

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 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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Mass Intentions for the Week

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People who have died from Covid
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Eileen McCann

Monday, February 8, 2021

- 8:30 Marguerte Aubert

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

- 8:30 Andres Calleja

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

- 8:30 John Duarte

Thursday, February 11, 2021

- 8:30 James Zadroga

Friday, February 12, 2021

- 8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Vincent Tavormina

Saturday, February 13, 2021

- 8:30 Benny Santiago
5:30 Napolitano Family

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Relyilgio Lazaro
11:30 Brian & Eileen McCann

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: Date/Event and Amount. January 31, 2021: \$3,107.00; Communicating God's Word: \$ 285.00; Additional Christmas: 575.00

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

Readings for Sunday February 14, 2021

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



The success of the Harry Potter fantasy books has been called an "unbelievable phenomenon" in publishing. Over 450 million copies of the 7 books have been sold. Still, the Bible has sold from 2.5 to 5 BILLION copies. What about those numbers!!

Some churches debate whether the Potter stories introduce children to magic and the occult; or do they actually help children subtly distinguish between forces of good and evil? Well, let's look carefully at how Jesus deals with demons and diseases caused by evil forces.

Today, Jesus comes near to Peter's mother-in law when he learns of her illness, takes her by the hand, and lifts her up. In Harry Potter, evil is usually attacked at a distance—by pointing a wand and reciting symbolic words. But with Jesus, his very touch brings healing. Why?

There is no evil that Jesus has not penetrated; he is deeply immersed in the swirl and storm of life's good and evil. He was once described as "A man of sorrows, and acquainted with iniquity." There is an intimacy, nothing distant about his care and healing. In fact, he heals those on the margins of society—women, lepers, those who are thought to be insane.

But above all, Jesus isn't channeling some unknown dark power, such as Lord Voldemort's. Jesus is the Son of God. He has the power of the Creator of all life filling him, lifting him up even from death. There's nothing to fear in Harry Potter, as long as we remember, Jesus does not need to point a magic wand, because he himself IS the conduit of life: He IS the Way.

✠ This Sunday, Bishop Michael Saporito, our Regional Bishop, will be with us at the 11:30am Mass. He will bless our new vestibule and be the principal celebrant of the Mass. Please give Bishop Michael a warm welcome!

✠ The 2021 Annual Appeal has begun. Our goal this year is \$36,600.00. I encourage all of you to make 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.

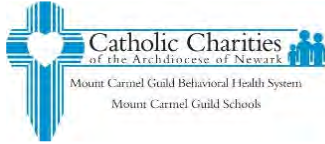
If you have not received a letter in the mail, I encourage you to pick up an envelope/brochure in the vestibule. We ask that every parish family participate in the annual appeal. Give a little; give a lot; but please, give something. Thank you to the 19 families/individuals who have made a pledge. To date we have \$1,795.00 in pledges made to this years appeal. Thank you all for your support.

✠ LAST CALL...Married Couples of Ascension Parish celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, 5 year multiples, and all married couples 50 years and more in 2018 are invited to celebrate our annual MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGY on Sunday, February 14th 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. 7th.)

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

Handwritten signature: Fr. David

Be a Sweetheart



What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? Would you be willing to take few moments and look in your closet today? The Catholic Charities Donation Bin accepts clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, knickknacks, and Children's books. Thank you with all our heart.

BREAKING BREAD

With Daily Mass Propers

Our Hymns/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: _____

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.



Calendar:

February 7, 2021 – Packet Pick-Up and Drop Off from 9 am to 10:15 am All Grades
 February 8, 2021—Packet Pick-Up and Drop Off from 6:00 pm to 6:45 Pm All Grades
 February 9, 2021 – 1st to 6th grades Chapter 16 reviews are due
 February 11, 2021 – 7th grade Chapter 1- Christ in the New Testament, 8th grade Chapter 8 review due, & 9th grade Chapter 1 – Call to Confirmation (Check email for work).

Important:

Mandatory Eight Grade Parents & Student meeting on **February 8, 2021** at 7:00 pm in the Church. **All students and parents in 8th 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.

Mandatory 1st Eucharist Parent meeting on **February 9, 2021** at 7:00 pm in the Church. You will receive a notice in the mail and in your email concerning this meeting. 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. 9th 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



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FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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, 5, 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*



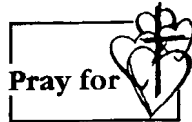
Name _____ Phone _____

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 Sunday, February 7, 2021

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“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.

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**



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 parish office to check availability.

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 7, 2021

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

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, February 12, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, February 13, 2021

**Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed
Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed**

Happy Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 14, 2021

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



**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – FEBRUARY 15th**
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
LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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



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: _____

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!

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

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.*
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.

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

- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.
- **Full names of those attending, date/time of mass & phone Call: #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.
 - 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.

- Restroom is 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 understanding & cooperation.*