

# 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

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Rev. Brian G. Plate

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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.



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 20, 2019**

## + 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)  
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Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 20, 2019**

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Timothy V. Cronin

9:30 Enrique & Mary Blanco, Anniv.(L)

11:30 Helen Chaffiotte, First Anniversary

**Monday, January 21, 2019**

7:00 Rev. John P. McGovern

8:30 Eddie Lobo

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

7:00 Elias Bertomo

8:30 For unborn children

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 Paul Walker

**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

7:00 People of Ascension Parish

8:30 Vincent Rooney

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

7:00 Ramon Abuedo

8:30 Otto Aponte

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

8:30 Theresa Guido

5:30 Rose Carbone

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 27, 2019**

7:30 Constanza Zuniga

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Maria Dolores Molina

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

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

**January 14, 2018:** \$6,620.00

**January 13, 2019:** \$5,266.00

**Fr. Hilary Scholarship:** \$ 811.00

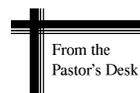
Thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

**Reading for Sunday, January 27, 2019**

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf.

Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



When Jesus turned water into wine, it was a bold and amazing sign—a sign of abundance and fullness—in other words, what life is supposed to be like when we live fully in the will of God, or what we sometimes call “the kingdom of God.” Living fully in the will or the kingdom of God is like joining ourselves to the full vision God has had for us and our universe since the beginning.

Actually, every activity of daily living—buttoning a shirt, licking an ice cream cone, putting our key in the ignition, loading the dishwasher, even cleaning the cat box—every effort we put out has its grace and meaning. Each small action is giving shape to the bigger abundance in life that God intends for us, just as Jesus did one small action to create abundance at the wedding feast.

It is all about living an abundant life! We just have to picture the intentions of God, and trust in the total tapestry God is weaving, while we are doing each of those actions. See every one of your daily actions as moments of grace—even illness and suffering.

One of the beauties that comes out of illness is the stories people tell of caring for their loved ones with cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer’s or congestive heart failure. They write about the sacred times they experience at those bedsides—feeding the person one teaspoon at a time, sitting quietly, holding their hands or putting cold cloths on their forehead. These are truly, without a doubt, the moments of grace that are examples of the careful attention to God’s presence that Mary had at the marriage feast in Cana.

✘ Thank you so much to our parishioners who helped to take down the Christmas decorations in and around the church in record time. Your help is always much appreciated.

✘ On Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973) we will celebrate a “day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life” (USCCB, 2000).

After the 8:30am Mass we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and share in a Holy Hour which will conclude with Benediction at 10am. Please come and join us.

✘ *Ireland—the Land of Saints and Leprechauns* awaits you! Our parish will travel to the cities of Shannon, Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Knock (special Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Ireland), and Galway from May 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. Let Fr. David know if you are interested and he will give you a brochure, or stop by the rectory. We will have an informational meeting with Ann Breslin (Great Experiences) on Sunday, February 3.

✘ Next weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. Snow storms and icy events of the last two winters have devastated our parish budget. We don’t know how many storms we will have this winter, but I ask that each parishioner family be as generous as your means allow.

✘ With the flu season upon us, we ask that you be mindful and considerate of others. I offer these suggestions. If you are sick, please remain at home. At the Sign of Peace, feel free to offer each other a kindly smile and a nod instead of making physical contact. Receiving the Precious Blood is an option available to you; however, I am told that there is enough alcohol content in the Precious Blood to kill germs. Please, use your good judgment. Thank you.

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

*Fr. David*

**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.



**Catholic Schools Week** begins next Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is: Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. All are invited to celebrate with us at the following events:  
Sunday, January 27 – 12:00 Mass at St. John's Church presided by Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Tuesday, January 29 – 7:00 PM – Deanery 3 schools Catholic Challenge (Conlon Hall)

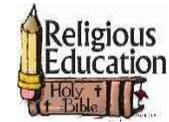
The best way to learn about our school is by visiting us. Transfiguration Academy is a United States Department of Education 2018 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges. Please call the school, 201-384-3627 or email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) for more information or to arrange a tour.

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer to celebrate women and men in consecrated life. Since then the universal Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Religious sisters, nuns, brothers, religious priests, and monks consecrate their lives through their profession of the evangelical vows and live as part of a community. Single lay people may choose to be consecrated virgins and make private vows to the local bishop. Secular institutes are another form of living the consecrated life. We thank God for their saying "yes" to their vocation.

Please join with our Cardinal, Joseph W. Tobin CSsR and the Church of Newark at an 11:00am Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on **Saturday, February 2, 2019** to celebrate those in consecrated life and in particular those Sister, Brothers and Priests who are celebrating their anniversaries this year. This invitation is extended in a special way to the members of every parish as a means of supporting and thanking the consecrated men and women of our Archdiocese for their selfless gift of service to our local Church. We hope you can join us.



**Calendar:**

Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – No Religious Education

Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcomed to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

**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.

There is a **Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student** meeting on **January 28, 2019** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents in 8<sup>th</sup> grade are to attend if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class of 2020.**



**Volunteers Needed:**

We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2019-2020 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



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, January 21st**

JANUARY 20, 2019



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BE PREPARED

# BREAKFAST FOR A CAUSE



**Date: Sunday, February 3, 2019**

**Time: 8:00am to 1pm**



**Place: Church of the Ascension**

**256 Azalea Drive New Milford**

**Located in the Father Benedict Center (Gym)**

**Price: \$8.00 Per Person**

**Children 4 and under Free**

**Reservations preferred - Please call 201-569-1400**

**Tickets will also be available at the door**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**IHOP Pancakes \* Eggs \* Bacon \* Sausage**

**Coffee \* Tea \* Juice \* Hot Chocolate**

***Come in out of the cold and enjoy a hot and delicious breakfast.***

**The proceeds of this event will go to help the American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group. This is a life changing annual trip to Lourdes for children and young adults with physical and developmental disabilities. My Eagle Project is to raise the funds to purchase a defibrillator for the nurses and doctors traveling with the group as well as items for the pilgrims. Thank you for your support. Sincerely, Ben Janneck**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"To everything there is a season..."*

*"a time to be born..."*  
Micheala Joy Caylao

*"a time to be healed..."*

Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, 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, Mary Anne Meyer, Denis Mullins  
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**



Altar Flowers for this week  
Donated in Thanksgiving  
By Renn Reyes

**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 for the intention of your loved one.

**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.



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 20, 2019**

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am  
Religious Education – 10:45am – School

**Monday, January 21, 2018 \* Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Food Pantry Distribution  
NO Religious Education  
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room  
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

**Day of Penance and Prayer for Preservation of Life**  
Mass at 8:30am, Exposition,  
Holy Hour for Life, Benediction  
Harrison House  
Confirmation Prep – 7:00pm  
Novena – 7:30pm – Church  
Boy Scouts- 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

No events

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

No events

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

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

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 27, 2019**

**Communicating God's Word**  
**Snow Removal Collection**  
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am  
Religious Education – 10:45am – School



**PARISH EVENTS**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019**  
**7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**  
**"NEW MEMBERS WELCOME"**



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR**  
**SNOW REMOVAL – JANUARY 26 & 27**

**Next Weekend** we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. So far our cost for snow removal and salting of lots & walk-ways is over **\$3,000.00**. So we ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **Thank you!**

Important  
Message

we are now accepting mass intentions for the 2019 Mass Book for week-day morning masses for either 7:00 or 8:30am. There are **NO** week-end masses available. As always our first Saturday of each month Memorial Mass at 8:30am is always available. Please stop by the office to make your request. Sorry NO telephone or e-mail requests.

Thanks

Because of your generosity we will be helping Father Hilary defray the cost of his education with a donation to his scholarship fund in the amount of \$811.00. Father is most appreciative and sends his best regards and blessings to all the parishioners of Ascension Parish.

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



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**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY**

**JANUARY 20TH**

**PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JANUARY 21ST**

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 continued support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- COFFEE-ICED TEA-HOT COCOA-
- APPLE SAUCE-OLIVES
- CANNED MUSHROOMS-CANNED SPINACH-RAISINS
- GRAPE JUICE-INSTANT RICE-JAM-
- CHICKEN BROTH
- MANDARIN ORANGES-PANCAKE SYRUP-BEEF BROTH
- FROSTED FLAKES-BATHROOM TISSUE-NAPKINS-
- TISSUES

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

**ASCENSION PARISH TRIP**

Ascension Parish will sponsor a 5 day trip to Vermont & New Hampshire from June 7<sup>th</sup> – 11, 2019. The price of \$825 (dbl.) \$949 (single) includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, Luncheon at the Trapp Family Lodge, 3 dinners, including dinner on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, 2 welcome receptions, Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Factory tour, Stowe Village, Quechee Gorge, Narrated cruise on Squam Lake where “On Golden Pond” was filmed. Loon Mountain Gondola Ride, Lake Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad ride, Luggage & Handling, taxes & gratuities, motorcoach transportation. \$100 deposit will hold your reservation and is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Cancellation insurance is highly recommended and available upon request. For info. & reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.



“On behalf of the Administration, Pastoral Care Department, and the staff here at New Bridge Medical Center, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to your parishioners for the love and time you have given in the form of holiday gifts for our residents and patients. It has been a very challenging time for many here and around the world, but God’s love, compassion, and sharing nature continues to rise above all things. The happiness and radiant glow that reflects off the residents’ and patients’ faces when they receive a gift that has been bought and wrapped especially for them is beyond words. Thank you again for the continuous love and compassion that you have shown to all of our long term care residents and patients.

Sincerely,  
Katie Richardson  
Administrator and VP  
New Bridge Medical Center, Long Term Care Division”

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