

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.



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 14, 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
E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 14, 2018

5:30 Judi Sexton
 7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
 11:30 Anite Fabila

Monday, October 15, 2018

7:00 Eddie Aponte
 8:30 German & Clara Natividad

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Jesus Garcia

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

7:00 John Montecucollo
 8:30 Paul J. Figalora, 31st Anniversary

Thursday, October 18, 2018

7:00 Lorelei Habana, Birthday (L)
 8:30 Manuel Esquerra

Friday, October 19, 2018

7:00 Alfred Agresti
 8:30 Florentino Cabreza, Jr.

Saturday, October 20, 2018

8:30 Peggy Lacey
 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Sunday, October 21, 2018

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:30 Mary Karwoski
 11:30 Anita Barbagallo

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 8, 2017:	\$5,339.00
October 7, 2018:	\$5,195.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$3,188.00

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

Reading for Sunday, October 21, 2018

Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45
 or 10:42-45

A junior officer in a company decided to encourage co-workers by telling them how he admired them, and giving them a blue ribbon. His own boss, Tom, was a crabby workaholic, but the worker felt Tom was truly a creative genius, so he told him so. Tom was stunned, but accepted the ribbon gratefully.

That night, Tom told his son Sam that story. "Imagine! He told me I'm a creative genius, and to pin a ribbon on someone else who makes a big difference in my world. And... you're that person. I know my days are hectic and I yell at you too much. I'm sorry—and I love you." Sam began to cry. He then said, "Dad, I just finished writing a letter to you and mom—it's upstairs on my bed. After you went to bed, I was planning to commit suicide tonight. I didn't think that you cared at all."

How incredible that moment of astonishment must have felt! Both looked to be living "normal" lives; yet, neither felt appreciated or loved for who they were. There is a similar moment of astonishment in the gospel today when Jesus teaches a hard lesson: We are not saved by our virtue. The rich young man could proudly say, "I've kept all the rules." Yet, he could not give up the one thing Jesus asked of him: his attachment to his possessions.

"Follow me," Jesus asks us, beyond all your money, your houses, your job, all you hold dear... to a state of living that puts it all in perspective. The kingdom of God demands the depth of self-giving, all-inclusive love. That is a far cry from just keeping the rules.

✠ I take this opportunity to thank Bob Quinn and Anna Gorgone and all who participated in the "I'll Be Frank" concert. It was a wonderful evening of good and fun entertainment! Thank you to those who worked on the 50/50 drawing. Thank you also to our Boy Scouts who broke down the gym afterwards,

✠ October is the **month of our Blessed Mother and Respect Life Month**. I call your attention to some excellent opportunities for us as Catholics to honor Mary, the Mother of our God of Life. We pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church and we pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesday at 7:30pm. Thank you to our Religious Education Coordinators, students and parents for making our Family Rosary last Sunday very special. Maybe we could gather at home and pray the rosary as a family.

To show our respect for life, during the entire month we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "Giving Crib", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month.

✠ Missionaries work in many fields including education, healthcare, orphanages, pastoral care, spiritual education, administration and formation of seminarians and novices. The work of missionaries is a vital element in protecting human rights and religious freedom in countries suffering oppression and injustice. Missionaries also work in projects that make the difference between life and death in many countries by providing basic necessities — food, clothing, healthcare, shelter and education.

Through our missionaries, we offer the precious gift of Jesus' life to so many peoples throughout the entire world. Next Sunday is **World Mission Sunday**. May our prayers and our monetary offerings help our missionaries to be the gift of Jesus, the Good News, to the world.

✠ As you know, this year we celebrate our parish's 65th Anniversary. On Saturday, November 10th, we will gather in the Fr. Benedict Center for a Parish Cocktail Party (adults 21 and over) with wine and cheese, some delicious hors d'oeuvres, music, and fun with fellow parishioners. It will prove to be a truly enjoyable memory-filled evening. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available after Mass in the front vestibule.

Tickets will not be sold after November 4th.

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

P. David



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



**On Saturday, November 10, 2018
7:00pm
In the Fr. Benedict Center**

**TICKETS ON SALE
BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND**



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.

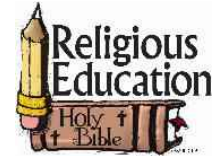
Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

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

MEMORIAL FUND

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

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**



Calendar:

Sunday, October 14th – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
 Monday, October 15th – 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, October 17th – 9th Grade from 6:30 pm **SHARP** to 9 pm (Gathering Room)
 Sunday, October 21st – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

First Reconciliation Parents, there is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting Sunday October 21, 2018** at 10:45 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least one parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.

Please note our hours for classes.

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

The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th 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:

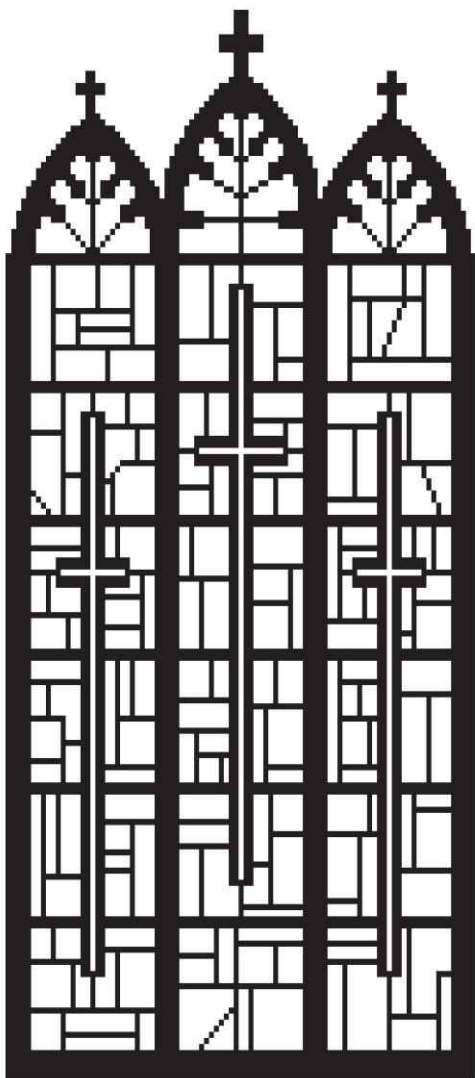
- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- † Children’s Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college 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

OCTOBER 14, 2018

*Church of the Ascension
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, New Jersey*



Dear Friend,

We, of Ascension Parish, feel that it is important for us to remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those persons who have touched our lives and whose presence we miss.

On Thursday, November 1, 2018, as we celebrate All Saints Day, at the 7:30pm Mass, we will anticipate the Feast of All Souls, with our annual **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE** for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (Nov. 2, 2017-Nov. 1, 2018).

We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

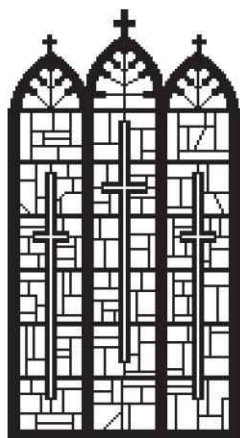
Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2018 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

We look forward to being with you on Thursday, November 1.

In the Lord's Peace,

Fr. David and Your Ascension Parish Family

Annual Prayer of Remembrance



My Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Loved One _____

Relationship to Me _____ *Date of Death in 2017-18* _____

____ *Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance*

Please, we must have this completed card by October 28th.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"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 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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Gerard Patrick Lee

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.

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, October 14, 2018

Food Pantry Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45 - School

Monday, October 15, 2018

Food Pantry Distribution
Religious Education Grade 8 – 7:00pm – School
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church



Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Confirmation Prep. – 7:00pm
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Ctr.
Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Thursday, October 18, 2018

No Events

Friday, October 19, 2018

No Events

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church
Little Sisters of the Poor Door Collection
at all Masses



Sunday, October 21, 2018

Little Sisters of the Poor Door Collection
at all Masses
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45 – School
First Reconciliation Parent Mtg.
in Multi-Purpose Room
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church



PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
7:30pm in the Gathering Room
*****ALL WELCOME*****



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 \$34,370.00 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

RESPECT LIFE

To show our respect for life, during the entire month of October we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "Giving Crib", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month. Please put monetary donations in envelope marked "Respect Life" in collection basket.



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: _____



BERGEN GARDEN CENTER & FARMS
563 RIVER ROAD, NEW MILFORD
201-261-1574

DOOR COLLECTION

The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa will be visiting our parish on Saturday and Sunday, October 20-21, 2018.

The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 174 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879. **Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.**



NIGHTMARE ON RIVER ROAD

Bergen County's

Premiere Indoor Haunted Attraction!

Operating Weekends in October

Fridays 6pm-10pm

Saturdays 6pm-10pm

Sundays 2pm-6pm

845 River Road, New Milford

Behind Brookchester Stores

(River Road to Dilworth Road)

www.nightmareonriverroad.com

Sponsored by Boy Scout Troops 291 & 78

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – OCTOBER 14TH

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.

COFFEE, TEA, APPLE JUICE, GRAPE JUICE, CRANBERRY JUICE, CANNED BEETS, CANNED WHITE POTATOES, CANNED MUSHROOMS, APPLE SAUCE, PORK & BEANS, CORNED BEEF HASH, EGG NOODLES, GRATED CHEESE, CAKE MIX, CAKE ICING, BROWNIE MIX, JAM, MAYONNAISE, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CRACKERS, COOKIES, TOOTHPASTE

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

HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2018!

Help is needed for 2019...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2019. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or Mary Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.

RIGHT TO LIFE TICKET RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE OCTOBER 27 & 28 AFTER ALL MASSES

