

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

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Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

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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.



**Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13, 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.



PASTORAL CENTER

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RECTORY

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Mass Intentions for the Week



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 13, 2019

5:30 Marie Conidi
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Judi Sexton
11:30 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Coringrato

Monday, October 14, 2019

7:00 German & Clara Natividad
8:30 Pirsco Cinelli

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

7:00 Reynaldo Caparas
8:30 Graciela Garcia

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

7:00 Joseph Plog
8:30 Richard Thomas

Thursday, October 17, 2019

7:00 Emery Quinn Wires
8:30 Paul J. Figalora, 32nd Anniversary

Friday, October 18, 2019

7:00 Sr. Rose Marie, O' Carm.
8:30 Lorelei Habana, Birthday (L)

Saturday, October 19, 2019

8:30 Guido Family
5:30 Annabelle Vazzano

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 20, 2019

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 John Montecuollo
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.

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| October 7, 2018: | \$5,195.00 |
| October 6, 2019: | \$4,706.00 |
| Maintenance & Repairs: | \$2,828.00 |

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

Reading for Sunday October 20, 2019

Ex 17, 8-13/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 [cfr. 2]/2 Tim 3, 14—4, 2/Lc 18, 1-8

If we grow up thinking there is no greater Source in the universe to which we owe gratitude, we also end up as adults who think we are the ultimate and supreme authority in our own lives. This makes for a more selfish person, who is unconscious of a higher spiritual reality. When I hear someone say, "It's my body; I can do with it what I please," I get the idea that this is a person who is not in the habit of giving thanks to God for their body OR their life.

Today, many families don't say grace before meals at any other time but Thanksgiving Day. But the Pilgrims already had the spiritual habit of giving thanks in good times and bad. It was simply part of their belief that God guided their lives and was present at every moment.

We say that we believe God is always present, but we may not be in the habit of lifting up our hearts in gratitude. It is good for body and soul for us to get into the "attitude of gratitude" every day of our lives. It should be part of us as we talk to God in the morning, and before we collapse at night, even if all we can muster is a weak, "Thanks for getting me through it today, God—I can't believe I made it."

But there's more. If we express gratitude frequently, we are more likely to forgive others. Now we are in gospel territory: gratitude leads us to forgiveness, and forgiveness leads us straight to God's heart. Happy "Giving of Thanks" to all!

We are graced in this parish with people who have so many skills to offer. With our parish deficit, we have been pleading for parishioners to come forward to share their God-given gifts of time and talent to use their skills around the parish with regard to maintenance and repair work which must be done. This is stewardship. "Where are the other nine?"

The regular use of Sunday envelopes, or WeShare—our stewardship of treasure—is so important!! In order to be married, to have a child baptized or to be a godparent or sponsor, to enroll your child in our Religious Education program, to enroll your child in our sacramental preparation programs, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic—that you are participating at Mass and contributing to the support of Ascension Parish. Filling out a registration form alone does not accomplish this. USING ENVELOPES or WeShare EVERY SUNDAY DOES. It also enables us to thank you and provide you with a record of your contributions for tax purposes. This is stewardship. "Where are the other nine?"

Another part of good stewardship is how we participate in our Sunday worship. Are we giving our best thanks to God by our behavior (by our being on time for Mass and staying till the end), by our attire worthy of church, by our active participation in prayer and song, by our sensitivity to those who worship with us (cell phones ringing during Mass)? "Where are the other nine?"

✘ October is **Respect Life Month** and the **month of our Blessed Mother**. I call your attention to some excellent opportunities for us as Catholics to honor Mary, the Mother of our God of Life. We pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church.

This Sunday, October 13th, the 102nd Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, we will gather in church with our Religious Education classes at 10:45am and pray the Rosary as Our Lady has asked us. Please make an effort to join us.

During the entire month we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "Giving Crib", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month.

✘ Please join us on Saturday, October 26th, for the Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The cost for the bus is only \$25.00 per person. Further information is in the bulletin.

Know that I pray for you and your loved ones everyday. Please pray for me, too. God Love You! Have a great week!

P. David



Save the Date!

The Transfiguration Academy Home/School Association Halloween Party will be held on Friday, October 25 at 6:30 PM in Conlon Hall. All children and parents are invited to attend and tickets are \$5 per person plus 1 canned good for St. John's Food Pantry. For more information call the school office, 201-384-3627.

Transfiguration Academy, serving students in grades PreK 2+ through grade 8, is a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools.

**RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE TICKETS
ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES**



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: _____

**BOULEVARD FUNERAL HOME
& Cremation Service
201-692-0100**

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

Calendar:

- Sunday, October 13th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
- Monday, October 14th -7th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, October 16th - 9th Grade from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, October 20th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

TODAY, October 13, 2019 the entire Religious Education Program will be praying the Holy Rosary, in the Church. We ask that all parents and parishioners PLEASE join us at 10:45 am in honor of our Mother Mary.



Registration for 2019-2020:

The Religious Education Office is still accepting registrations for the current school year. Class for the 1st to 9th grade have already started. Please come in ASAP and register.

Please note our hours for classes.

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

The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th 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

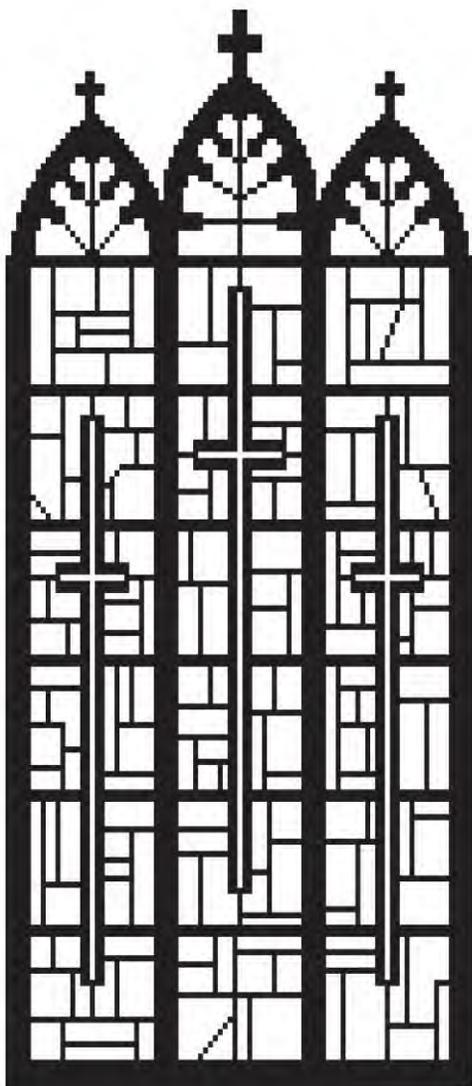
† Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

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

OCTOBER 13, 2019

*Church of the Ascension
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, New Jersey*



Dear Friend,

We, of Ascension Parish, feel that it is important for us to remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those persons who have touched our lives and whose presence we miss.

On Friday, November 1, 2019, as we celebrate All Saints Day, at the 7:30pm Mass, we will anticipate the Feast of All Souls, with our annual **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE** for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (Nov. 2, 2018-Nov. 1, 2019).

We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

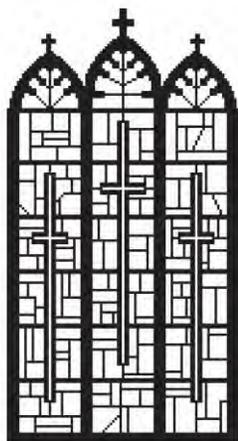
Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2019 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

We look forward to being with you on Friday, November 1.

In the Lord's Peace,

Fr. David and Your Ascension Parish Family

Annual Prayer of Remembrance



My Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Loved One _____

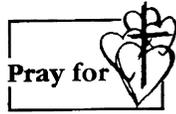
Relationship to Me _____ *Date of Death in 2018-19* _____

Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance

Please, we must have this completed card by October 28th.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season...

"a time to be born..."
Giulia Rose Bosi

"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, 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.

"a time to die..."
Giuseppe DePalo

and a time for every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:11



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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Food Pantry Sunday

Right to Life Raffle Tickets on sale after all masses

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30 – Chapel, PC

Religious Education 1-6th Grade - 10:45am

Rosary for Life – 10:45am - Church



Columbus Day

Monday, October 14, 2019

Rel. Ed. 7th & 8th Grade – 7:00pm – School

CFM – 7:00pm – Gathering Room, PC

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Ministry of Worship – 7:30pm – Gathering Room, PC

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Rel. Ed. 9 Grade – 6:30pm – School/Lib

Confirmation Prep.

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

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

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

Thursday, October 17, 2019

No events

Friday, October 18, 2019

No events

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm - Church



Sunday, October 20, 2019

World Mission Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30 – Chapel, PC

Religious Education 1-6th Grade - 10:45am



MINISTRY OF WORSHIP
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 7:30PM
IN THE PARISH CENTER GATHERING ROOM

BUS TRIP TO RESORTS WORLD CATSKILL CASINO

Our Parish will sponsor a trip to Resorts World Catskill Casino, Monticello, NY On Thursday Nov. 7th, 2019. The cost of \$30 per person includes \$25 play and \$15 food voucher.

The bus will leave Ascension Church parking lot at 9:30AM. You must have ID to get a promotions card or bonus money. Please fill in the form below and deposit at Rectory. For further info. call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

NAME _____
OF PEOPLE _____
PHONE # _____
AMT. ENCL. _____

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 170 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 \$42,590.57 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>



RESPECT LIFE

To show our respect for life, during the entire month of October we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "Giving Crib", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month. Please put monetary donations in envelope marked "**Respect Life**" in collection basket of give to Fr. David.

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.

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)

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| 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 18th 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. 1st. Balance due Nov. 1st. For info. and reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)3872632. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended.

HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2019!

Help is needed for 2020...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2020. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or Mary Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – OCTOBER 21st

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-CANNED PEARS-MUSHROOMS-BEETS-APPLE SAUCE
- TEA-COFFEE-FLOUR-HOT COCOA-JELL-O-MUFFIN MIX
- RICE CRISPIES-RAISIN BRAN-MANDARIN ORANGES
- MIXED VEGETABLES-CHICKEN GRAVY-MUSTARD
- BEEF BROTH-LENTIL SOUP-CHICKEN BROTH-CRACKERS
- RAISINS-GRATED CHEESE-COOKIES-APPLE JUICE
- KETCHUP-EGG NOODLES-CRANBERRY JUICE-BATH SOAP
- PAPER TOWELS-TISSUES-NAPKINS-TOOTHPASTE
- BATH TISSUE-TOOTHBRUSHES-LAUNDRY DETERGENT

Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

FYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*

UPCOMING EVENTS

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

