

# Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

**Pastor**  
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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.



**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 2, 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**

7:00 a.m. and 8:30am

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

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# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, September 2, 2018

5:30 Paul J. VonArx  
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 9:30 Christopher Boes  
 11:30Ciro Arminia Marra

### Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2018

8:00 People of Ascension Parish

### Tuesday, September 4, 2018

7:00 Dionicia R. Raguindin  
 8:30 Manuel Flores

### Wednesday, September 5, 2018

7:00 William Morris  
 8:30 Nellie Olsomer

### Thursday, September 6, 2018

7:00 Eddie Aponte  
 8:30 Mary & Walter Lewis

### Friday, September 7, 2018

7:00 Douglas Caine  
 8:30 Juan & Tori P. Gutierrez

### Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:30 Dona Viduya (L)  
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

### Sunday, September 9, 2018

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 9:30 John K. John  
 11:30 Sarah & Christopher McKenna

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

August 27, 2017	\$5,127.00
August 26, 2018	\$5,085.00
Fr. Hilary Scholarship:	\$1,261.00

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

### Reading for Sunday, September 9, 2018

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/  
 Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

In the early years, the Marx Brothers travelled a lot. Groucho recalled, "Since we were a kid act, we traveled at half-fare, despite the fact that we were all around twenty. But our mother, Minnie, insisted to everyone that we were thirteen." One day the train conductor came up to Minnie, looking somber. "Ma'am, that kid of yours is in the dining car smoking a cigar. The other is in the washroom shaving." Minnie tried to look sad as she sighed, "They grow up so fast!"

We all get a kick out of a simple deception like that, don't we? But Jesus is troubled by the deeper deception he finds in the Pharisees today—they were in self-deception, which is a real game-ender in the spiritual life. Today, children are taught to say, "I have a right to my opinion," and people think their opinions are right. Talk shows glorify the opinions of people who may have no knowledge of a subject—just loud opinions. The problem is that, in a culture where opinion is baptized as truth, it is very easy to deceive ourselves simply by believing our opinions. One man convinced himself he was worshipping God properly, by going diving every Sunday. He pulled away from his church community, and was receiving no nourishment to feed his soul—but he would stubbornly fight anyone who suggested he come back to church.

We can spiral into unhealthy or sinful ways when we think we can commune with God all on our own terms. Notice how people avoid talking to someone they think might try to correct them... even if that is exactly what they really need. Keep connected to your roots: your church tradition is a lifeline of faith and spiritual food!

✘ Thank you to **ALL** who worked so hard to make our parish's **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Queenship of Mary** such a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother through the liturgy and fiesta.

Thank you, too, to all who participated by your presence. What labors of love by all!

✘ Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, is **Labor Day**. We will celebrate Mass at 8:30am. Our regular daily Mass schedule resumes on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>: 7:00am and 8:30am.

✘ Next Sunday is **Grandparents Day**. At all weekend Masses we will ask God's blessing on all grandparents through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. May God bless you in the special role you play in the life of your grandchildren.

✘ Please put these upcoming events on your calendar and plan ahead to join us...

- September 8 (Saturday)... Parish Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ to celebrate our Blessed Mother's Birthday
- September 9 (Sunday)... Grandparent's Day... Blessing of grandparents at all Masses
- September 10 (Monday)... Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (7-8) at 7:00 in the School Cafeteria
- September 16 (Sunday)... Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9:30am Mass followed by "Back to School" Meeting for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K-6) at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center
- September 18 (Tuesday)... Parish Lectors' Meeting, 7:30pm in the church
- September 23 (Sunday) Religious Education classes (K-6) begin at 10:15am
- September 25 (Tuesday)... Parish Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting, 7:30pm in the church
- September 30 (Sunday)... **Action Against Hunger** from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations.
- September 30 (Sunday)... Archdiocesan celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod at 3pm Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Light refreshments will follow in the Archdiocesan Center.
- October 6 (Saturday)... "I'll Be Frank"... Jonni Drue impersonates Frank Sinatra @ 8pm FBC

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

*P. David*



**Back to School on September 4!**

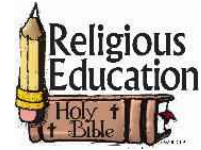
Transfiguration Academy is excited to open its doors on September 4 to welcome back students and begin the new school year! Students will find many familiar faces in the classrooms and will also meet our new teachers at the academy. Melissa Longo recently joined Transfiguration Academy and will teach the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Malisa De Santis also joined us this year and will teach students about Art. The first week of school will be filled with student orientations, regular classes, opening school mass, and the first game of the season for the Girls Volleyball team. Let's go TA Tigers!

**Back to School Dates to Remember**

Tuesday, September 4:	First Day of School Grades 1-8: Half Day Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday, Sept. 5.	Grades K-8: Half Day Pre-K Orientation
Thursday, Sept. 6.	Grades K-8: Full Day Pre-K: Half Day
Friday, Sept. 7.	Opening School Mass Grades K-8: Full Day Pre-K: Half Day
Monday, Sept. 10	Before/After Care Begins

**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](http://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](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or call the school office at 201-384-3627. Come and learn how the Academy is committed to **Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.**



**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. Please note there is a \$10 late fee as of June 30, 2018, per student. 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.

**The Religious Education Office in the school will be open on Sunday, September 9, 2018 for last minute registration from 9 am until 11:15 am.**

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation today helps to **restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.

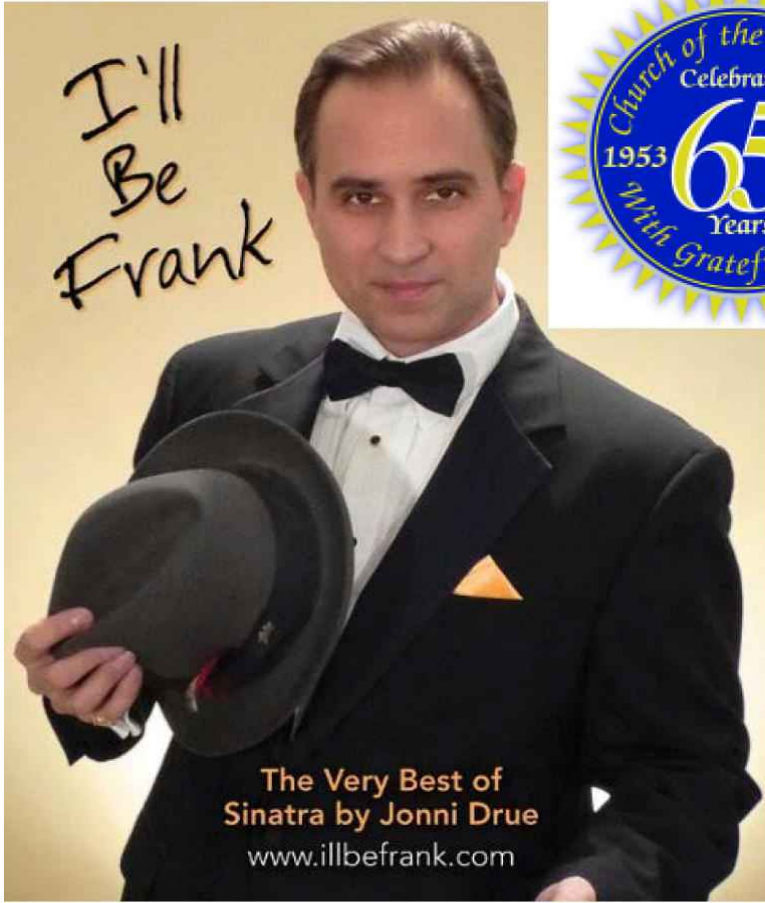


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SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

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..."*

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 to die..."*

**Glenn Haas**

*"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**

### **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.



### **COME JOIN US...**

Ascension Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Washington, NJ (The Blue Army) on **Saturday, September 8, 2018** to celebrate The Birthday of our Blessed Mother.

For complete information please pick up flyer in church or in rectory office or call Anna Giella, 201-262-9435 for reservations.

## **September**

### **Saturday, September 1, 2018**

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

### **Sunday, September 2, 2018**

**Eastern Europe Collection**

### **LABOR DAY Monday, September 3, 2018**

#### **Labor Day**

One Mass at 8:30am

Rectory & Religious Ed. Offices Closed

### **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

**Regular Mass Schedule Resumes**

**7:00am and 8:30am**

Woodcrest Mass at 2:30pm

Ministry of Service – 7:30pm, - Gathering Room

### **Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

Parish Trip to Finger Lakes

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

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

### **Thursday, September 6, 2018**

Parish Trip to Finger Lakes

### **First Friday, September 7, 2018**

Parish Trip to Finger Lakes

Communion Visits to Homebound

### **Saturday, September 8, 2018**

Parish Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

### **Sunday, September 9, 2018**

**Parish Maintenance & Repairs Collection**

**Catholic University of America Collection**

**Grandparent's Day**

**Blessing of Grandparent's at all Masses**

Baptism Prep. – 1:00pm – 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.



#### **LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2018**

**ONE MASS, AT 8:30AM, WILL BE CELEBRATED  
RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED**



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 186 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$34,870.00 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 CHILDREN 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



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 16TH**

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.

**Items of Need**

Grape Juice-Coffee-Canned Mushrooms- Salad Dressing-Pork & Beans-Tomato Sauce-Crushed Tomatoes-Tomato Puree-Instant Mashed Potatoes-Bread Crumbs-Canned Beets-Canned Spinach-Chicken Gravy-Brown Rice-Brownie Mix-Pancake Syrup-Lentil Soup-Manhattan clam Chowder-Cookies-Crackers-New England Clam Chowder-Canned White Potatoes-Canned Spinach

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



**HALLOWEEN FUN IN SALEM, MASSACHUSETTES**

Our Parish is sponsoring a 3day, 2 night trip to Salem, Mass. From Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. Please fill in the form below and drop off at the Rectory with your deposit. Make all checks payable to Ascension Church. Please mark "Salem Trip" on envelope. Cancellation ins. is recommended.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF PERSON YOU ROOMING WITH \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 AMT. ENCL. \_\_\_\_\_

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION**  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

