

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Rev. David W. Milliken

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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.



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe
November 25, 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

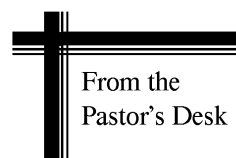
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RECTORY

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Sunday, November 25, 2018

5:30 Brian & Regina McCann
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Corazon Liwat Moya
11:30 Rose Walsh

Monday, November 26, 2018

7:00 Nell O'Shea
8:30 Natalie Swierzbinski

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

7:00 Mary O'Shea
8:30 Ticboy U. Ruiz (L)

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

7:00 Con O'Shea
8:30 Rosario Flores

Thursday, November 29, 2018

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Angelito Barredo

Friday, November 30, 2018

7:00 Noel Tangney
8:30 Annamma K. Thomas

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Memorial

8:30 James Ochs, Andres S. Villaluna,
Joseph Tompkins
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Perla Roque

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

November 19, 2017:	\$5,299.00
November 18, 2018:	\$5,767.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$1,412.00

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

Reading for Sunday, December 2, 2018

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

I believe that every person is, in some way or other, looking for truth. Young people especially are looking hard for truth. So, what is the deepest truth of life? What penetrates and pervades and saturates every blade of grass, every cloud in the sky, every rock, every single human heart? What fills everything that is, was, or will be, with an utter fullness? Only one truth—the everlasting, unbreakable, overpowering love of God. Without God's love, nothing would exist, nothing would have meaning.

That is what Jesus witnesses to today, as we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King**: "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." That's why we call Jesus a King—the King of Truth. Jesus is everything — everything we need or will ever need. And Jesus is the face of God. Yet, for all this, we still take Jesus and the love of God for granted in life.

Let's say you're totally weak and ill, yet you have one person who devotes herself to your every need and care. Would you be so grateful to that person, you would never forget her? You'd probably tell everyone about her. God not only takes care of us, God gives us our very life. Yet we treat life as if it is ours—even abusing our bodies, treating our souls carelessly, forgetting whose life this really is. How to change that attitude? Maybe by practicing gratitude, for starters. Appreciate the love God put into your heart, so you have it to give to someone else.

We didn't invent love. So thank the inventor!!

✘ Thank you to all who donated, collected, and delivered turkeys for our **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**. Also, thank you to all who participated in our **43rd annual Interfaith Thanksgiving**. It was so nice to see so many Ascension faces in the congregation. Special thanks and to Glenn Gordon and our choir members for leading us in song-filled thanks to God.

✘ Thank you to Brian Driscoll and our friends at **THE BAKERY** in Bergenfield, for their generous donation of bread for our Thanksgiving Day celebration. It is always such a treat!

✘ Advent is Coming! On Saturday, December 1st, we celebrate the beginning of a new Church year with our **Parish Advent Giving Tree** which will be in place on Saturday, December 1 / Sunday, December 2 at all Masses.

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

**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.



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: _____

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one of 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.



Calendar:

Sunday, November 25th -- No Children's Liturgy or Religious Education
 Monday, November – 19th -- 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, November – 21st -- No Religious Education
 Sunday, December 2nd – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

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

ADVENT IS COMING!!!

OUR ASCENSION 2018 ADVENTURE...

Advent offers us many opportunities to help us to welcome Christ everyday into our lives. As we welcome and care for one another in many small ways, we will find that Jesus truly becomes flesh in our daily lives.

These are just some of the ways that we can journey together on our **ADVENTURE** at Ascension:

- ✠ **ADVENT CALENDARS** will be distributed next weekend to our parishioners to help offer us opportunities to bring Jesus into our lives more deeply each day of Advent.
- ✠ Our ushers will be distributing **2019 Calendars** after all Masses on this First Sunday of Advent. The calendars have once again been donated by Michael of Boulevard Funeral Home. Thanks, Michael!
- ✠ Our **CHURCH VESTURE IN ADVENT** — the Advent altar cloths, banners, and priest's vestments, Advent Wreath candles, along with our Advent music — remind us that Advent is a time for waiting in joyful expectation for Christ's coming.
- ✠ Our **ADVENT GIVING TREE**, prepared by our parish Service Ministry, will provide us with great opportunities for us to bring the joy of Jesus to the less fortunate.
- ✠ On Saturday, December 8th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Friday, December 7th, and at 8:30am on December 8th.
- ✠ On Saturday, December 8th after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass we will bless and light the **CHRISTMAS decorations** outside our church to remind us that we await the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World. Also, the Christians of the Holy Land will be with us for the weekend offering their olive wood creations.
- ✠ On Monday, December 10th, at 7:00pm at St. Mary's, Dumont, we will celebrate our Tri-Parish **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** with the sacrament of reconciliation. What better way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!
- ✠ On Wednesday, December 12th, we will celebrate our parish **EUCCHARISTIC DAY** beginning at the 8:30am Mass. We will have adoration all day concluding at 7:30pm with Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction.
- ✠ On Saturday, December 15th we will celebrate **Simbang Gabi** with a joyful Mass at 5:30pm followed by a festive reception in the Fr. Benedict Center.
- ✠ On Friday, December 21st beginning at 6pm, we will put up the Christmas Trees in the church, and on Sunday, December 23rd beginning at 1pm we will decorate our church for the Christmas season. We invite any parishioners who would like to help to join us for these special projects.



Please keep this **ADVENTURE** reminder handy during this season.

Together, may we let Jesus enter our lives!





"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born.."

Christian Keanu Cuilao, Juliana Marie Panuccio,
Maya Rose Enger, Connor Jax Dunlavey

"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, 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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**
burns this week in loving memory of
Angelito Barredo



BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
Angelito Barredo



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
Angelito Barredo



Solemnity of Christ the King, November 25, 2018

NO Religious Education

Monday, November 26, 2018

Religious Education Grade 8 – 7:00pm – School
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

No events

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Harrison House
Confirmation Prep – 7:00-8:45pm
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Thursday, November 29, 2018

No events

Friday, November 30, 2018

No events

First Saturday, December 1, 2018

Confessions – 11:00am – Church
Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church
Advent Giving Tree
Jewelry Sale in Gathering Room

First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018

Religious Retirement Fund
Advent Giving Tree
Jewelry Sale in Gathering Room
Children’s Liturgy of the Word -9:30am
Religious Ed. – 10:45am – School
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.

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**



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 191 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$43,045.00 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

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.



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: _____

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION'S GIVING TREE

Starting next weekend we invite you to *Share in the Spirit of Christmas* by participating in our parish's traditional **Giving Tree** outreach program. Besides our own local gift giving to children in the area, we also provide gifts to local nursing homes, homeless shelters, a local shelter for unwanted teenage boys, and to children in communities who would, were it not for our program, receive nothing for Christmas. **Please note that due to the requirements of our charities, and our delivery teams, all gifts will be due back by Sunday, December 16th, after the 11:30 Mass. The only exception will be food certificates donated for distribution to our own pantry clients. Please do not bring in gifts after this time as they may not be delivered to the various charities. It is important you do not take an ornament that cannot be returned on time as this may result in someone not receiving a gift this year. Please also remember to securely attach your ornament to the package so that the gift will go to the correct recipient.**

Details on what each ornament means will appear in next week's bulletin. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help deliver some of these gifts, please call Joan Stephens @ 201-836-6684. May God continue to bless you for your generous support of this ministry of love and care.

****Please note that unwrapped toys will be given to the Bergen County Sheriff's Department for distribution to local children in need. Please do not wrap these items.**

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.



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