

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor
Rev. David W. Milliken

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Rev. Tim Graff

Parish Business Manager
Serina Sharkey

In Residence
Rev. Brian G. Plate

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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.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 19, 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

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(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896
Website: www.churchoftheascension.com
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Sunday, August 19, 2018

5:30 Luisa Garcia
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Joseph & Frank Tenney
11:30 Ramon Abuedo, First Anniv.

Summer Schedule

Monday, August 20, 2018

8:00 Ramon Abuedo

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

8:00 Ramon Abuedo

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

8:00 Frank Vidal

Thursday, August 23, 2018

8:00 Ramon Abuedo

Friday, August 24, 2018

8:00 Licitra Family

Saturday, August 25, 2018

8:30 Joseph Loonam (L) Gratitude
5:30 Ramon Abuedo

Sunday, August 26, 2018

7:30 Timothy Cronin
9:30 Olga & George Arnold
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.

August 13, 2017 \$5,033.00
August 12, 2018 \$5,223.50

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

**Reading for
Sunday, August 26, 2018**

**Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17,
18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or
5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69**



Notice how the supermarkets have started cooking food in the aisles, giving us tasty bites in hopes of making us hungry for more? Today the Psalm urges us, “Taste and see that the Lord is good.” God has issued a universal invitation to come closer, first to taste the Divine Mystery through Jesus, to become more conscious of God, and then to find yourself falling more deeply in love with Love. According to the great mystics, that is the spiritual life in a nutshell!

Jesus himself wants us to taste true awareness of him. He wants our hunger for God to be constantly awakened. So he says, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life....For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.”

When we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, it is not “just a symbol.” Remember **transubstantiation**: at the words of consecration the bread becomes the Body of Christ and the wine becomes the Blood of Christ. We ACTUALLY (not just “symbolically”) receive the Body and Blood of Christ. St. Augustine said it this way: “*Receive who you are; become what you receive.*” It means that we have already been baptized into the Body and Blood of Jesus. So when we take the host, we are receiving the very One of whom we are already a part. We “receive who we are”.

But in taking the Eucharist, we are not merely chewing and swallowing food: we are making a risky commitment to live and act as Jesus did. It means we dare not go to Communion unless we are ready to take on more and more of the consciousness of Jesus himself.

The “real presence” of Jesus is not only in the bread—WE are to be real presence to the poor, the confused, the needy, and the stranger. This is what eating Christ’s body means—to share “spiritual communion” with all we meet.

✠ Don't forget our parish celebration of the **Queenship of Mary** with Mass next Saturday, August 25th at 5:30pm followed by procession and a sumptuous fiesta party on our parish grounds. Please, plan to join us.

✠ Next weekend at all Masses we will take up a second collection for Fr. Wilson’s seminary in the Philippines.

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

Fr. David



Transfiguration Academy: Ready to Welcome Students for the 2018-2019 School Year

Summer vacation may be nearing its end for our students, but those lazy days of summer were nowhere to be found at Transfiguration Academy this year! Instead, the summer months were filled with a series of renovation and enhancement projects throughout the school's main building. New flooring was installed in the basement and hallways, and classrooms have been freshly painted. Transfiguration Academy is ready to welcome new and returning students on their first day of school on September 4.

There is still availability to register your student for the 2018-2019 school year!

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.

Interested families are also invited to stop by the Transfiguration Academy display at St. John's Carnival on August 21-25 at the parish grounds in Bergenfield to see why more families are sending their children to Transfiguration. Come and learn how the Academy is committed to **Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.**



**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



THE ITALIAN CONNECTION
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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Invites You to Share with us in the
34th Annual Celebration
of the
Queenship of Mary



Schedule of Novena

- August 16 (Thursday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 17 (Friday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 18 (Saturday)..... 6:30 pm (after the 5:30pm Mass)*
- August 19 (Sunday)..... 6:00 pm*
- August 20 (Monday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 21 (Tuesday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 22 (Wednesday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 23 (Thursday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 24 (Friday)..... 7:30 pm*

Main Celebration

August 25, 2018 (Saturday)

Mass: 5:30 pm Procession to follow after the Mass
Program & Reception at the Fr. Benedict Center



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

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
Melvin, Dorothy & Donald Evans



BREAD and WINE this week
offered in loving memory of
Raymond Henderson



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
Raymond Henderson



Sunday, August 19, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

Baptism – 1:00pm – Church

Queenship Novena – 6:00pm - Church

Monday, August 20, 2018

Food Pantry Distribution

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Harrison House

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, August 23, 2018

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Friday, August 24, 2018

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Confession – 11:00am – Church

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 5:30pm

Reception follows

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Second Collection for Fr. Wilson

Senior woman, parishioner for 60 years, seeks caring, compassionate female helper a few times a week to go on outings, doctor and for companionship. Flexible schedule to start. English speaker please. Clean driver's license a must. Call or text 646-359-0571 to speak about details and pay. Thank you.



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.

