

# Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

### Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

### Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

### 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 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.



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

## + 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.



### 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

(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

(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020

- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 John Coringrato
11:30 Rolly Viduya (L)

Monday, May 4, 2020

- 7:00 Walter Gillen
8:30 Rose DiPippo

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

- 7:00 People of Ascension
8:30 Soledad Esporlas

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

- 7:00 People of Ascension
8:30 People of Ascension

Thursday, May 7, 2020

- 7:00 People of Ascension
8:30 Kyle Egan

Friday, May 8, 2020

- 7:00 People of Ascension
8:30 Rolly & Dona Viduya (L)

Saturday, May 9, 2020

- 8:30 Vito Cucco
5:30 All Mothers

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2020

- 7:30 All Mothers
9:30 of Ascension Parish
11:30 Living & Deceased

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

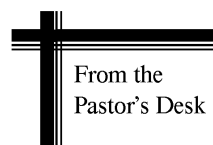
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include Additional Easter (\$2,076.00), April 2020 (\$5,520.00), Maintenance & Repairs (\$1,507.00), and Social Concerns (\$ 276.00).

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

Readings for Sunday May 10, 2020

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



Today, Jesus refers to us as his sheep and to himself as our shepherd. Jesus says he is our guardian who promises to care for us always: "Whoever enters the sheepfold through me will be safe." If we develop a whole-hearted relationship of love and trust in Jesus, he will protect us from harm, especially from the harm of spiritual death through sin and evil.

Sheep get disoriented easily; they lose their path, and wander in confusion. Just as Jesus knows us intimately, the shepherd really knows what the sheep need. The bottom line for us Catholics is this: to be fully human, we don't "just exit" —we must enter a deep relationship with God." This means listening to the voice of Jesus by private and group prayer, and by listening to the stories of faith others tell us.

Intimacy with Jesus demands intimacy with others. Today on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray to hear exactly HOW God's voice is calling us to bring our gifts to others. The point is to use our relationship with Jesus for the good of the world—whether single, married, or in religious life.

God is the only true place of safety for our heart and soul. Let us trust our Master, Jesus the Christ, to lead us into lives that accomplish God's will for us all.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.

God Love You!

Handwritten signature of Fr. David

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

By now all registered parishioners should have received an important letter in the mail regarding donation information options.  
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](#)

A **GoFundMe** account has been set up for direct donations:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/ascension-parish-of-new-milford>

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

Please **mail in or drop off** (in door slot of parish center) your weekly contributions.

Thank you & God Bless!



**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)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50</b>
	(per basket/per week)
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



Calendar:

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – No Religious Education

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – No Religious Education

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – No Religious Education

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will resume in October, please look for the Children’s Bulletins in the back of the church, when Mass resumes in the Church. We are in need of help with Children’s Liturgy of the Word, anyone interested in helping please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 for more information.



Please keep the 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist and Confirmation Candidates in your prayers,

**Important:**

As of this printing Religious Education is still canceled as per Archbishop Tobin, if anything changes Mrs. Carbone will send out and email to all families.

The 2020/2021 Registration Forms has been emailed out to all. Please fill them out and return before July 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember that one form for each student and please make sure that you update your email address and phone numbers.

If you know of anyone who will be entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade for the 2020-2021 school year and would like to register their child for Religious Education please have them contact Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 or email at [ascensionred@opronline.net](mailto:ascensionred@opronline.net)

**First Eucharist:** As of now the celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is on hold. We will email you when it is rescheduled.

**Confirmation:** At this time the celebration of Confirmation is on hold. We will email you when it is rescheduled.

**Volunteers Needed:**

† 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.

† We are in NEED of Catechists and Substitute Catechists for our Religious Education Program for the 2020-2021 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

**Religious Education Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4:00 pm – In Rectory

Other times by appointment

MAY 3, 2020

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*We welcome you all to our celebration of **Easter 2020**  
here at Ascension via Facebook.*

*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.*

*While we are, at this time, uncertain how long the Coronavirus will keep us from celebrating together in our church, we will keep you informed and invite you to share on Facebook the many important celebrations of Jesus' new life shared with us during the seven weeks of the Easter Season and beyond.*

*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 invite someone you love to join you.*

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

***A Most Blessed Easter!***

## FOURTH 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, Ana Tumang, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, 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., Yokosuka, Japan, 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  
**William & Elizabeth Morris**

**BREAD and WINE** 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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.

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

[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



**Sunday, May 3, 2020**

**Mass at 10:00am** livestreamed via Facebook

**Monday, May 4, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am** livestreamed via Facebook



**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am** livestreamed via Facebook

**Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am** livestreamed via Facebook

**Novena at 7:30pm** livestreamed via Facebook

**Thursday, May 7, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am** livestreamed via Facebook

**Friday, May 8, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am** livestreamed via Facebook

**Saturday, May 9, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am** livestreamed via Facebook



**Sunday, May 10, 2020**

**Mass at 10:00am** livestreamed via Facebook

**ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE  
ACKNOWLEDGED BY FATHER DAVID  
AT HIS DAILY & SUNDAY  
MASS CELEBRATIONS**



### EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

**Donated By**  
Mrs. Hedy Lazaro  
Mr. Frank Aita

**In Memory of**  
Eduardo Estillore

### 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.

### OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center Offices  
Will Remain Closed To The Public  
Until Further Notice  
Stay Safe!



**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available at the Parish Center Office.**

All Masses will be offered for the Mother's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Mother's Day and throughout the month of May. If you would like a card for your Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who is like a mother to you please call, 201-836-8961 or email, [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net) with your request and to make arrangements for pick-up.

**Offering for each card is \$10.00 (cash only)  
Payment due at time of pick-up.**

**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](mailto: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. Stay Safe!



**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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who help make this bulletin possible**



**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY  
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – MAY 18<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.

- COFFEE-FRUIT COCKTAIL-GRATED CHEESE-ICED TEA
- LEMONADE MIX-BAKED BEANS-PORK & BEANS-JELL-O
- PUDDING-COOKIES-INSTANT FLAVORED POTATOES
- CANNED WHITE POTATOES-MIXED VEGETABLES
- APPLE SAUCE-BEEF STEW-RAISIN BRAN-CORN FLAKES
- EGG NOODLES-TOMATO PASTE-WHITE RICE-SUGAR
- PANCAKE MIX-PANCAKE SYRUP-BREAD CRUMBS
- SALAD DRESSING-TISSUES-NAPKINS

Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST  
2020 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Thank you to the 71 parish families who have made a pledge to this year's Shining The Light of Christ Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$17,260.00 pledged dollars. Our parish goal this year is \$37,834. and **100% of every dollar raised above goal will be returned to our parish.** Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today.

Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless.