

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

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Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

In Residence

Rev. Brian G. Plate

Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

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.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 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

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 29, 2018

5:30 Brian & Regina McCann

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Nancy G. Ferguson

Summer Schedule

Monday, July 30, 2018

8:00 Bolivar Aponte

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

8:00 Maureen & Thomas Meyer

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

8:00 Maureen Finigan

Thursday, August 2, 2018

8:00 Graciela Garcia

Friday, August 3, 2018

8:00 Aley K. John

Saturday, August 4, 2018

Memorial

8:30 Angel & Aurora Nicolasora,
Mr. J. & Mrs. B Otero

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, August 5, 2018

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Mary Cucco

11:30 Consuelo Mendoza

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

July 15, 2018 \$4,374.00

July 22, 2018 \$5,257.00

Food Pantry: \$1,184.00

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

Reading for
Sunday, August 5, 2018

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
[24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



Today we see two miracles of feeding a large crowd with very little: Elisha feeds 100 with 20 barley loaves; then, over 1000 years later, Jesus feeds 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes. The mystery is why, another 2000 years later, the problem of hunger still exists today.

Yesterday, 35,000 people died of starvation, water-borne diseases and AIDS. But because these deaths were scattered all over the world, we do not know any of the victims; and it is hard for us to act on behalf of those we do not know. True, we often have instant awareness of tragedies all over the globe; but we don't always have engagement with the problem.

A couple who is "engaged" talks and listens until they learn all about each other—what they need not just to survive, but to thrive. Engagement means involvement, interaction, being really present to the other. But in the case of world crises such as starvation, "engagement" doesn't mean that we have the whole solution for a huge world problem. It does mean that we are "engaged" in thinking globally and acting locally about ways we might contribute to the solution.

When Jesus asks "is there any food?" he wants us to think creatively about how to meet others' needs with "less" instead of "more". Scientists say there is more than enough new technology and methods to restore barren soil and adapt species to maximize yields on scarce land. But volunteers are needed to help with this work.

Enter "world hunger" into your search engines to learn more. Look into what our diocese, town, or local groups are doing to focus on the possibilities of abundance with less, as Jesus does. When we feed others, we are helping bring us all together around the table, eating and drinking at the Banquet of Life.

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

✘ Thank you to **Fr. Andrzej Makowski, CSsR** from **Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer**, who spoke last weekend at all Masses on behalf of their missionary ministry. Thank you also to all who contributed to the second collection to help support this missionary work. Let us continue to pray for all missionaries for their labors of love in the missions.

✘ 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!



Summer Camp has been buzzing with fun!

Our Transfiguration Summer Camp has been buzzing with fun! The kids are having a great time. In addition to all of the fun things they are doing at the school, they have had field trips to:

- 7-11 for Slurpee day
- The library, where everyone got to hear stories, make a personalized keepsake box, do a scavenger hunt, and answer trivia questions!
- Chuck-E.Cheese
- Bowling

Even when they're not out on field trips, our campers have the luxury of an air conditioned facility, including an enormous gymnasium. Rain or shine, hot or cold, Transfiguration Academy has the facilities for all weather fun!

Whether it's summer recess, or the school year, Transfiguration Academy is...

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

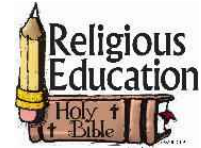
Registration is Ongoing:

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, Instagram, and Twitter 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.



**QUEENSHIP OF MARY
 ROSARY & NOVENA IN THE CHURCH
 AUGUST 16,17,20,21,22,23 & 24 AT 7:30PM
 AUGUST 18 AT 6:30PM after 5:30pm Mass
 AUGUST 19 AT 6:00PM (Sunday)
 AUGUST 25 FIESTA CELEBRATION
 5:30PM EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
 6:30PM PROCESSION
 7:00PM RECEPTION &
 CULTURAL PROGRAM**



Registration for 2018-2019:

Registration forms 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

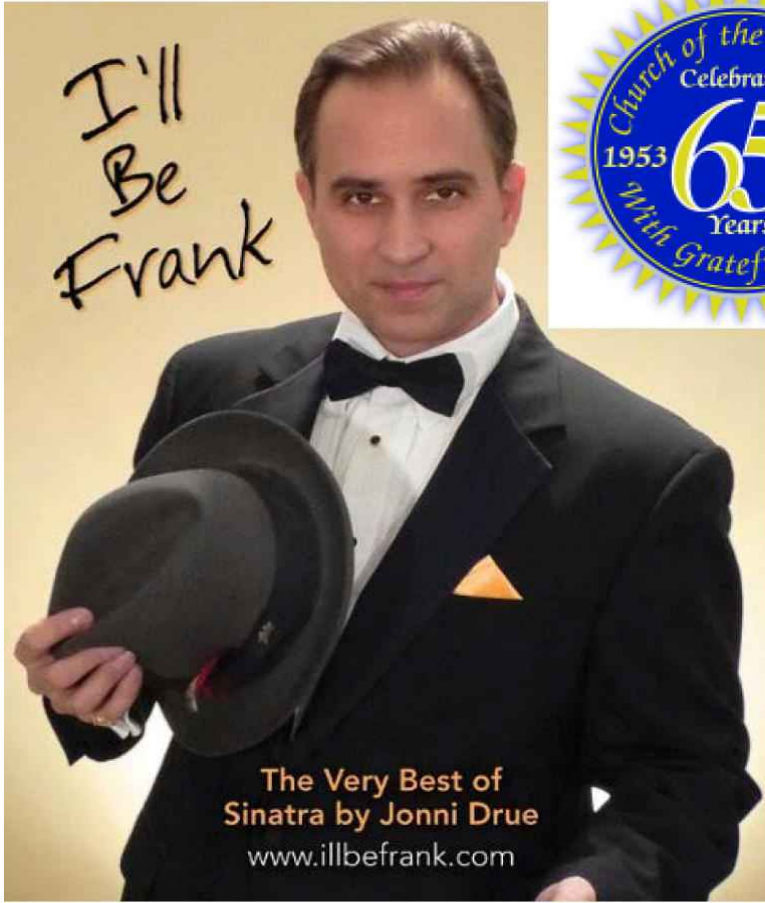


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JULY 29, 2018

Ascension Parishioners... Family...Friends...Neighbors...
Let's Get Together & Share some fun with...



Saturday,
October 6, 2018

Ascension Parish
New Milford, NJ

Fr. Benedict Center
(School Gym)
1092 Carnation Drive
New Milford, NJ
at 8:00 P.M.

(Doors open at 7:30 P.M.)
\$20.00* per person
(*25.00 at the door)

- ◆ Bring your own food and beverages
- ◆ Buy early to get the lower rate...limited seating
- ◆ Any questions, contact Bob Quinn at 201-836-6105

(Detach and return form below to the Rectory Office with payment)



I'LL BE FRANK

Ticket Reservations

(Return by Monday, October 1, 2018)



Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

_____ Number of Tickets @ \$20.00*

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed

* 8 people to a table

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Father David, 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 Kloeblen, Richard Gabettie, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Charles Hellriegel, John Delaney, Anita Zucconi, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, 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.

"a time to die..."

Dolores Crowley

"...and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week
in loving memory of
Ramon Abuedo



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

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, August 9, 2018

Hackensack Homeless

Friday, August 10, 2018

No events

No events

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Confession – 11:00am – Church

Cross Catholic Outreach at all weekend Masses

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Cross Catholic Outreach at all weekend Masses



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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

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.



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

HELP NEW MILFORD CHILDRE IN NEED FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR

Starting later this month, the Service Ministry of Ascension Church will, in cooperation with the New Milford Woman's Club, be collecting school supplies for children throughout New Milford who cannot afford the basic tools to insure a successful school year. A box will be placed in the vestibule for your donations, which will be distributed to children of our pantry clients, along with other

New Milford school children in need. This year we have been asked to include items for older (high school aged) children in need. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity to those in need.

Requested Items

Pencils, Pens, Erasers, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers, Highlighters, Rulers, Pencil Cases, Spiral Notebooks, Spiral Notebooks, Index Cards, (College Ruled), (Wide Ruled), Notebook Paper, Notebook Paper, Binders, College Ruled), (Wide Ruled), Composition Books, Book Covers, Lunch Boxes, Pencil Sharpeners, Scissors, Dividers, Hole Punchers, Small Staplers, White Out, Backpacks, Folders, (Grammar School), (High School), Graph Paper

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!



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: _____



HALLOWEEN FUN IN SALEM, MASSACHUSETTES

Our Parish is sponsoring a 3day, 2 night trip to Salem, Mass. From Oct. 30th – Nov. 1st. The price of \$519 per person/\$709 single occ. Includes 2 nights lodging at the Courtyard Marriot Hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, tour of Salem's Witchcraft Hysteria including Salem Witch Dungeon & Salem Witch Museum, House of 7 Gables, Witch Trial Trail & Graveyard, Haunted Happenings Festival, Tour of the Lizzie Borden House, Luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities and bus transportation. A \$100 deposit will hold your reservation and is due by Aug. 31, 2018. For info. And reservations call Josie (201)265-0485. Make all checks payable to Ascension Church and drop off at the Rectory. Please mark "Salem Trip" on envelope. Cancellation ins. is recommended.

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

