

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 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

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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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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 18, 2018

5:30 Darren Drake
7:30 Tessie Mulvihill
9:30 Sally & Harold Bates, Sr.
11:30 Montecuallo & Lewis Families

Monday, November 19, 2018

7:00 People of Ascension Parish
8:30 Dylan Rohwohlt

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

7:00 Czarina Viduya (L)
8:30 Jose I. Zuniga

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

7:00 Patrick O'Shea
8:30 McEwan & Alloro Families

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22

8:30 Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23, 2018

7:00 Eddie Aponte
8:30 Maureen & Thomas Bottcher

Saturday, November 24, 2018

8:30 Flora Ursal
5:30 Brian & Regina McCann

Christ the King, Sunday, November 25

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Corazon Liwat Moya
11:30 Rose Walsh

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

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| November 12, 2017: | \$5,727.00 |
| November 11, 2018: | \$5,224.00 |
| Food Pantry: | \$1,556.00 |

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

Reading for Sunday, November 25, 2018

Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/
Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

False prophets are always making unfounded and often conflicting predictions about the end of the world and the misery and disaster ahead of us.

The readings today remind us there **will** come an end time when the world and life as we know it will be quite different. We're given images today which describe in a symbolic way the end of the world as we know it. Catholic teaching has always stressed that we are not supposed to be consumed with curiosity about when Jesus comes again. Jesus himself said that that was not for anyone to know, except God—that Jesus himself did not even know.

But our Church does believe “we look forward to the resurrection of the dead.” And that this will be the resurrection of the whole person. Remember Jesus passing through locked doors after his Resurrection? Yet he still ate food and showed the apostles his wounds. Neither Scripture nor theology can shed sufficient light for us to know what life after death will be like.

But, we must believe two points: One, “our charity on earth will be the measure of our sharing in God’s glory in heaven.” And two, the afterlife will be “radically different”, because we will see God. Be ready for anything!

✠ Thank you to all who participated in our 65th Anniversary Cocktail Party last Saturday. The evening was a beautiful reminder of what Monsignor Francis Fox intended this parish to be—a faith community who remembers what is important. The decorations were beautiful; the food was delicious and plentiful; the music was wonderful; the people terrific! What more could we ask for!! Special thanks to the chairpersons and committee who made this evening so special. Thanks to our Boy Scouts who helped in setup and cleanup. Ad Multos Annos!!

✠ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** — This Sunday, November 18th from 7am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.

✠ We invite all parishioners to join us for our **43rd Annual New Milford Community Interfaith Thanksgiving** which will be celebrated this Sunday at **4pm** at **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church** on River Road. Please, come and join with our community leaders and our brothers and sisters from St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, and New Milford Presbyterian Church, as we offer this special “Thank You” to God for his many blessings on our community. Please bring non-perishable food donations for the New Milford Good Will Fund.

✠ Thursday is **Thanksgiving Day**. Please join us as we gather for Mass at 8:30am to give thanks to God the giver of all good gifts!
The Rectory and Religious Education offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday.

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

**FATHER DAVID MILLIKEN WILL ESCORT
A GROUP TO IRELAND-MAY 12-20, 2019**

You are invited to come away to the magical land of Ireland! Father David will be the escort during a tour which he will celebrate Mass on some days in special sites (such as the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Ireland in Knock). In addition, sightseeing by a professional guide will include sites in and around Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Dublin, and Galway. Included in the cost of \$3,150.00 per person-two in a room or \$3,800.00 - single occupancy. Round-trip transportation from Church of the Ascension to Newark International Airport, round-trip non-stop Economy airfare and all departure taxes, all transportation and sightseeing by private motor-coach with the services of a professional guide/driver. 7 nights hotel accommodations in First Class hotels, full breakfast and dinner daily, entrance fees, hotel baggage handling, taxes and service charges, tip to the guide/driver.
Brochures with complete details may be obtained in the parish office.



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

"I thank you, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the angels to you I sing." (Psalm 138:1) The students and staff of Transfiguration Academy wish all a blessed Thanksgiving.

Are you looking for a quality education in a Catholic setting? Transfiguration Academy is a United States Department of Education 2018 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges. Please call the school, 201-384-3627 or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org for more information or to arrange a tour.

MEMORIALS

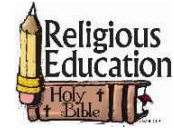
"THANK YOU"...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call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

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

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| 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: _____



Calendar:

Sunday, November 18th -- 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)
 Monday, November -- 19th -- 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, November -- 21st -- No Religious Education
 Sunday, November 25th -- No Children's Liturgy or Religious Education

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are welcomed to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together. There will be NO Children's Liturgy on Sunday, November 25, 2018. We will resume, Sunday, December 2, 2018.

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace: This week our parish children preparing for First Reconciliation will discuss moral choices and how they can begin to know the difference between right and wrong choices. All of us are invited to think about our own moral choices and how we make them. What advice would you give to our First Reconciliation children? Please continue to pray for them on the journey to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reminder:

When your child/ren are going to be absent from class you must call the Religious Education office and let us know. We will call the home if you do not call us, so **PLEASE** make sure you have a working home or cell number that we can contact you especially in the event of an emergency.



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

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Come... Join Us...

We Invite You to Gather Together and Share...

***The 43rd Annual
New Milford Community
Interfaith Thanksgiving***

*...offering of food and money donations
for New Milford Good Will Fund*

***Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
River Road, New Milford***

***Sunday, November 18, 2018
4:00 P.M.***

Refreshments will follow



THIRTY-THIRD 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, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, John Delaney, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Benny Santiago, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Ana Tumang, 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...”

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



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

BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
Gerard Patrick Lee



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, November 18, 2018

Catholic Relief Services

Parish Turkey Drive/Food Pantry Distribution

Children’s Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am

Religious Education – 10:45 – School

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – 4:00pm at

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Monday, November 19, 2018

Religious Education Grade 7 – 7:00pm – School

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

No events

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

NO Confirmation Prep.

NO Novena

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22, 2018

One Mass at 8:30am

Rectory & Religious Education Offices Closed

Friday, November 23, 2018

Rectory & Religious Education Offices Closed

Saturday, November 24, 2018

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Couples for Christ – 6:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday, November 25, 2018

NO Religious Education



HELP KEEP CHILDREN WARM THIS WINTER

Our Service Ministry has partnered with The Knights of Columbus to sponsor a Jewelry Sale with all proceeds going to purchase coats for children. A representative from Premier Designs Jewelry will be in the gathering room after all masses the weekend of December 1st and 2nd.

What a great way to purchase some Holiday gifts for a family member, friend, someone special or yourself and also help to keep children warm this winter.

Come browse and enter a free jewelry raffle—no purchase necessary.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 190 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$42,945.00 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

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.



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: _____



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O God of all things in heaven and on earth, you give all your people in the world the gift of life, the gift of family, the gift of work, and the gift of rest.

On this, our national day of Thanksgiving, we turn all our thoughts to you, from whom all blessings flow. Bless all our work, our friends, and our families both near and far.

We humbly ask for the ability to continue our work for your kingdom and the ability to gather freely to worship you without fear. We ask you to give our years ahead your blessing and protection. We ask all this through Christ the Lord, your Son and our brother. Amen.

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.

St. Joseph School Open House

305 Elm Street, Oradell, NJ 07649; sjsusa.org

Take a tour of St. Joseph School during our Open House: Tuesday, November 27 - Thursday, November 29, 8am-2:45pm, meet Principal Dr. Paula Valenti and see our talented students during the school day! St. Joseph School provides an exceptional education for students Pre-K - 8th grade including challenging academics with certified teachers; art, music and world language specials; before and after care; and nutritious hot meals. **St. Joseph School is expanding the Pre-K program for the 2019-2020 year.** St. Joseph School is a National Blue Ribbon School and Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. **Please call 201-261-2388 for more information or to schedule a tour**



The Rectory & Religious Education Offices will be closed Thursday, November 22nd. & Friday, November 23rd. In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
"As a family of faith and love, we give You thanks Oh Lord."

