

# 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

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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.



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 23, 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  
(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896  
Website: [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)  
E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

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# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, September 23, 2018

5:30 People of Ascension Parish  
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
9:30 Mr & Mrs Joseph Coringrato  
11:30 Gregory James Poli

### Monday, September 24, 2018

7:00 John Francis O'Sullivan  
8:30 Helen Chaffiotte

### Tuesday, September 25, 2018

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 Gregory James Poli

### Wednesday, September 26, 2018

7:00 Marcela Zuniga  
8:30 Peggy Evans (L) Birthday

### Thursday, September 27, 2018

7:00 Peggy Evans (L) Birthday  
8:30 Evaristo Conidi

### Friday, September 28, 2018

7:00 Jose I. Zuniga  
8:30 Helen Chaffiotte

### Saturday, September 29, 2018

8:30 Leandro Cabacoy  
5:30 Denis Mullins, (L) 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Sunday, September 30, 2018

7:30 Tessie Mulvihill  
9:30 Theodore Bates  
11:30 Marlene Hellriegel

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### **WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

September 17, 2017:	\$5,886.00
September 16, 2018:	\$6,410.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,539.00

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

### Reading for Sunday, September 30, 2018

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14  
[9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



We can waste so much of our lives fighting God. Somehow we think that we actually know better than God. This thought comes out in many different ways, but the common way is through dissatisfaction with our lives. We look at our lives, and then we look at the lives of others who seem to have it better than ourselves. We wonder why we have to deal with so many problems, while it looks like other people are free of the worries that bother us so much. Why doesn't God change the way my life is going?

But often all we are looking at is the surface of life. We come to very hasty and shallow conclusions about things. We don't want to do the hard work of thinking more deeply about things. Reflection takes effort and can't be done in a hurry. But reflection and God-awareness leads to wisdom, rather than just to thoughtless judgments.

The simple fact of the matter is: we do not understand the mind and heart of God. "...my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord". Of course, the trick is to live with that reality instead of constantly fighting it. That is why the inner spiritual journey is one that we all need to be on. If we live only on the surface, we will always be fighting the apparent inequality of life, always wondering why our life is the way it is, constantly looking at other people's lives, wishing we could have their lives instead of the ones we find so difficult to live.

No doubt about it — today's Gospel calls us to see things from an entirely different point of view. May God grant us the grace to know and believe in our hearts that God's way is always the best way.

- ✘ Please come out and help us collect food for the hungry. Please join us in the **Action Against Hunger** next Sunday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations. Confirmation candidates and high school students, this is a great opportunity for you to fulfill some of your required service hours.
- ✘ Some important upcoming parish events:
  - 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)... 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 ... Fr. Benedict Center...\$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door.

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



**ASCENSION PARISH GALA  
Cocktail Party  
Plan to Celebrate our parish's**



**On Saturday, November 10, 2018  
6:30pm  
In the Fr. Benedict Center  
\*more information to follow\***



**MEMORIALS**

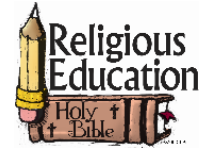
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Rectory (201)836-8961.

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50 (per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



**Calendar:**

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)  
 Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)  
 Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

On Sunday, October 7, 2018 the entire Religious Education Program will be praying the Holy Rosary, outside in the Rosary garden. We ask that all parents and parishioners PLEASE join us at 10:55 am in honor of our Mother Mary.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will start on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to Celebrate Mass together.

**Registration for 2018-2019:**

**The Religious Education Office is still accepting registration forms. Please come in as soon as possible as class are starting this week.**

**Please note our hours for classes.**

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon. Parents with Students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are reminded to come in to the cafeteria to pick up the children and 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be dismissed out the backdoor of the school.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:45 pm. Students are asked to be here by 6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp. Parents are to park behind the school and not in the side parking lot when they pick up their children.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa 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.

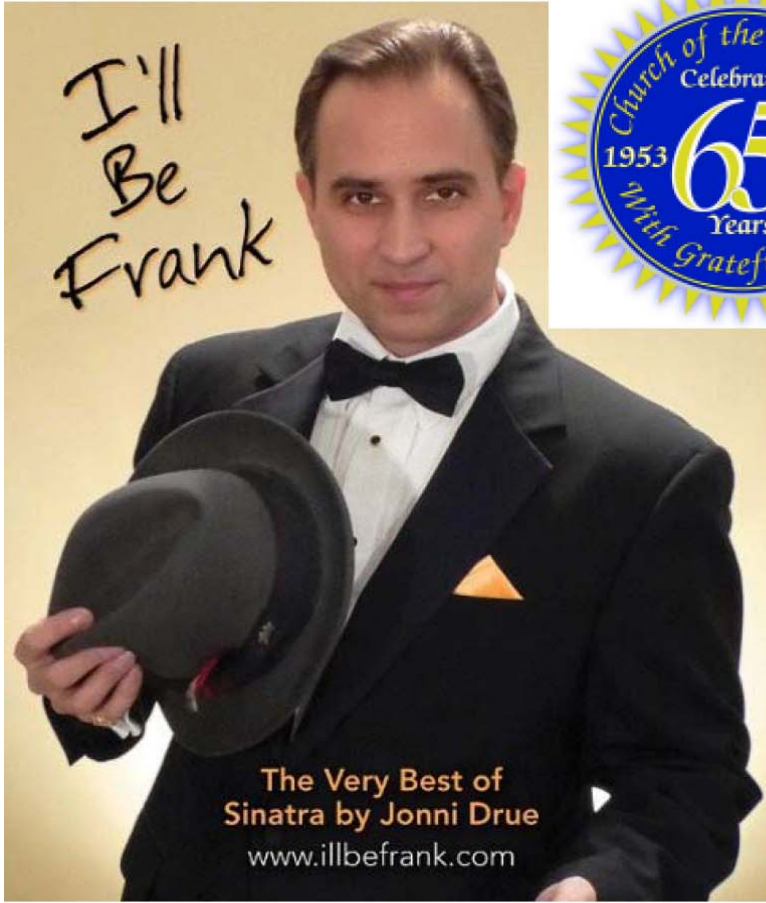
**Religious Education Office Hours:**

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory  
 Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School  
 Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School  
 Closed: Thursday & Saturday  
 Other times by appointment



SEPTEMBER 23, 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



*“To everything there is a season...”*

*“a time to be born...”*  
Dante Carlo Castellano

*“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 Kloebler, Richard Gabettie, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, John Delaney, 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...”*  
Cesare Monastra

*and a time for every purpose under heaven”*  
Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week  
in loving memory of  
**Gregory James Poli**



**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, September 23, 2018**

**Fr. Hilary’s Scholarship Fund**  
Religious Education K-6grade

**Monday, September 24, 2018**

Rel Ed Grade 7 – 7:00pm – School  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room  
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

Eucharistic Ministers Mtg. – 7:30pm - Church

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018**

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

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

No events

**Friday, September 28, 2018**

San Lorenzo Ruiz

**Saturday, September 29, 2018**

Confessions – 11:00am – Church  
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

Religious Education K-6grade  
**Action Against Hunger – 12 noon – 4pm**  
3pm Mass Sts. Lorenzo Ruiz and Pedro Calungsod at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark



**PARISH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7:30PM  
IN THE CHURCH**

**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](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



### 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. 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. \_\_\_\_\_



#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



### 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 WANTED

St. John's Church in Bergenfield is looking for a full-time maintenance person, starting in mid-October. Black Seal preferred. Interested candidates should submit their resume to Msgr. Richard Arnholts, Pastor, at [pastor@sjrc.org](mailto:pastor@sjrc.org).

#### IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS HELP CARE FOR SHELTER PETS WHILE THEY WAIT FOR A LOVING HOME!

Starting this weekend and running thru October 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting items for local animal shelters. In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis. There are so very many poor animals waiting for loving homes and they deserve to know that someone cares. We can take gift cards from local animal stores or bank gift cards, cash donations, or any of the following:

Cat or kitten food, dog or puppy food, necessary items like collars and leashes, pet dishes, toys, treats, or pet beds. We will also accept used towels or blankets for use in the bottom of the cages at various shelters. Please note we request that these items be “gently” used and clean at time of donation. They can also use cleaning supplies such as paper towels, Fabuloso, and any mild spray cleaners.

As always, may God bless you for your care of these poor neglected creatures which God has entrusted to our care, and may we all pray that they may soon find loving homes of their own.



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