

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

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In Residence

Rev. Brian G. Plate

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Glenn Gordon

Parish Business Manager

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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.



**Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 2, 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.

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 2, 2019

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 Donald Evans

9:30 Teresa Vazzano

11:30 Jack & Serina Sharkey, 40th Anniv.

Monday, June 3, 2019

7:00 Sophie & Sylvester Montecucollo

8:30 John F. O'Sullivan

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

7:00 Denis O'Shea

8:30 John Trimarcki

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

7:00 Lillian Person

8:30 James Mallon

Thursday, June 6, 2019

7:00 Bernard Mallon

8:30 Thomas & Dorothy Meyer

Friday, June 7, 2019

7:00 Erin Kathleen Biglin

8:30 Mary Ann Mallon

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Memorial

8:30 Roberto Caparas, Sr. Second Anniv

5:30 Donna Rossi

Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019

7:30 Donald Evans

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

May 27, 2018: \$5,175.00

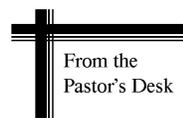
May 26, 2019: \$4,624.00

Catholic Home Missions: \$1,242.00

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

Reading for Sunday, June 9, 2019

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.



If you re-read the Gospel you heard today, you might be tempted to say that Jesus repeats himself over and over again. He seems obsessed with the three letter word, "one". Over and over he tells us that his deepest wish for us is that we become one, and that this is not only his wish, but the Father's wish also.

Our Loving God's deepest desire for us is to become one – one with God, one with one another, one with nature, one with all that is. If we could only measure everything in our lives by this one foundational desire, then all would be well.

We have created and continue to create too many fractions in life. We divide, we separate, we make distinctions, we hate, we push away, we keep fracturing a whole life into many fragmented parts. Then we wonder why things are in such a mess; why the world is so broken; why people are so suspicious of none another; why we simply don't get along. God created the whole numbers; we created the fractions.

And so we hear Jesus praying: "May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me." God's dream for the world is that it be totally united in love. We also have to accept and embrace this vision, and make it our dream, so that we will give of ourselves, as best we can, to make it happen.

We have to nurture God's dream within our own hearts and minds. We have to open to see new possibilities. And then, at every opportunity we have to make those possibilities realities. Together, let's not lose any opportunity to help God's dream come true.

✕ Thank you to all who helped and participated in our celebrations of the Solemnity of the Ascension, our Parish Feast Day. Special thanks to all who helped to make our Solemn Evening Feast Day Mass and Reception such a joyous expression of our faith in the Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus. Thank you, also, to all who worked on or participated in our Sapphire Anniversary 50/50 Raffle. May God be praised!

✕ We have begun our **Novena for Pentecost**—nine days of prayer asking God to renew us, our parish, and our world with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will pray the Novena prayer, which is inserted in the front cover of our hymnals, at all daily and weekend Masses after the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions).

✕ May I ask that next Sunday, **Pentecost Sunday**, we all **wear something RED** to remind each other of the power of the Holy Spirit we all share.

✕ Ascension Ministers—Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors—please pick up your **Summer Schedule Ministry Availability Form** in the sacristy after Mass. Please return them to Fr. David for the summer schedule as soon as possible.

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



Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation for Transfiguration Academy's Class of 2019 will take place next Friday, June 7. The Mass will be at St. John's 9:00 AM Mass and the graduation ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM also at St. John's. Please join us as we seek God's blessing on our 24 young men and women as they leave us to begin their high school careers.

Summer Camp Transfiguration Academy will again host a summer camp. The camp which is open to all children in grades PreK 3 through grade 8 will run from June 17 – August 16. Full Day (8:00AM-6:00PM) and Half Day (8:00 – 1:00PM or 1:00PM – 6:00PM) options are available. Please contact the school office, (201)384-3627 for more information.

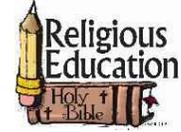
Seats are still available for the 2019-2020 school year. The best way to learn about our school is by visiting us. Transfiguration Academy is a United States Department of Education 2018 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges. Please 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".

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
PARISH INFORMATION
FYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*
UPCOMING EVENTS

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Father's Day Cards are available at the doors of the Church this weekend. As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Father's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Father's Day. If you would like a card for your Father, please pick one up after Mass this weekend. Offering is \$10.00 per card/intention. The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Father's Day Sunday, June 16th.**



Registration for 2019 - 2020:

Registration forms the 2019-2020 School year have been distributed to all students please look for them in your child's backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30th. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

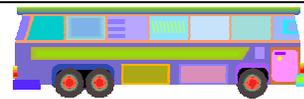
First Communion Families may pick up the child's banner anytime during regular office hours.

Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in **NEED** of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2019-2020 School year. Anyone interested, please call Mrs. 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 – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory
Other times by appointment



A Trip is planned to the Resorts World Catskills Casino, Monticello, NY on Tuesday, July 9th, 2019. COST: \$30 Per Person that includes \$25 play and \$15 food voucher. The bus will leave Ascension's parking lot at 9:30 AM. And return about 7pm. You must have ID to get a promotion card. For more info. and reservations call: Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.



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JUNE 2, 2019

ASCENSION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, NJ 07646
201-836-3085

REGISTRATION FORM 2019-2020

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

One Registration Form per Student

Parish # _____
Baptismal Cert. _____
Label List _____
Folder _____
Permanent RC _____
Pub Consent Form _____
<i>Office uses only</i>

New Student? Yes ___ No ___ TODAY'S DATE _____ '19-'20 Religious Ed Grade _____

SECTION I – Family Information

STUDENT'S FIRST & LAST NAME _____

STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ MALE ___ FEMALE _____

LAST NAME OF FAMILY STUDENT CURRENTLY LIVES WITH _____

(Please indicate if student lives with mother, father or both) Mother ___ Father ___ Both ___ (Please check one)

MOTHER/GUAR. FIRST & **MAIDEN** NAME _____

FATHER/GUAR. FIRST & LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

FATHER CELL PHONE _____ MOTHER CELL PHONE _____

FAMILY EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL STUDENT WILL ATTEND IN 2019-2020 _____ GRADE _____

SECTION II – Schedule and Fee

Grades: K through 6th: 10:45 am to 12:00 am Sunday _____

Grade: 7th (Monday) 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm _____ or Grade: 8th (Monday) 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm _____

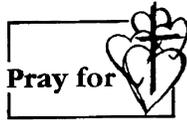
FEE: One student \$120.00 Two students \$180.00 Three or more students \$220.00

(Plus a \$100.00 Sacrament Fee for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, due at the time of Registration.)

(NOTE: PAYMENT IS DUE UPON REGISTRATION, there will be a \$10.00 late fee per student after 6/30/19)

PAYMENT RECEIVED: Check # _____ Cash _____ Amount _____

Penance & Eucharist Paid Fee: Check # _____ Confirmation Paid Fee: Check# _____



"To everything there is a season..."

"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, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, 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, John Quinn, Jim Block 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



Sunday, June 2, 2019

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

Monday, June 3, 2019

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory

Combined Choirs – 7:30pm – Church

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Woodcrest Center Mass at 2:30pm

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Rm.

Thursday, June 6, 2019

No events

First, Friday, June 7, 2019

Parish Trip to Vermont departs

Communion Visits to Homebound

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Confessions – 11:00am - Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019

Parish Air Conditioning



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.



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Our parish raised \$1,242.00 to strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel spreads across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit

www.uscch.org/nationalcolletions and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

www.usccb.org/home-missions



Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 140 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year’s Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$29,893.00 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little; give a lot; but please give something!

This year our Parish Goal is \$39,161.00

For information about the appeal or to make a donation you can visit website at: <http://rcan.org/sharing>

**AN EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED
BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!**

Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 150 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2 pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods) **Our next date is on Thursday, JUNE 13th.** We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry.

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: _____



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JUNE 17TH**

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-RAISINS-JAM-JELLY-MANDARIN ORANGES
 - INSTANT RICE-LEMONADE MIX-OATMEAL-TEA
 - CANNED PEARS-CORN FLAKES-FROSTED FLAKES
 - CHILDRENS CEREALS-RAISIN BRAN-PEANUT BUTTER
 - INSTANT OATMEAL-SAUERKRAUT-GRATED CHEESE
 - TISSUES-NAPKINS-TOOTHPASTE-BATHROOM TISSUE
- Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

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**“MAKE MUSIC NEW MILFORD”
SATURDAY, JUNE 8 AT 1:30PM
201-262-1221*newmilford.njlibraries.org**



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: _____

