forget that while the Prodigal Son was "a long way off", the father was waiting and searching the landscape for him. God is still watching and waiting for you, every moment, with open arms, hoping you will come home and receive God's love with joy, and maybe some tears.

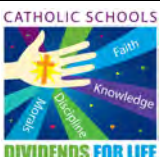
✠ This Sunday at 9:30am Mass we celebrate **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**. Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of all in this parish, to recognize and thank our parish catechists who give of themselves so generously and unselfishly in this most important work of bringing the good news of Jesus to others. These include those who work with our children as teachers, substitutes, and aides, those who work with our baptism and marriage preparation programs, RCIA, Small Christian Communities, Lenten Program Groups, CFM, adult spirituality, and the Ministry of the Word.

After the 9:30am Mass, there is a **mandatory "Back to School" meeting** for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K-9). We will begin at 10:45am in the Fr. Benedict Center. We will welcome everyone back and it will be a chance for parents and students to meet the catechists and prepare for the new year.

- ✠ Please put these upcoming events on your calendar and plan ahead to join us...
- September 16 (Monday)...Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (7-8) at 7:00 in the School Cafeteria
  - **September 17 (Tuesday)...Parish Lectors' Meeting, 7:30pm in the church**
  - September 18 (Wednesday)...Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program Confirmation Prep (9) at 7:00 in the School Cafeteria
  - September 22 (Sunday) Religious Education classes (K-6) begin at 10:15am
  - September 22 (Sunday)...Archdiocesan celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod at 3pm Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Light refreshments will follow in the Archdiocesan Center
  - September 24 (Tuesday)...Parish Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting, 7:30pm in the church
  - October 26 (Saturday)...Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

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

*P. David*



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- Call to pick up registration materials and/or for a tour: 201-384-3627
- Email: [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org)
- Visit our website: [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org)
- Visit us on Facebook to experience how engaged our students and families are



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



**LACY CONSTRUCTION**  
201-261-1561

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



**Calendar:**

- Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM
- Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> -- Mandatory Parent Meeting 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grades at 10:45 am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)
- Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>– 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> -- 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

**Registration for 2019-2020:**

The Religious Education Office is still accepting registrations for the current school year. All registered families' letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

**Please note our hours for classes.**

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:15 pm. Students are asked to be here by 6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.



**Volunteers Needed:**

- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2019-2020 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa 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 – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory
- Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm – In School
- Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School
- Closed: Thursday & Saturday
- Other times by appointment



SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

# GOODBYE



Ascension Parish

Pot Luck Dinner

to say Goodbye and Thank You  
to Fr. Hilary

Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 4pm

Fr. Benedict Center

*If you would like to participate in this special occasion,  
please fill out the form below and submit it in collection  
or at the Rectory Office by September 23rd.*

(Detach and Return by 9/23/19)

## Pot Luck Dinner for Fr. Hilary

(Return by Monday, September 23, 2019)

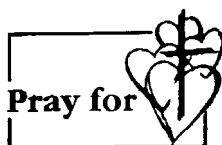
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending (Bring your family and your favorite covered dish to share)

I/We will bring \_\_\_\_\_ salad \_\_\_\_\_ entree \_\_\_\_\_ dessert \_\_\_\_\_ beverage

**Parish will provide coffee, tea, and Cake!**



*“To everything there is a season...*

*“a time to love...”*  
**Tricia & Mike Kaiser**

*“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**



**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.



**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.

**September**

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

**Catechetical Sunday**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

9:30 Mass Commissioning of Catechists in Church  
Religious Education 1-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Meeting in  
the Fr. Benedict Center – 10:45am

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

**Monday, September 16, 2019**

Priest’ Deanery Mtg. – 1:00pm

Food Pantry Distribution

Rel. Ed. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 7:00pm – School

CFM – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

Parish Lectors’ - 7:30pm - Church

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.

Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

**Thursday, September 19, 2019**

No events

**Friday, September 20, 2019**

No events

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm - Church

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

Religious Education 1-6<sup>th</sup> Grade - 10:45am

Sts. Lorenzo Ruiz & Pedro Calungsod at Cathedral

Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark at 3:00pm



**PARISH LECTORS’ MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 17TH, 7:30PM  
IN THE CHURCH**

**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



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD**

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 167 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 \$41,565.57 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>

**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.**

**Come, join the NEWARK ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BECOME A PILGRIM FOR A DAY!**

The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a one-day pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The pilgrimage will take place under the leadership of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Buses will leave from local parish churches and return the same day. The feature of the day will be a rosary devotion and concelebrated Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine. Plan now to be part of this Archdiocesan act of love and devotion in honor of Mary, Mother of the Church. Sign up with your parish promoter as soon as possible. The parish pilgrimage promoter at our parish is Anna Giella (201) 265-9435 or Father David.

**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS SHELTER COLLECTION**

In conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis we will be collecting donations for local shelters to help feed, shelter and stimulate animals waiting to find their forever homes. The following is a list of items which various shelters have need for. If you would like to give a gift card or cash instead, please hand it to one of our priests rather than leave it in the box. Your continued support of our Ministry is greatly appreciated, as always. Let's help these poor animals which God has given us a companions to be happy and safe until they find their permanent homes! Nutro Lamb & Rice Dog Food, Pro-Plan Cat Food (wet or dry), Purina Dry Indoor food for cats & for kittens, Natural Balance LID for Dogs (wet & dry), Tennis Balls, Kong toys for dog, Cat Toys (no feathers or sticks), Paper Towels, Small Pet Beds, Envelopes, Cat Carriers (hard), Postage Stamps, Bleach, Cat treats (made in USA please), Dog treats (made in USA please, and no rawhide), Laundry Detergent, Fabuloso cleaner, Clean sheets, blankets, towels, pillows. Any brand of dry food is accepted to feed feral (outdoor) cats during the cold winter months.

PLEASE REMIND ANYONE COMING TO THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ON OCTOBER 4TH TO BRING A DONATION FOR THE ANIMALS IN NEED. THANK YOU!

God bless you for your generosity to God's loving creatures!

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

**PARISH SPONSORED**

**HOLIDAY TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC**

Ascension Parish will sponsor a 3 day Holiday trip to Washington, DC from Friday Dec. 13-Sunday December 15, 2019. The price of \$549 per person(dbl. occ.) \$650(single occ.) includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 full course dinners, visit to the White House Center, VIP tour of the White House (based on availability), the US Botanic Garden, "A Christmas Carol" at the Ford Theatre, visit to the Bible Museum, visit to the Memorials & Monuments, Pageant of Peace in Ellipse Park (see the National Christmas Tree and 56 smaller trees, etc.), Candle Light tour of George Washington's Mt. Vernon where we will witness the Christmas festivities of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, downtown holiday market, drive by Embassy Row and Washington's National Cathedral, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities and motorcoach transportation. A \$100 deposit will hold your reservation which is due by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Balance due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. For info. and reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)3872632. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
FYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

