

# Church of the Ascension

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## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

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### Religious Education Center

Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education

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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 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.



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 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

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

5:30 People of Ascension Parish  
7:30 People who have died from Covid  
9:30 Emiliana Guce  
11:30 Delfina Duarte

### Monday, January 25, 2021

8:30 Oscar Dubon  
8:30 George and Dorothy Schaeffer

### Tuesday, January 26, 2021

7:00 Michael Sumandal  
8:30 Oscar Dubon

### Wednesday, January 27, 2021

8:30 Ramon Abuedo

### Thursday, January 28, 2021

8:30 John Wall, Fifth Anniversary

### Friday, January 29, 2021

8:30 Giovanni Carrino

### Saturday, January 30, 2021

8:30 Brian and Eileen McCann  
5:30 Rose Carbone

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

7:30 Maria Luisa Delgado, 91 B'Day. (L)  
9:30 Frank and Margaret Tenney  
11:30 Elisa Caparas, Fortieth Day of Death

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

January 17, 2021: \$5,385.00  
Social Concerns: \$ 969.00

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

### Readings for Sunday January 31, 2021

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/  
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



*As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew, casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

*Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.*

*He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.*

*They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then He called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.*

**Mark 1:14-20**

Psychologist Abraham Maslow has an interesting response to the question why so few people "leave all" to follow a dream — or to pursue a noble goal. He says, "they are afraid to become what they are capable of being. They thrill at the possibility, but they also shudder at it."

- How do I respond to the thought of stepping out in faith and following Jesus more closely?
- How do I react to the idea of embarking upon a noble goal with Jesus?

**What I am is God's gift to me.**

**What I become is my gift back to God.**

As Catholics, we are spread over the entire earth. That is one of our great strengths. We are a Catholic, universal, body of Christian believers. But we need to have connections with one another here at the local level. Every parish is a community of communities. We need to know the names of some of our community members and look into the faces of our fellow believers. As Pope Francis would challenge us, "Please consider joining with others to bring Christ's hope to those who are sitting in the darkness."

Following the response by the apostles, may we "get over ourselves," and get with Jesus' agenda. Let us keep awake in the moment, and be ready to be Christ to the next person in need. We just might be the only Bible that some people will ever read.

✘ This weekend we ask you to contribute to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a very expensive item on our budget and we don't know how many more storms we will have...so I ask that each parishioner family be as generous as your means allow.

✘ The **2021 Annual Appeal** has begun. Last weekend we viewed the video for the 2021 Annual Appeal. By now, you should have received a letter from Cardinal Tobin inviting you to make a gift to the Appeal. Our goal this year is \$36, 600.00. I encourage all of you to look it over and prayerfully consider making a pledge. Please place your pledge envelopes in the basket in the vestibule, bring it to the Parish Center, mail it directly to the Archdiocese, or go online: [RCAN.org/sharing](http://RCAN.org/sharing).

If you have not received a letter in the mail, I encourage you to pick up an envelope/brochure in the vestibule. In the coming weeks, we will be holding a special collection for the Annual Appeal. Thank you for your support.

✘ Next weekend we will welcome Jerry D'Imperio, Grand Knight of our St. Joseph/Ascension Council, who will invite the men and women of our parish to membership in the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes. Please give him and his message a warm welcome.

✘ Married Couples of Ascension Parish celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, 5 year multiples, and all married couples 50 years and more in 2021 are invited to celebrate our annual **MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGY** on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30am Mass. Due to COVID-19, we are not able to host a reception this year. Please fill out and return the response form in the bulletin as soon as possible. (Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.)

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

**BREAKING BREAD**

**With Daily Mass Propers**

Our Hymnals/Missalletes with daily and Sunday readings for the 2021 Liturgical Year are available. You may purchase one for your use the cost \$6.00 each. Please see Father David after mass or call the parish office (201-836-8961).



**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 Parish Office (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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**Calendar:**

January 26, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades Chapter 14 reviews are due  
 January 27, 2021 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Chapter 12 review due, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Chapter 6 review due, & 9<sup>th</sup> grade Chapter 12 review due.

**Important:**

There is a Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student meeting on **February 1, 2021** 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 2022.** All social distancing guidelines will be followed. All attendees will enter in the side door by the Rectory and be directed to a seat. Everyone must wear a mask, bring hand sanitizer, and wipes to wipe down your seat at the end of the meeting.

Parents are reminded to have their children do their weekly assignments and submit to Mrs. Carbone the on-line work for the Sunday Program by Tuesday and the Monday & Wednesday Program by Wednesday of each week. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents please check your emails for the weekly Chapter reviews. Anyone that has any questions please contact Mrs. Carbone. Please make sure that all directions are followed on all sheets in the packet.

Please make sure that all NEW work in the packet is returned on the return date and all old work that is returned is taken out of the packet.



**Volunteers Needed:**

- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 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 sharing their faith and working 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 Parish Center  
 Other times by appointment

JANUARY 24, 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](mailto: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.**

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

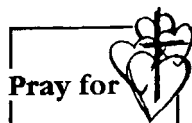
-You may light candles, please refrain from touching other areas in church.

-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...”

our National and all World Leaders.

“a time to die...”

Arnold Aranas

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of Francisco and Christina Tababan

# JANUARY

Baptism of the Lord, January 24, 2021

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

Monday, January 25, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, January 25, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, January 29, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, January 31, 2021

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

Please Notice This



OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR  
SNOW REMOVAL – JANUARY 23 & 24

This 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 \$2,000.00. So we ask each parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **Thank you!**

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.



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



**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGY  
2021**

Church of the Ascension will once again honor couples in our parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary in a multiple of 5 years in 2021 (1,4,10,15,20,25 etc., and any anniversary 50 years and over)

A special Marriage Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 11:30am

Due to Covid-19, we are unable to host a reception this year  
If you wish to celebrate with us, please fill out and return the form below to the Parish Center no later than Sunday, February 7, 2021

Church of the Ascension  
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy  
Sunday, February 14, 2021

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary celebrated in 2021: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Due to Covid-19, we are unable to host a reception this year  
Please return this form to the Parish Center no later than February 7, 2021

**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](http://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](mailto: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!



**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY  
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>**

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.

- LEMONADE MIX-GRAPE JUICE-APPLE JUICE-JELL-O
- CRANBERRY JUICE-CANNED PEARS-BROWN RICE
- CLAM CHOWDER-LENTIL SOUP-BEEF GRAVY
- CHICKEN GRAVY-OATMEAL-INSTANT OATMEAL
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-TOOTHPASTE-
- PAPER TOWELS-NAPKINS-TISSUES-
- WOMENS/MENS DEODORANT
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM
- LAUNDAY DETERGENT

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



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