

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 Parish Office. 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 Parish Office 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 Parish Office if someone from your family is in the hospital and wishes a priest to visit.

WEDDINGS:

Please make arrangements at the Parish Office with one of the priests of the parish one year in advance.



The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

+ 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

One Daily Mass at 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.



PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER/RECTORY

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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

5:30 Anne & Harry Sommo
7:30 All Children Baptized in 2020
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Marra, Pallotta Family

Monday, January 11, 2021

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Helen Saju

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

8:30 Angel B. Cajucom
8:30 German & Clara Natividad

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

8:30 Dong T. Vo

Thursday, January 14, 2021

8:30 People who have died from Covid

Friday, January 15, 2021

8:30 Rev. David W. Milliken, B'day (L)
8:30 Consuelo Mendoza

Saturday, January 16, 2021

8:30 Gloria Redoblado
5:30 Zissel Family, Living & Deceased

Sunday, January 17, 2021

7:30 Judith & Ester Nional (L)
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Christina Tababan

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Solemnity of Mary (\$928.00), January 3, 2021 (\$2,237.00), Maintenance & Repairs (\$786.00), and Additional Christmas (\$4,670.00).

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

Readings for Sunday January 17, 2021

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42



Saint John Paul II once said that what was important about him was not the fact that he was the pope. What was more important was the fact that he was baptized.

It is through our Baptism that we come to know who we are and who we are to become. Baptism is the Sacrament that actually defines who we are. Baptism is about the present, not about the past. Baptism gives us our most basic identity.

Through Baptism we affirm that we are sons and daughters of a loving God and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. We also become a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. This is who we really are and throughout the rest of our lives, we live in such a way that this basic identity becomes stronger and stronger. If we are faithful to our Baptism, then everything we do grows out of the fact that we are baptized people.

We all have other identities besides our basic identity as a Baptized person? This is where we have to learn how to live both as a son or daughter of God and also one who is deeply immersed in the things of this world. Our life's work must be done within the framework of our Baptism. So our Baptism envelops our life in the world, and gives it shape and focus.

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us strongly that our own Baptism has called us to a life of holiness and stewardship in the Church. Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus, we are all on mission to reveal the power of love through service.

I hope and pray that, even though the Christmas Season ends today, we may remain a constant and strong, warm and bright light for the world by the way we live our baptism every day of our lives.

Lord, this incredible season comes to an end today but not the joy I have discovered in these weeks. I can sense it — your summons in my life and the response I feel growing in my heart. I want to take up the mission you are calling me to and follow in your path of service.

Thank you for making me one of your children born in water and your Spirit. Help me to listen to your voice in my life and remember each day the happiness of sharing the bond of baptism with you.

With your help, I can stay faithful to your calling and celebrate my mission as your follower. Thank you for this great gift! May I be a light in the world for you.

* Our Christmas Collection to date amounts to \$26,631.00. Your donations toward Christmas Flowers totaled to date \$2,146.00. Our collection for New Year's Day amounted to \$928.00. Thank you for your generous stewardship.

* As our Christmas Season ends, our decorations come down. Thanks to all who donated toward our decorations and thanks to all who gave of their time to make our church look so beautiful once again!

We will take down our decorations on Monday, January 11th after the 8:30am Mass. As always, our parishioners are welcome to come and lend a hand. Many hands make for less work for all.

Again, thank you to all who made the Christmas Season at Ascension so special!

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

Handwritten signature of Rev. David

JANUARY 10, 2021

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

UP-DATED Directives for Parish Liturgical Celebrations during the Covid 19 Pandemic

The guidelines below, given by Cardinal Tobin, apply to all churches and must be observed without exception.

1. Cardinal Tobin continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday & Holy Days.
2. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19, who have been exposed to an infected person, or have traveled to unsafe places listed on the CDC.gov website, are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days. *It is recommended that before Mass, everyone should check their temperature at home before coming to Church.*
 - Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass
3. Masks must be worn by all individuals while in the church.
4. Individuals must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.
5. A household may be seated together and not observe social distancing.

A household is defined as those people who have been living together under the same roof in close proximity throughout the quarantine. It does not include relative from other addressed or other extended family.

Note: There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the coronavirus.

In addition, here at Ascension until further notice, these additional directives must be followed for your safety:

Daily Mass and Week-End Mass Schedule and directives are as follows

- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.
You may reserve for daily & Sunday Mass for multiple weeks
Please call or E-mail by 3:00pm on Friday.
 - **Full names of those attending, date/time of mass & phone #**
201-836-3085 or ascensionreled@optonline.net
- One Mass will be celebrated at **8:30am** in the Church (Monday-Friday). Our daily Mass will continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook.
- Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated & Livestreamed at **8:30am** in the Church.
- **Saturday Evening Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 5:30pm and on Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Only the 5:30pm Mass will be Livestreamed via Facebook.**
 - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked). There is a limited capacity of 80 people.

All Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms will follow the same protocol. (80 person capacity)

-Enter front doors of church-hand sanitizer will be available for your use

-All visitors, including children, must wear masks, have and use their own wipes.

Please wipe down area you have used and take with you any items you use.

-Bathrooms will not be open

-Practice social distancing (6 feet apart). We have roped off pews not to be used.

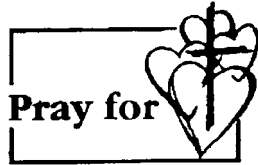
-You may light candles, please refrain from touching other areas in church.

-Children must remain with adults at all times

-Please No gathering or socializing in church or on church property

Confessions, please call the parish office, 201-836-8961, to make an appointment.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these difficult times. God Bless



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Elnora Gordon, Al Suter, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, 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, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, Neil Magbanua, Cardinal Antonio Tagle, Vincent Guido, John Person Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Bob Carucci 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, Sr. A James Penser, Beale AFB, CA and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.

“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 Anne and Harry Sommo



BREAD and WINE this week Donated in loving memory of Anne and Harry Sommo



Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church Not Livestreamed

Monday, January 11, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, January 14, 2021

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Friday, January 15, 2021

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Saturday, January 16, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church Not Livestreamed

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS UPCOMING EVENTS

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



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 parish office to check availability.



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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 parish center 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: _____



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Donation envelopes not received? We have been advised by our envelope company that due to Covid the USPO is backlogged. Tracking shows that our parish donation envelopes have not been received in NJ. Therefore, we ask that you please consider making your donation online via WeShare, direct link can be found on our parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com, or use a plain white envelope and drop off in church/parish center or mail to Church of the Ascension, 256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646. Please include your full name and address with donation. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you to all who have continued making their weekly donations, it is truly appreciated.

Please consider the following:

WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS
www.churchoftheascension.net
OR CONTACT DIRECTLY

WeShare Donor Customer Service Phone Number:
 800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2)
 WeShare Customer Service Email: weshare@4lpi.com
 WeShare Donor FAQ: [WeShare Donor Support](#)

Please remember that during this crisis our monthly financial responsibilities continue.

If you are unable to come to church for Mass
 Please **mail in or drop off**
 (in door slot of parish center **not black box**)
 your weekly contributions.
 Thank you & God Bless!



FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JANUARY 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.

- ICED TEA-LEMONADE MIX-GRAPE JUICE-JELL-O
- CRANBERRY JUICE-CANNED PEARS-BROWN RICE
- VEGETARIAN CHILI-CLAM CHOWDER-LENTIL SOUP
- CANNED SAUERKRAUT-CAKE ICING
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-PAPER TOWELS
- NAPKINS-TISSUES
- WOMENS/MENS DEODORANT
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM-DISH SOAP

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER
 Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

