

# Church of the Ascension

*Invites You to Share with us. . .*

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### **Pastor**

Rev. David W. Milliken

### **In Residence**

Rev. Brian G. Plate

### **Parish Business Manager**

Serina Sharkey

### **Director of Maintenance**

Brendan Suter

### **Summer Assistant**

Rev. Hilary Ocho

### **Director of Music**

Glenn Gordon

### **Parish Trustees**

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

### **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.



## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 14, 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 Summer

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 7:15 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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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E-mail: [ascensionreled@optonline.net](mailto:ascensionreled@optonline.net)

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 14, 2019

5:30 People of Ascension Parish  
7:30 Anthony Special  
9:30 Giovanni D. Ruiz (L)  
11:30 Juanita Santiago

### SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, July 15, 2019

8:00 Dona Viduya (L)

#### Tuesday, July 16, 2019

8:00 Dong V. To

#### Wednesday, July 17, 2019

8:00 Carmelus Mendoza

#### Thursday, July 18, 2019

8:00 Siony Trinidad

#### Friday, July 19, 2019

8:00 Jose R. Ruiz, Sr.

#### Saturday, July 20, 2019

8:30 Robert S. Hall

5:30 Dolores Crowley, First Anniversary

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 21, 2019

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Joy & Anthony Cudina

11:30 Alphonse Giella, Third Anniv.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

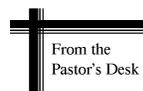
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

July 1, 2018	\$4,155.55
June 30, 2019	\$5,202.00
Peter's Pence:	\$1,502.00
July 8, 2018	\$6,366.00
July 7, 2019	\$4,258.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,450.00

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

### Reading for Sunday July 21, 2019

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/  
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



This gospel is supposed to hit us in the gut—but I have a feeling we've all heard it so many times, it may have lost its punch. But it's obvious when the lawyer asks, "And just who IS my neighbor?" he is trying to justify his own behavior and bias. Like most of us, he has probably been kind enough to his social equals, other lawyers and Pharisees who think like him, his well-respected friends who live what appear to be morally similar lives.

But Jesus is aware that even religious leaders—just like us, in our own time—may disrespect, even secretly hate, those who are unrelated by blood, or belong to a different political group, religion, or race. That is why Jesus, a Jew, uses the despised Samaritan, their hated enemy as the hero of the story—to show God's chosen people how to have a human heart. And this lesson is just as much for us. "Now," Jesus says, "you want to know who your neighbor is? Just look around—who's asking for your help?" And where is eternal life? It only comes to the one who shows mercy, who does the decent and compassionate thing, who gives of themselves, who is generous.

Jesus is hoping we choose to "invest on behalf of those who have no claim upon us. (The Samaritan) used his oil, his wine, his beast, his money, and he signed a blank check on behalf of a nameless stranger, an investment he had no chance of recovering." (W. Brueggemann)

Let us, like the Good Samaritan, invest in those who cannot repay our love—in Jesus' name.

✠ **A thought concerning Summer attire in church:** "*Adore the Lord in holy attire*" (Psalm 96:9; Ps 29:2)

Clothes say something about what we think, what we value. They also influence how we behave and feel. That our culture has become so casual about everything says something about us. I cannot exactly articulate it but it seems to say, "nothing is really all that important." But that is not true.

Going to God's house IS important. Being ministered to by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is astounding. Casual attire in these circumstances is simply inappropriate if we really think about what we are doing, where we are going and who it is we will meet. It does not necessarily follow that we must wear tuxedos and formal gowns. But decent semi-formal attire seems wholly appropriate.

Sunday is special; God's House is special. Some things really ARE important and our clothing and demeanor ought to reflect this truth. Please, use your good judgment.

✠ **A thought concerning Summer contributions:**

Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, the 4th of July and, of course, those well-deserved family summer vacations. While families spend hours planning ahead for those 3-day weekends and weeks out of town, they sometimes tend to overlook that their parish needs them even during the summer months. Envelopes are often forgotten.

Our parish bills do not stop during the summer months. Please help us by making your offering each week. If you are away for vacation, please remember your missed offering the following week. What better time than the summer to consider how **WeShare** consistently sustains parishioner support the whole year? Electronic giving helps parishioners give consistently with the peace of mind knowing that they are doing their part to support their parish and its ministries. Why not consider enrolling in electronic giving this week?

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

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



**Summer Hours**

The Academy's business hours during the summer are from 10:00am to 2:00pm daily beginning Monday, June 17.

**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](mailto: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".



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



**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. Please note there is a \$10 late fee as of June 30, 2019, per student. 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. If you need a Registration form please visit the parish website [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com) and down load the form.

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

**Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer**

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is inviting individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers to join our team in Bergen County.

There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, companionship, administrative support, or any complimentary therapies. We are also seeking volunteers interested in providing support calls to our patients and family members from our offices in Englewood. Training will be provided by members of the Hospice team.

**Please call Ruth Sorbanelli at 201-510-6426 or email your contact information: [ruth.sorbanelli@vnahg.org](mailto:ruth.sorbanelli@vnahg.org)**

JULY 14, 2019

# 2020 MASS BOOK

**WILL OPEN ON**  
**MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019**

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**  
**WILL ONLY BE TAKEN**  
**FROM 9:00-10:30 & 2:00-3:00 DAILY**  
**IN THE RECTORY OFFICE**

**\*\*\*Forms at doors of church, rectory office or on website\*\*\***

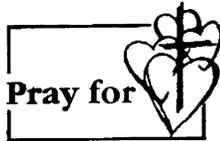
- \*Please print clearly using “2020 Mass Book Intentions Form” Only (Sorry no request will be processed unless they are on form)**
- \*No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail**
- \*One Form per person (Maximum 8 Mass Requests)**
- \*Checks made payable to Ascension or Cash no Credit cards**
- \*Requests will be assigned on a first come, first served basis**

There will be a Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass limit of three (3) for each person requesting masses. **Weekday masses will be limited to five (5) for each person.** Christmas, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and all legal holidays are always for the intentions of the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish. In addition, one Sunday Mass per weekend is offered for the Parishioners of Ascension Parish. The 8:30am Mass on the First Saturday of the month is always available as a Memorial Mass for persons who have recently died.

Please note that the Church governance requires that only one intention (person) per Mass. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners. We will adhere to the following: Two first names with the same last name (i.e. John and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Smith and Jones Families) will be allowed per intention.

Those who are homebound or unable to visit the office may mail-in or give completed forms with payments to another person to drop-off to office. ***These requests will be processed starting August 5th.***

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"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, 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.

*"a time to die..."*

Jack Oates, John Delaney

*and a time for every purpose under heaven"*  
Ecclesiastes 3:11



**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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
FYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)**



**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

**Archdiocesan Retired Priests**

**Monday, July 15, 2019**

Food Pantry Distribution

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

No events

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

Novena at 7:30pm in Church

**Thursday, July 18, 2019**

No events

**Friday, July 19, 2019**

No events

**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

8:30am Mass followed by Bergen County Filipino  
Apostolate San Lorenzo Novena  
Confessions – 11:00am - Church

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**

**Food Pantry Sunday  
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church**

**Monday, July 22, 2019**

No events

**Tuesday, July 23, 2019**

No events

**Wednesday, July 24, 2019**

Harrison House  
Novena at 7:30pm in Church

**Thursday, July 25, 2019**

No events

**Friday, July 26, 2019**

No events

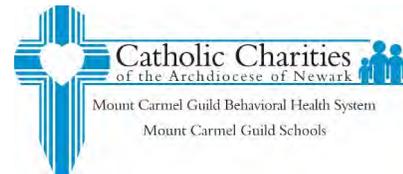
**Saturday, July 27, 2019**

Filipino Atlantic City Trip Departs  
Confessions – 11:00am - Church

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

**Fr. Hilary Scholarship Fund**

**ACCOUNTABILITY  
WITH HEARTFELT THANKS**



Catholic Charities received \$1,798 as a result of your generosity to the donation bin from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. These funds combined with monies from other participating parishes throughout the Archdiocese alleviated the sufferings of the needy who sought relief through the many operations of Catholic Charities. Our food program alone distributed 232,564 pounds of food to 40,150 households (FY 2018).

Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

