

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 of Easter

May 2, 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 7:45 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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Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

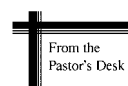
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2, 2021
 5:30pm William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:30 Rolando Aquino
 11:30 Leonides Cajucom, First Anniv.
Monday, May 3, 2021
 8:30 German Guimte
 8:30 Rolando Viduya (L)
Tuesday, May 4, 2021
 8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Rose DiPippo
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
 8:30 Lictra & Marchello Family
 8:30 Adelaida Beltran
Thursday, May 6, 2021
 8:30 Vicenta Orquiza
 8:30 Rebecca Tababan (L)
Friday, May 7, 2021
 8:30 Manuel B. Reyes
 8:30 Denise Baum
Saturday, May 8, 2021
 8:30 Rolly & Dona Viduya, Anniv. (L)
 5:30pm All Mothers
Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021
 7:30 All Mothers
 9:30 of Ascension Parish
 11:30 Living & Deceased

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

April 25, 2021: \$3,170.00
Additional Easter: \$ 550.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
 May 9, 2021**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1,
 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/
 Jn 15:9-17

The home and garden magazines are bursting with advice and techniques for pruning. Today's gospel has Jesus also discussing the spiritual pruning process. Do you see any parallels?

First, the gardener has to time it right—too soon cuts off new growth; but too late, and the plant grows wild. Also, a plant must grow to a certain maturity, to survive the trauma of pruning.

If a rose is grown in bad soil or has not been watered enough, the gardener has to be very gentle and prune carefully, as the plant needs more care.

Finally, the gardener steps back and views the whole plant, to see what dead or diseased stalks need removing—branches growing up the wrong way, or any that are diseased and whatever is dead already. See the comparisons to us?

We need the pain of pruning, because "Every branch that bears fruit, (God) prunes to make it bear more fruit." In other words, if we are really trying to love God and our neighbor, then we will be pruned, or purified further. God shows us how we can love even more, and that always requires some kind of change on our part.

Maybe we get a new awareness of some selfishness in us; are we control-freaks? Do we love for the right motives? God knows our deep places where change is needed. But as we get closer in friendship to Jesus, we see how un-Christianlike we often are. It's uncomfortable, but things don't end there. This new knowledge opens the door for us to make significant change. It brings us closer than ever to living as Christ would have us live. Then we're blooming!

✘ We offer our best wishes and prayers for the children in our parish family who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time last weekend. This is a great sign to all of us what it means to be part of the Eucharistic community. May our children and their families always be eager to receive Jesus at his Table of Life. Special thanks to Theresa Carbone, Dena Sedlak and to all who have shared their faith so joyously with these children in person and virtually.

✘ **May is here, It is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** This weekend we give special honor to our Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth, the Queen of our homes and our hearts. We will pray the Hail Mary after the Prayer of the Faithful at every Mass. Also, please remember that we pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church.

✘ Remember, **Mother's Day** is Sunday, May 9th. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available in the vestibule to remember our mothers, living and deceased, for the month of May. If you would like a card, see Fr. David. The cards are also available in the Parish Office during the week.

✘ Please note that Cardinal Tobin has moved the Solemnity of the Ascension this year to Sunday, May 16th. Let us celebrate the Ascension of the Lord with great joy, as it is our parish feast day.

✘ Thank you to the 156 parishioner families who have made a pledge to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. To date we have \$46,150.00 in pledges. We have surpassed our parish goal of \$36,600.00. Our Parish now receives all monies over goal received. We ask every parish family to make a pledge or one time gift. **Give a little...Give a lot... But, please, give something!** Brochures are in the church vestibule and there is a direct link to the Appeal on our website. Thank you for your support.

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

Fr. David

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: _____

Returning to Grace:

A Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist

**By Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin,
 Archbishop of Newark**

**Booklets available in the vestibule of church
 or in the parish center office.**

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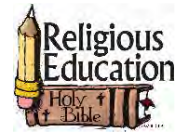


OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY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



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Calendar:

May 11th -- Confirmation Candidates Only -- Rehearsal starting at 6:55 pm SHARP - CHURCH
 May 14th - Confirmation Candidates & Sponsor Rehearsal starting at 6:55 pm SHARP - CHURCH
 May 15th - Confirmation Mass- Meet the Church at 10:30 am Sharp- Mass at 11 am



Congratulation to Zander Briones, Jacob Cepeda, Anthony Garcia, Natalie Habana, Miranda Libanan, Nicholas Marks, Donnella Miniz, Berrly Omondi, Sheila Omondi Aljandra Ordonez, Arturo Ordonez, Valeria Ordonez, Kristine Punla, Ariella Williams and Sophia Williams all who received First Eucharist for the first time last weekend.

Important:

All families are encouraged to come to Mass and to come on a weekly basis, the Church is open and is a safe place as we follow all safety guidelines. Please call Mrs. Carbone to sign up for Mass.

All outstanding payments and missing work MUST be in by May 10, 2021 or you child may not processed to the next grade.

The 2021/2022 Registration Forms were emailed to everyone on March 31st. Please fill them out and return before June 30th. Remember that one form for each student and please make sure that you update your email address and phone numbers. If you know anyone who would like to enroll their child (ren) in our program please have them call me in the office.

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

MAY 2, 2021

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*We welcome you all to our celebration of **Easter 2021** here at Ascension.*

We especially welcome those who have been away from Ascension due to school, illness or living elsewhere for whatever reason. It is good to have you home again. Welcome to all visitors.

Thank you for choosing to celebrate your Easter with us.

Easter is the most beautiful and holiest time of year, when we celebrate Jesus' new life shared with us at Easter and all throughout the year – the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of each other.

We invite you to share in many important celebrations of Jesus' new life shared with us during the seven weeks of the Easter Season and beyond.

We will keep you informed of our live-streaming on Facebook.

*On Sunday, April 25th, we will celebrate **First Holy Communion**.*

*On Sunday, May 2nd, during the 9:30am Mass we will celebrate our **Crowning of our Blessed Mother**.*

*On Saturday, May 15th, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of our young men and women in the **sacrament of Confirmation**.*

*We will observe **Mother's Day** on May 9th and we will celebrate the **Blessing of Mothers** at all weekend Masses.*

*We will celebrate our **Parish Feast Day, Ascension Thursday, May 13th**. * Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am and our solemn celebration at 7:30pm.*

What a special day for us!

**If the Cardinal changes the holiday to a Sunday, we'll let you know.*

*On May 23rd, the **Solemnity of Pentecost**, we celebrate the special presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.*

*We end the Easter Season on the weekend of May 30th, **Most Holy Trinity Sunday**.*

*On Sunday, June 6th, we will celebrate **Corpus Christi** at 11:30am Mass.*

*We will observe **Father's Day** on this weekend of June 20th with the **Blessing of Fathers** at all weekend Masses.*

I encourage you to immerse yourself in the spirit and graces of the season by participating in these special celebrations and I ask that you bring someone you love with you.

My prayer is that the Risen Christ may live in your hearts and in your homes throughout this season.

A Most Blessed Easter!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“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, Vincent Guido, John Person Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Danny Allen, John Person, Jerry Speciale, Nate Hall, 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...”

Robert Carucci, Salvacion Mottola

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
Donated in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week
Donated in loving Memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Sunday, May 2, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

In church **ONLY** not livestream

Monday, May 3, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook



Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Saturday, May 8, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church & livestream via FB



Sunday, May 9, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

In church **ONLY** not livestream

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.

Catholic Stewardship in Action 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Thank you to the 156 families/individuals who have made a pledge. To date we have \$46,150.00 in pledges. We have reached our parish goal of \$36,642.00. If you haven't done so, please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. There is also a direct link on our website. Thank you for your support.

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



FEED THE HUNGRY

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – MAY 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.

LEMONADE MIX-GRAPE JUICE-APPLE JUICE-JELL-O
CRANBERRY JUICE-CANNED PEARS-BROWN RICE
CLAM CHOWDER-BEEF GRAVY-GRATED CHEESE
CHICKEN GRAVY-PUDDING-HOT COCOA-COOKIES
CRACKERS-RAISIN BRAN-APPLE SAUCE-INSTANT RICE
CANNED PINEAPPLE-CANNED PEACHES-SALAD DRESSING
RAMEN SOUP-CANNED WHITE POTATOES-RICE KRISPIES
SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-TOOTHPASTE-PAPER TOWELS
NAPKINS-TISSUES-WOMENS/MENS DEODORANT
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.



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: _____



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available in main vestibule of church.

As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Mother's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Mother's Day. If you would like a card for your mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who has been like a mother to you. Please drop off your donation (\$10.00 each card) in collection basket or slot in parish center door.

Offering for each card is \$10.00

Thank you to all who have responded to our request to update the information we have for you/your family in our parish database. All registered parishioners have been contacted via, mail, email or phone requesting this information. If you have not received a correspondence it is because the contact information we have for you has either changed or is outdated. We are asking all registered parishioners to please contact us at 201-836-3085 or ascensionreled@optonline.net and update your information accordingly.

Having this information allows us to contact you with important notices regarding your parish. If you have not received any type of correspondence please reach out to us via phone or email ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter.



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

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FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS

www.churchoftheascension.net

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WeShare Donor Customer Service Phone Number:

800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2)

WeShare Customer Service Email: weshare@4lpi.com

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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!