

Church of the Ascension

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+ 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.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3, 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
8:00am July & August
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
OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:30 John Montecullo
 11:30 Roberto Caparas, Jr., Third Anniv.

Monday, March 4, 2019

7:00 Gerry O'Connor
 8:30 Edith B. Cajucom

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

7:00 Anthony V. Palumbo, Sr.
 8:30 Breda Kirk

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

7:00 Anita Zucconi
 8:30 Joseph F. Burns
 7:30 Donald Evans

Thursday, March 7, 2019

7:00 Christine Barratt
 8:30 Agnes Balagot

Friday, March 8, 2019

7:00 Roy Morton
 8:30 Elizabeth Aronson
 7:30 Dorothy Cole & Herbert Cole

Saturday, March 9, 2019

8:30 Larry Galvez
 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019

7:30 Donald Evans
 9:30 Michael & Marge Bruno, Third Anniv.
 11:30 Charles J. Poveromo

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

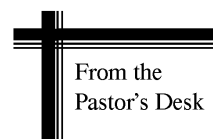
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

February 25, 2018	\$5,848.00
February 24, 2019:	\$4,469.00
Central/Eastern Europe:	\$1,202.00

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

**Reading for Sunday
 March 10, 2019**

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



Mark Twain was at a dinner party whose guests included a businessman notorious for having made his money by sharp dealing and by unscrupulously and aggressively squeezing money out of his beleaguered tenants and clients. At one point in the evening, the fellow cornered Twain and piously gushed: "Before I die, Mr. Twain, I intend to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I want to climb to the top of Mount Sinai and read the Ten Commandments aloud." "I have a better idea," suggested Twain acidly. "Why don't you stay right here in Boston and **keep them?**"

Twain, a keen observer of human nature, knew quite a bit about religion, but it does not take a theologian to figure out that this fellow was routinely breaking several of the commandments by being covetous, mendacious, and brutally aggressive. His worst transgression, however, was probably the idol worship of making money his "god." It was rather easy for Twain to puncture the hypocrisy of this blowhard businessman's piety, but there is an even more subtle duplicity at work in the case of religious leaders. Jesus reserved some of his harshest criticism for them.

Perhaps the childlike attitude endorsed by Jesus is a safeguard against the hypocrisy he so vehemently denounced. In Luke's version of the condemnation of hypocrisy in today's Gospel, Jesus directs the message not to the Pharisees but to his own disciples. Later in the same Gospel, these same disciples are told to accept the kingdom "like a child."

Let us approach the Lord's table, profoundly aware of our need for both forgiveness and nourishment so that we might not only proclaim the Gospel but live it.

✠ This weekend we end Ordinary Time and will enter into the penitential season of Lent. Let us bid farewell to the Easter word, **ALLELUIA**, as we sing it boldly in our songs this weekend until we sing it again joyfully at Easter.

✠ **LENT 2019 is coming...**For Christians the season of Lent is that special time which challenges us to let God change our hearts. Our parish offers many opportunities which can help us to experience God's amazing grace. Please see the inserts in this weekend's bulletin.

✠ This Wednesday we begin the Holy Season of Lent as we celebrate **ASH WEDNESDAY**. We will distribute ashes during Mass at 7am, 8:30am, and 7:30pm. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for our complete **Lent 2019 Schedule**. We have also inserted our **2019 Lenten Calendar** which invites each of us to do a good deed every day in Lent. On the Book Rack in the back of church you will find "**Five Minutes with the Word for Lent**." Please take a copy and use it during this holy season.

Will you repent and believe the Gospel?

✠ Thank you to our parishioners who have pledged to the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. If you have not already done so, please consider making a pledge to help us reach our parish goal. Brochures are in the pews.

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. **Deposit of \$500.00 is now due, with registration form and copy of Pass Port.** Brochures with complete details may be obtained in the parish office.



National Geographic Bee

Students in grades 5 through 8 at Transfiguration Academy in Bergenfield recently took part in the National Geographic Bee. Preliminary rounds were held in class to narrow the field to a 10 student double-elimination Final Round in which Kyle Esteban and Kyle Nelson narrowly bested the competition, including third place finisher Hans Victor Sto Tomas, to move on to the winner-take-all Championship Round. After matching wits through three questions, Esteban displayed his knowledge of Central American fauna to win the Transfiguration Academy National Geographic Bee for the second year in a row.

Thousands of schools around the United States are participating in the National Geographic Bee and each champion will take a qualifying test for their respective state bee. State winners will move on to the national championship rounds in Washington D.C. with the chance to win cash prizes, scholarships, and an all-expenses-paid Lindblad expedition to the Galápagos Islands.

Registration has begun for the 2019-2020 school year. 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 for more information, to arrange a tour or to have your student spend the day with us as a "Tiger for a Day".



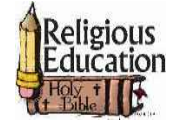
MARCH 6, 2019

MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED

7:00AM, 8:30AM & 7:30PM

ASHES WILL ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED

AT THESE TIMES



Calendar:

Sunday, March 3rd – 1st thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Monday, March 4th – 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)

Wednesday, March 6th – 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Meet at 7 pm in School

Sunday, March 10th -- 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

On Wednesday, March 6, 2019 all 7th, 8th and 9th grades will meet at 7 pm in the School and then going to the Church for 7:30 pm Mass. All must attend and parents are also encouraged to attend. Students will be dismissed at the end of Mass to their parents.

The First Eucharist Retreat has been **RESCHEDULED for March 24, 2019.** This is a MANDATORY Retreat for all First Eucharist Candidates and at least one Parent. Please Mark your calendar with this change. We will see you on March 24th starting with the 9:30 am Mass.

Reminder:

9th Grade Confirmation Parents please note the change in time for the Wednesday night class. We will be ending at 8:15 pm, please be here at this time to pick up your student. No student will be permitted to walk home.

Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Catechists for our 7th, 8th and 9th grade programs, 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

✠ **ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019** ✠

✠ We will celebrate Mass at 7am, 8:30am and 7:30pm. Ashes will be distributed ONLY during these liturgies.

✠ **LENTEN SEASON** ✠



✠ We are all invited to be part of our Lenten program, “**LIVE LENT 2019**,” which offers opportunities for parishioners to encounter Christ through integrating the Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, and family activities. It is another opportunity in Lent to meet other parishioners and to let Jesus enter your life more deeply, rekindle the fire of the faith we share, and let the light of Christ shine brightly in our parish!

✠ To remind us of the penitential nature of the season of Lent, the Entrance and **Penitential Act at Mass** will take on a new form for the five (5) Sundays of Lent:

There will be NO Entrance Song. The Celebrant and Ministers will enter in silence. The Sign of the Cross, Greeting and Introduction to the Penitential Rite follow. We will kneel for a brief examination of conscience and then together pray the “I Confess...”. The Celebrant’s conclusion will be followed by a sung “Kyrie”, after which we will stand for the Collect.

✠ A **Lenten Calendar** has been inserted in the bulletin which suggests good deeds for each day of Lent.

✠ During Lent we offer an **additional Mass ONLY on Fridays at 7:30pm** after which we will pray the **Stations of the Cross**.

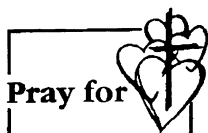
✠ On Saturday, March 30, we will celebrate a **Tri-Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service** at 1pm at St. John the Evangelist Church in Bergenfield.

✠ On Friday, April 12, we will join together for our **Family Lenten Evening of Recollection** which will begin with our Parish Soup Supper to be followed by Stations of the Cross, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, opportunity for sacramental Reconciliation, and Benediction.

✠ **2019 LENTEN REGULATIONS** ✠

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleck, 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, Mary Anne Meyer, Denis Mullins, John Quinn
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 William & Elizabeth Morris

BREAD and WINE this week are in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sunday, March 3, 2019

Maintenance & Repairs Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45am – School

Monday, March 4, 2019

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00 – Rectory Mtg. Room
Religious Education, grade 8 – 7:00pm
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room
Combined Choirs – 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

No events



ASH WEDNESDAY*Day of Fast & Abstinence

Collection for Retired Priests Fund
Mass Celebrated at 7:00 & 8:30am & 7:30pm
Woodcrest Center – 2:30pm – Mass/Ashes
Religious Education grades 7, 8 & 9 meet in school & attend 7:30pm Mass

NO Novena

Thursday, March 7, 2019

No events

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mass & Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

Saturday, March 9, 2019

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

First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am
Religious Education – 10:45am – School

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.



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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.

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to this year’s Annual Appeal For information about the appeal or to make a donation you can visit website at: <http://rcan.org/sharing>

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: _____

UPCOMING PARISH MISSION

The 'Awaken Our Hearts' Parish Mission will be on March 11th, 12th, and 13th at 7pm and will be presented by Vince Ambrosetti who will also do a free concert on March 10th at 7pm. There is no admission charge and of course it's a family friendly event. You can find more information about the Parish Mission at www.FaithonFireMissions.org
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, NJ, 201-261-3366.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
 NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH
 SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR**



REMEMBER DURING LENT

Evening Mass on Friday's at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

Also, we have placed "**Five Minutes with the Word for Lent 2019**" in our parish book rack. Please take one for yourself and even another for a friend

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – MARCH 18TH

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-EGG NOODLES
- INSTANT RICE-JAM-CHICKEN BROTH-BEEF BROTH
- BAKED BEANS-PANCAKE SYRUP-PANCAKE MIX
- CHICKEN GRAVY- BEEF GRAVY-LENTIL SOUP
- SALAD DRESSING-BREAD CRUMBS-BROWNIE MIX
- CAKE ICING-RAISINS-TOOTHPASTE

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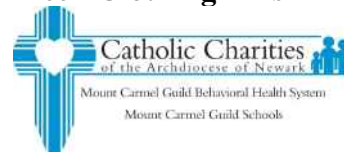
10 Miles with Jesus. If you are tired of giving up sweets and coffee for Lent and are ready to embark on a different Lenten practice, leave your comfort zone for a day and challenge yourself physically, spiritually and personally. We invite you to join us on a 10-mile pilgrimage of prayer through meditating upon the Stations of the Cross of our Lord’s sufferings and death.

Join us! Take up your cross and walk with Jesus! **TEN MILES WITH JESUS!**

The walking Pilgrimage will begin on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II (St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish) 131 E. Edgar Rd., Linden, NJ and will conclude at the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral 89 Ridge St., Newark, NJ at around 5 pm with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Very Reverend Bishop Manuel Cruz, Pastor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FREE ADMISSION, however all participants must register. To register and for additional information visit: www.10mileswithJesus.org, email: info@10mileswithJesus.org or call: 201.220.1949

Lent – Sacrifice - Clothing Bins -Any Connection?



Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we do so, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children’s books to the Catholic Charities clothing bin? If you do, you have made the connection and you have moved closer to Christ. Thank you.

