

Church of the Ascension

Welcomes You and
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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018

+ 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., 8:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m. (Fridays during Lent)

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

+ Our Devotions +

Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday 7:45 a.m.



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RECTORY

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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CONVENT

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TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

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E-mail: principal@transfigurationacademy.org



Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 11, 2018

5:30 Venessa Manzano-Habana, B'day (L)
7:30 Rose D'Eufemia
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Pacifico Bautista

Monday, March 12, 2018

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
8:30 Betty Connolly

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

7:00 John Francis O'Sullivan
8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
8:30 James O'Reilly

Thursday, March 15, 2018

7:00 Teresita Villafranca Sy
8:30 Maureen & Thomas Meyer

Friday, March 16, 2018

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Teresita Villafranca Sy
7:30 Bernard Hebda, Sr.

St. Patrick-Saturday, March 17, 2018

8:30 Francisco Diaz
5:30 Howard & May Stephens

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18, 2018

7:30 Jeffrey Cronin
9:30 Bernard Hebda, First Anniversary
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.

March 5, 2017:	\$6,109.00
March 4, 2018:	\$6,700.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,271.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
March 18, 2018**

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
[12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez
37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps
130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn
11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

“Scrapbooking” is one way of remembering our history. As we near Jesus’ Passion and death, it’s time to check the scrapbook of our Jewish-Christian family history, and ask “Why does Jesus have to go to his death?”

Scripture says all the priests and the people practiced “all the abominations of the nations”; and Christians haven’t reversed that record! We must face the reality of evil in our world: our role in it, and our ongoing need to be saved from it. Even Jesus had to suffer literally the crucifying effects of evil in the world. As St. Pope John Paul II said, “The cross of Christ is a witness to the power of evil against the one who was without sin....The cross makes us understand the deepest roots of evil.”

But are we AWARE of *our* role in evil? Or do we think morality is just “personal choice”, as abortion is often described? Evil is sly and persistent. The point of remembering our sins is to remind us to become AWARE! Because if you’re not aware of your sin, you’re not aware of your salvation.

As we become more aware of our sinfulness, we see and feel the need for the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) in our lives. As we near the end of Lent, please make the extra effort to take advantage of the many opportunities for God’s amazing grace in the sacrament of reconciliation. You will not be disappointed!

✘ Our pool of **funeral servers and readers** is dwindling. Perhaps you can volunteer to become a server or reader for our parish funerals. This ministry is so comforting to families in their time of loss. Please consider this Corporal Work of Mercy. Please see Fr. David for details and training.

✘ Don’t forget to purchase your tickets this weekend for our **Parish Lenten Soup Supper** on Friday, March 23rd, from 5:30pm to 6:45pm in the Fr. Benedict Center. Hosted by our 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates, dinner includes Salad, Soup, Beverage, and Dessert. Remember, tickets (\$6.00) must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available from our Confirmation Candidates, in the front vestibule of the church, or from the Rectory Office. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

✘ We have begun the **Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal for 2018**. Thank you to our 113 parish families who have already contributed to the 2018 Appeal.

Cardinal Tobin has set our 2018 goal at \$40,546.00. Our pledges to date amount to \$21,063.00. There is still time to make a pledge. Brochures are in the pews and at the doors of the church. Please, I ask that all of our parish families consider the great good we of Ascension can do with God’s grace when we choose to help the neediest of our Archdiocese. Help us to reach and even surpass our goal. **Give a lot; give a little; but please give something!**

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

Fr. David



High School Honor Roll Recognition

Some of the Catholic high schools send us a list of students of our graduates who earn honor roll status. The following students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement.

Paramus Catholic High School: Principal's List: Kenneth Calle, Raymond Meagher, A. Blaise Rossmann, Jeffrey Tharakan.

1st Honors: Lilliana Alava, Lucia Castaneda, Julianne Robert.

2nd Honors: Joseph Abriam, Justine Abriam, Andrew Cadiente, Robert Cajucom, Catherine Gallagher, M. Jude Rossmann

Academy of the Holy Angels: Principal's list: Mary Haws.

Honor Roll: Haram Kim, Shae Baker-Lobo.

Upcoming events open to the public (please contact the Academy for more information):

Thurs., March 22: Poetry Night @ 7:00 p.m. in Conlon Hall
Poetry Night in Transfiguration is a celebration of the different expressions of a person. It showcases the inner beauty of oneself through words, song, dance, or any form/ medium the person wishes to use. This year's Poetry Night entitled "Psalms: Songs of the Soul" brings to life the different talents of Elocution, Dance, and Hymns. Let this night be a celebration of the joy of finding God in our lives and nourishing our souls.

Tues., March 27: Science Fair from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Conlon Hall
Students in the 6th through 8th grades will present an array of different experiments in scientific topics including biology, medicine, astronomy, and physics, to name a few. A unique factor in our science fair is the judging of projects by outside scientists from surrounding elementary and high schools as well as colleges. Students in the 1st through 5th grades are also given the opportunity to participate but are not judged.

Mon., April 2 through Fri., April 6: Easter Camp from 8:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m for children ages 4 and up. The cost is \$190 per child with sibling discount available. Some of the activities include outdoor playground fun, indoor sports and games, storytelling, reading, movies, interactive games, arts and crafts, music and dance, & daily prayer. The registration deadline is March 23.

Do you want to learn more?

Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum for grades PreK2 through 8 or to schedule a tour of our Academy, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627. We also have a video: <https://youtu.be/12bF37YBpbs>

Transfiguration Academy: Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.



Saturday March 17th



Calendar:

Sunday, March 11th --- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, March 12th – 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, March 14th – 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, March 18th --- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be 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.



This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on their gifts, which are blessings from God. At the Eucharist (a word meaning "to give thanks") we thank God for all his gifts and blessings. How do we as a parish help others develop such a grateful heart?

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All Parents:

When calling your children out for Religious Education on Sundays, please make sure that you call the Religious Education phone number 201-836-3085. If you call the Rectory number, we do not receive that message until either Monday Morning or the next day.

9th Grade Confirmation Candidates: Reminder that all money from the Lenten Soup Supper Tickets are **DUE ON WEDNESDAY**, March 14, 2018. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Sunday, March 18, 2018: First Communion Retreat- starting with 9:30 am Mass—This is a Mandatory Retreat. After Mass all First Communion Candidates will go to class and parents will return at 11:45 am to continue with the retreat. At least one parent **MUST** attend.

On Friday, March 23, 2018 our 2018 Confirmation Class will be hosting the Parish Lenten Soup Supper starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets are available from any Confirmation Candidate or in the Rectory during regular office hours until Sunday March 18, 2018. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

Volunteers Needed:

† We are in NEED of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2017-2018 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 8:45 pm – In School

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

MARCH 11, 2018



Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

Invites You to Gather Together and Share...

A Parish Lenten

Evening of Recollection

(Sponsored by our parish 9th Grade Candidates for Confirmation, 2018)

Friday, March 23, 2018

5:30-6:45pm...Lenten Soup Supper (Fr. Benedict Center)

(Salad, Soup, Bread, Beverage, Dessert)

(\$6.00 per person. + NO tickets sold at the door.)

7:00pm...Stations of the Cross

7:30pm..Mass followed by

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Hour

Opportunity for sacramental Reconciliation

8:45pm...Benediction

Please detach and return form below by Sunday, March 18th



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Parish Lenten Evening of Recollection

Lenten Soup Supper (Fr. Benedict Center)

Friday, March 23, 2018

Name _____

Phone _____

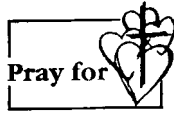
_____ Number of Persons @ \$6.00 per person Amount enclosed \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to: Church of the Ascension)

Please return form by Sunday, March 18th



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to love..."

Nicole Rodriguez & Zane Kalembe

"a time to be healed..."

Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Joan Polis, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Eileen Kloeblen, Richard Gabettie, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Charles Hellriegel, John Delaney, Anita Zucconi, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Bob Quinn, Benny Santiago, Aldo Guerra, and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

"a time to serve..."

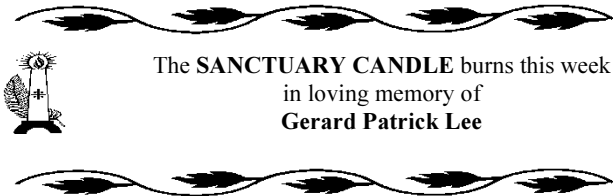
Cpt. Jack Massingale, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan, PFC Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Cherry Point, NC, Airman First Class James Penser, Goodfellow, AFB, Texas and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

"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 Gerard Patrick Lee



Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 11, 2018

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Peter's Pence Collection

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Church GR

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am

Monday, March 12, 2018

Deanery Meeting – 1:00pm – St. John's, Bergenfield

Religious Education Grade 8 – 7:00pm - School

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Ministry of Worship – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Confirmation Prep. – 7:00pm

Novena 7:30pm – Church

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

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

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, March 15, 2018

No events

Friday, March 16, 2018

Mass & Stations of the Cross & 7:30pm



Saturday, March 17, 2018

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am – Church GR

First Eucharist Retreat Day – 10:30am

Religious Education Pre-K-6 – 10:45am



Meetings

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY

TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH AT 7:30PM

IN THE GATHERING ROOM



BEEFSTEAK DINNER EXTRAVAGANZA

On Saturday, April 14, 2018 6:30pm-10:00pm. Dinner catered by Nightingale Catering. Donation is \$35. Per person. Will be held in Ascension's Father Benedict Center. For Tickets and information please contact John Landers (201) 986-1332.

FISH FRY

St. John's Rosary Society is sponsoring a Fish Fry, featuring British Fish and Chips or Chicken Tenders, on Friday, April 6th, from 5:30 pm. to 8 pm in Conlon Hall, 19 N. William Street, Bergenfield. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Dinner includes French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Desserts and Beverage. Take-out orders will be available. A basket raffle will also be held. For tickets, please call Ria at 201-384-6279, Kathleen at 201-374-1527 or Mary at 201-384-0488.



BEAUGARD-McKNIGHT FUNERAL HOME

201-262-5050

Please remember to patronize, who help make this bulletin possible

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 it is for the intention of your loved one.

2019 MASS BOOK 2019

Our 2019 Mass Book is now open. Please use form (at doors of church, in rectory on website) for your mass requests. Please see flyer for very important information regarding changes in weekday mass schedule. Please note, if our parish is assigned a permanent Prochical Vicar, we will re-instate a second weekday mass.



REMEMBER DURING LENT

Evening Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

TRIP TO THE FINGER LAKES, NEW YORK

CELEBRATING OUR PARISH'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

A 3 day, 2 night trip to the Finger Lakes, NY is being planned for September 5th-7th, 2018. The price of \$415 per person double occ./\$499 single occ. Includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, including Belhurst Castle, Corning Museum of Glass, Willard Memorial Tiffany Chapel, wine tasting at Casa Larga Vineyards, Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion, Wegman's Marketplace, Scenic Lake Cruise, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, luggage handling, taxes, meal gratuities and bus transportation. A \$100 deposit per person will hold your reservation and is due by May 16th. Cancellation insurance is recommended. Make all checks payable to Ascension Church and mark the outside of the envelope "Finger Lakes Trip". And can be dropped off at the rectory or mailed. For further info. Call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

MEMORIALS

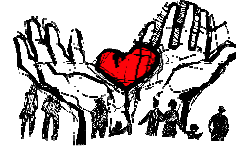
"THANK YOU"...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call 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 CANDLES	\$15 per week

MEMORIAL FUND

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Donation Amt.: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 Date Requested: _____



PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

During this Lenten season please consider Stewardship, the sharing of your talents and time with any of the many ministries we offer here at your parish. Sing in our Choirs (adult/children)*Become a Eucharistic Minister or Lector at our weekend Masses*Minister at Woodcrest*Help plan our Parish Events*Become an Altar Server (adult/child).

Yes I am willing to share my talent & time, please contact me.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Ministry: _____

(Please print and return to the parish office or in collection basket)



HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – MARCH 19TH

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 continue support of this most important ministry to the poor.

Coffee*Tea*Apple Juice*Powdered Milk*Cornd Beef Hash*
 Instant Oatmeal*Egg Noodles*Grated Cheese*Cake Mix*Cake Icing*
 Jam*Pancake Mix*Pancake Syrup*Jell-O*Pudding*Crackers*
 Cookies*Hamburger Helper*Salad Dressing*Toothpaste*Tissues*
 Napkins*Manhattan Clam Chowder*New England Clam Chowder*
 Paper Towels*Bathroom Tissue*Hair Conditioner*Deodorant

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



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: _____

