

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor
Rev. David W. Milliken

Director of Music
Glenn Gordon

Weekend Assistant
Rev. Tim Graff

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.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 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
(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896
E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 5, 2018

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Mary Cucco
11:30 Consuelo Mendoza

Summer Schedule

Monday, August 6, 2018

8:00 Mark Anthony Habana, B'Day(L)

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

8:00 Richard Conti

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

8:00 Joseph DiBella

Thursday, August 9, 2018

8:00 Eddie Aponte

Friday, August 10, 2018

8:00 Hilario Galvez, Jr., First Anniv.

Saturday, August 11, 2018

8:30 Lillian Person

5:30 Ramon Abuedo

Sunday, August 12, 2018

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 John Coringrato

11:30 Macaria & Agustina Maglaqui

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. July 30, 2017 \$5,404.00; July 29, 2018 \$5,358.00; Fr. Hilary Scholarship \$2,151.00

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

Reading for Sunday, August 12, 2018

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51



Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." We all know that, in spite of Jesus' words and his presence with us, all Christians still hunger and thirst for many things, from physical needs and healings, to spiritual virtues. So what type of hunger is Jesus talking about?

We think we know what it means to be hungry, because we are so used to satisfying our hunger by what we feel like having, as in "I feel like a pizza" or "I'm craving a quarter-pounder." But Jesus wants us to live with a hunger to know the ultimate meaning of our lives: that we are in a relationship of mutual love and passion with the God who created us.

God has placed this longing in everyone's heart, but not everyone recognizes it. Some of us get preoccupied filling up the false hungers. Some of us stay "spiritually childish" by never trying to fulfill the deeper hunger. It is not a hunger we talk about very much.

What does it mean to think maturely as a Christian? It's not about age. Even young people can have spiritual maturity beyond their years. If we stay at an immature, childhood level of relating to God because it is so comfortable, we risk growing older still not deeply knowing our real purpose in life. Then how can we carry out our Christian task--to help each other discern the real hungers, and squash the "deceitful desires"?

Watch what you put into your minds through reading and watching films and TV, because we are becoming the kind of person that we listen to and spend time with. What hungers do you fill each day? "Put away the old self." Search for Jesus in all the right places.

Thank you so much for your prayers and good wishes during my recent bout with appendicitis. It was quite an experience to say the least! I pray the doctors feel I am strong enough to get away for some vacation. Thank you to the doctors, nurses, our staff and to you for all the care and kindness you gave me.

Next weekend Fr. Patrick McCormick will be with us speaking at all Masses on behalf of the missionary ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. We will take up a second collection to help support this missionary work. Let us give Fr. Patrick a warm Ascension welcome. As always, may God, the Giver of all good gifts, bless you for your generous stewardship.

On Saturday, August 25, we will celebrate our Parish Queenship of Mary Festival with Mass at 5:30pm followed by a sumptuous Reception in the Fr. Benedict Center. Please plan on joining us.

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

Handwritten signature: Fr. David



Transfiguration Academy Graduate Wins Scholarship

Seraphina Rossmann, a member of the Transfiguration Academy Class of 2018, was awarded a \$500 scholarship towards her tuition for Paramus Catholic High School. Criteria for scholarship, which is open to children and grandchildren of members of the Knights of Columbus Council #1345 include: a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, as well as a commitment to community service, academic excellence, service to the Church, and an essay about the students' future academic and professional development.

This scholarship is one of the many earned by Transfiguration Academy graduates and is a reflection of our commitment to: **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.



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



**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**



**SUZANNE WALKER
Real Estate Broker
201-832-3120**

AUGUST 5, 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*
* 8 people to a table

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed



"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.

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
offered in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



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

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Confession – 11:00am – Church

Cross Catholic Outreach at all weekend Masses

Sunday, August 12, 2018

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CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Father Patrick McCormick of CCO will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. CCO was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



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 Communion, 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



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 185 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$34,670.00 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

