

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 22, 2018

+ 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

8:00 a.m.

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 7:45 a.m.



RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 22, 2018

5:30 Sue Everingham
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Fermin Pineda
11:30 Minnie P. Lobosky

Summer Schedule

Monday, July 23, 2018

8:00 Joaquin & Rafaela Miniz

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

8:00 Angelina Iuliano

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

8:30 Garcia Munoz Family

Thursday, July 26, 2018

8:00 Paul F. Figalora, Tenth Anniv.

Friday, July 27, 2018

8:00 Justo & Adelaida Barredo

Saturday, July 28, 2018

8:30 Pio Balagot (L)
5:30 Brian & Regina McCann

Sunday, July 29, 2018

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Nancy G. Ferguson

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

NO FIGURES AT TIME OF PRINTING

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

Reading for Sunday, July 29, 2018

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Any fans of Star Trek reading this will know about one wonderful feature of life on the "Starship Enterprise"—the "holodeck", where crew members can invent luxurious vacation spots complete with fabulous palm trees, waterfalls, and exciting adventures. The point is that the crew is expected to take plenty of "time out" for rest and relaxation.

We hear about a similar comforting picture of rest and refreshment available to us right here on earth. When Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd in the gospel, we can imagine him creating this scene from the Psalm today.

Picture this: "In soft, green pastures you tell me to lie down and relax...near this beautiful quiet water I can finally rest...I don't fear anything.... You've set a lavish table in front of me. I'm surrounded with nothing but good things for the rest of my life...I never want to leave!" Sounds great! Jesus, too, took time out to "a deserted place" to rest. But the problem in most of our over-stressed, over-booked, noisy lives is actually accepting this invitation for rest and refreshment.

A lot of us are afraid to leave the carnival of noise behind; we like to feel needed. But our constant activity makes it hard to rest silently with God. Watching football with the guys, or a "Girl's Night Out" doesn't really renew and refresh us as Jesus has in mind.

At certain points we do need a retreat or Day of Reflection. But the real habit Jesus wants us to develop is to go inside ourselves DAILY, even for a few minutes, to a place where we can actually listen to God and our heartbeat. Maybe Sundays can become a day to go to this "planet of peace" as often as you possibly can. If you do, Jesus promises that he will lead you and be with you beside the still waters.

I offer a special "Thank You" to Mel Ortiz for the beautiful new photo of our church which appears on the cover of our bulletin. Thanks so much for your stewardship to our parish...Job well done!

This weekend, as a part of our Archdiocesan Mission Cooperation Plan, Fr. Andrzej Makowski, CSsR, from the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, will be with us and preach at all parish Masses. Please give him and the message he bears a warm Ascension welcome. There will be a second collection to aid the congregation's missionary work. (More details are included within the bulletin.)

Next weekend we will take up a second collection for Fr. Hilary's Scholarship Fund.

One last item... When you leave Mass on weekdays and weekends please pick up any debris that is around you. It is embarrassing when preparing for a funeral to enter church and I see candy wrappers and the like in the pews and on the floor, especially in the lavatory. Please help to keep our church building clean and neat. It is God's house. Thank you for your attention to this.

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

Fr. David



Registration is Ongoing:

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. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook to learn more about our academic, athletic and extracurricular offering. Transfiguration Academy is an investment in your child's future and much more affordable than you would expect.

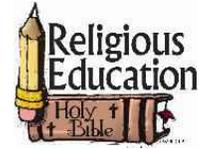
For more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school, located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627.

**MESSAGE FROM THE
CONGREGATION OF
THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER**

Please welcome Rev. Andrzej Makowski, Redemptorist, who will speak on behalf of the Redemptorists ministries in Ukraine and Russia this weekend.

“The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, Redemptorists, is a missionary congregation that ministers to the poor in more than 70 countries around the world. The area of the former Soviet Union is undoubtedly a place where many neglected people need help. Thanks to the efforts of Polish Redemptorists, we have been building the next church there. In front of us, there is the next project: the completion of the construction at the church and pastoral center in Togliattie-central Russia. We would like to express our deep gratitude to all of you for your prayers, kindness and support of our projects. Every day, we thank God in our prayers for all people of good will, their prayers, and generosity. May God Bless you all.”

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH
INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Registration for 2018-2019:

Registration forms for the 2018-2019 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 before June 30th. 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.

First Communion Families may pick up the child's banner anytime during regular office hours.



Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in **NEED** of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 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



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JULY 22, 2018



Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

2018 Summer Mass Schedule

Monday, June 25th to Monday, September 3rd

Weekdays:

Monday through Friday...8am

Saturday...8:30am

Weekends:

(NO Changes)

Saturday...5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Holy Days: 7am, 8:30am, 7:30pm

Civil Holidays: 8:30am

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, 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 Kloebler, 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, Janice P., 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



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week
in loving memory of
Angelina Iuliano



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.



Sunday, July 22, 2018

Second Collection for Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, Fr. Andrzej Makowski, CSSR

Monday, July 23, 2018

No events

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

No events

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Harrison House
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Filipino Core. Meeting – 8:00pm–Gathering Room

Thursday, July 26, 2018

No events

Friday, July 27, 2018

No events

Saturday, July 28, 2018

8:30am Mass followed by Bergen County Filipino Apostolate San Lorenzo Novena
Confession – 11:00am – Church

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Second Collection for Fr. Hilary

Monday, July 30, 2018

No events

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

No events

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Thursday, August 2, 2018

No events

First Friday, August 3, 2018

Communion Visits to homebound

First Saturday, August 4, 2018

Confession – 11:00am – Church

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Monday, August 6, 2018

No events

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Woodcrest Center Mass 2:30pm
Baptism Prep. – 7:30m – Gathering Room



AVAILABILITY

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.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 184 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$34,070.00 pledged dollars. **Please consider making your pledge today.** Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

This year our Parish Goal is \$40,546.00



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: _____

**NEW MILFORD'S
 35th Annual
 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Tuesday, August 7, 2018
"America's Night Out Against Crime & Terrorism"
Location: Field Directly Behind High School
Event will start at 7:00pm
Questions? Contact Officer Keith Wester
at 201-265-8661

**SUMMER
 Vacation**

Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!!

School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!



"Dear Father Milliken,

On behalf of the poor living throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, I want to thank you for hosting Fr. Paul Wilderotter and allowing us to share our ministry of serving children and families in need. Through your kindness and compassion, the people of ASENSION have heard the cries of those living in destitution and put their faith into action.

In collaboration with Food for the Poor, your support has helped build more than 121,000 housing units for the destitute. In addition to housing, your support has helped to provide healthcare, education, fresh water, emergency relief and micro-enterprise assistance to people in desperate need, and feed hundreds of thousands of hungry people each day.

If you would like to see firsthand the impact that shepherds like you have on the lives of the poor we serve, I hope you'll consider participating in an upcoming mission trip., or expanding your parish's work for the poor through a concrete action with FFP to provide the poor with water, sanitation, housing or economic development, please contact Priscilla Gordon at 954-427-2222 ext. 6060.

Father Milliken once again, thank you for your loving kindness to the poorest of our brothers and sisters. May God bless you and the people of your parish in abundance as you continue to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Servant of the poor,
 Alvaro J. Pereira
 Director Speakers Bureau
Food for the Poor"



ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

Catholic Charities received a check for \$1,434 as a result of your generosity to the donation bin from December 1st, 2017 to May 31st, 2018. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in a similar program throughout the Archdiocese alleviated the sufferings of the needy who sought relief through the many operations of Catholic Charities. Our counseling services provided 37,306 hours of counseling to 5,407 families in crisis (FY 2017). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

