

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.



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 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.



PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

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

RECTORY

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time,
November 3, 2019**

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 All Souls Novena
11:30 David Jenkins

Monday, November 4, 2019

7:00 Rev. Thomas E. Davis
8:30 Henry & Ernesto Volcan

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

7:00 Cornelio & Isabel Nional
8:30 All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

7:00 All Souls Novena
8:30 Joaquin & Rafaela Miniz

Thursday, November 7, 2019

7:00 Angel & Aurora Nicolasora
8:30 All Souls Novena

Friday, November 8, 2019

7:00 All Souls Novena
8:30 Guillermo & Leonora Mosquete

Saturday, November 9, 2019

8:30 Dylan Rohwohl
5:30 All Souls Novena

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time,
November 10, 2019**

7:30 Eufromica Lazaro
9:30 Consuelo Calleja
11:30 Peter Buckley

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 28, 2018: \$5,707.00
October 27, 2019: \$4,784.00
Fr. Hilary Scholarship: \$ 787.00

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

**Reading for Sunday
November 10, 2019**

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2
Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-

Jesus was passing through Jericho, and Zacchaeus “was seeking to see who Jesus was.” So he climbed a sycamore tree to get a better view. What did he see from up there? A man covered with dust, hair blown around by the wind, talking to his friends, and paying no attention to him.

Then, suddenly, Jesus looked up at him. What did Zacchaeus see? He saw eyes filled with welcome and acceptance, sparkling with humor, eyes that warmed him through and through.

Eyes that cut to the chase, that saw many hidden things... eyes that touched his deepest heart. But suddenly, in those eyes of Jesus, Zacchaeus felt a spark of hope—and that spark burst into a flame of joy. Without knowing why, he felt accepted and loved. Jesus invited him: “Come down quickly, Zacchaeus....For today I must stay at your house.”

What do I do today if I want to see Jesus? I might look at a holy picture or an icon or statue...I might go to church, see a crucifix, or have a powerful experience in prayer...But I can find Jesus readily in the eyes of another:

A friend who comforts me in my loss, or shares my disappointment, understands my upset, or someone who just accepts me as they find me—even though I think I’m “a mess.”

They accept me as I am right now. Then we have found Jesus in another: “God with skin on.”

✘ November is here. Please remember these upcoming November Parish events:

✘ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on Sunday, November 24th from 7:00am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.

✘ **Interfaith Thanksgiving** on Sunday, November 24th here at Ascension Church at 4pm

✘ **Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30am**

✘ **Parish Advent Giving Tree** on Saturday, November 30th and Sunday, December 1st at all Masses

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

MEMORIAL MASS

The Knights of Columbus Council 3813 Memorial Mass for deceased brothers, sisters and family members. **Thursday, November 7, 2019** at 7:30pm. Coogan Hall, 199 River Road, New Milford. Mass will be celebrated by our Chaplain, Rev. David Milliken. All members, family and friends of Ascension and St. Joseph Parishes are welcome. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

DOOR COLLECTION – The Little Sisters of the Poor are committed to preserving the original charism of their Foundress Saint Jeanne Jugan, by giving happiness to the elderly and meeting their needs at their St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly in Totowa. This year the Little Sisters are celebrating their 150th year of coming to the United States. They will be at our Parish the weekend of Nov. 16-17, 2019, to ask for our assistance with their important work. Please prayerfully consider your support.

CAN YOU HELP?

Many hands make light work. We are currently in desperate need of Sacristans to launder Altar linens (purificators & corporals) used for daily & Sunday mass. If you would like to help please contact the parish office (201-836-8961) or speak with Fr. David. Thank you.

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: _____



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Calendar:

- Sunday, November 3rd -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
- Monday, November 4th –7th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, November 6th – 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, November 10th -- 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.

We would like to thank all families who help support our “Respect Life” Baby Shower this past month. Several Sources in Ramsey also send their heart-filled thanks, as your generosity is very welcomed by the young families in their care.

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace: This week children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be considering what it means to turn away from God’s love. They will learn how sin can be overcome by God’s grace. In your own life, have there been times when God’s grace helped you overcome your own sinfulness and brought you peace and forgiveness? Continue to keep these children in your prayers.

Please note our hours for classes.

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. Parents are remaindered to **PARK BEHIND THE SCHOOL AND NOT TO THE SIDE.**

9th Graders- PLEASE Remember to bring in your SERVICE HOURS sheet for review on 11/6/2019.

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 Parish Center
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

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

**These are our brothers and sisters
who now share Jesus' newness of
life in the Community of Saints.**

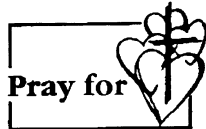
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We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

THIRTY-FIRST 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, 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, Sr.A 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..."

Leo Aparri

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
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Sunday, November 3, 2019

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30 – Chapel, PC
Religious Education 1-6th Grade – 10:45am
Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room, PC

Monday, November 4, 2019

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Gathering Room, PC
Rel. Ed. 7th & 8th Grade – 7:00pm – School
CFM – 7:00pm – Gathering Room, PC
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church



Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Woodcrest Center Mass 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Rel. Ed. 9 Grade – 7:00pm – School
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center
Filipino Core. Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room, PC

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Parish Trip to Resorts, Monticello, NY

November 8, 2019

No events

Saturday, November 8, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Children's Choir – 4:15pm - Church

Sunday, November 9, 2019

Archdiocese for the Military

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30 – Chapel, PC
Religious Education 1-6th Grade - 10:45am
Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room, PC

WOODCREST MINISTERS NEEDED

On the first Tuesday of each month Mass is celebrated (at 2:30pm) for the residents at Woodcrest Center in New Milford. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Father David or call the parish office at 201-836-8961.

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 drop off at Parish Center. For further info. call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

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

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

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 171 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 \$42,990.57 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>

FUNERAL ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. Please call the parish office at 201-836-8961 or speak with Father David if you are able to help.

DON'T NEED YOUR FREE SHOP-RITE TURKEY? DONATE IT TO THE ASCENSION TURKEY DRIVE

This year Shop-Rite New Milford has agreed to hold any turkeys for us that are donated by shoppers who have earned them but don't need them. For our parishioners they have agreed to give us the free turkeys if we simply give them the Price Plus card number involved. This way, there is no need for you to pick up the turkey and bring it to us. Simply e-mail ascension@optonline.net or drop off your Price Plus Card # (to parish office with this article) once you have earned your free turkey. What could be easier? As always, we thank you for your continued support of this most important ministry to the poor. Please do not call the parish office with #'s.
MY # IS:

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: _____

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.

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – NOVEMBER 24TH

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-MUSHROOMS-APPLE SAUCE-CANNED WHITE POTATOES HOT COCOA-JELL-O-CAKE ICING-INSTANT TURKEY STUFFING-LENTIL SOUP-INSTANT FLAVORED POTATOES-PANCAKE MIX-RAISINS-GRATED CHEESE-SALAD DRESSING-GRAPE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE-INSTANT MASHED POTATOES-OLIVES
TURKEY GRAVY-BATH TISSUE-CONDITIONER

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

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.

Fellow parishioners:

As Thanksgiving approaches, the members of the Service Ministry group would like to thank all the parishioners who participated in the Jewelry Sale Fund raiser last October. The monies collected, together with some matching funds from the Food Pantry, were used to purchase 61 children's coats. These coats were donated to the Sisters at St. John the Baptist Church in Fairview, NJ. Thanks to your generosity, 61 children who were in dire need for coats will be warm this winter. Thank you and may God bless you.
Ascension Parish Service Ministry Group

Attention Business Owners, Professionals, Self Employed and Families!

Bulletin Advertising Opportunities Available!

Douglas Shaller from LPi will be in our office the week of November 4th working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your ad and participation makes our bulletin successful, and helps you attract new customers!

Our parish bulletin is one of our main communication tools to our parish members. It provides inspirational words from Father, Mass intentions, news, and events for the week ahead. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Please let us know if you can help. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our Church family, who in turn respond by supporting our sponsors!

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, a family, a charity, in Memory of a Loved One, or to support the Church or a community service organization like emergency pregnancy counseling, etc. If you would like to run an ad or would like more information, please call Douglas Shaller before his visit. Doug can be reached directly at (862) 373-0746 or via e-mail to dshaller@4lpi.com Thank you !

