

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 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

(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021

5:30pm All Mothers
7:30 of Ascension Parish
9:30 Living &
11:30 Deceased

Monday, May 10, 2021

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Encarnacion Fineza

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

8:30 Robert Carucci
8:30 Angelina & Joseph Coringrato

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

8:30 Robert Carucci
8:30 Dona Viduya (L)

Thursday, May 13, 2021

8:30 Sally Mottola
8:30 Robert Carucci

Friday, May 14, 2021

8:30 David Lee
8:30 Mary & James Zadroga

Saturday, May 15, 2021

8:30 Santiago Sunga
5:30pm John Carbone

The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 16, 2021

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 John Coringrato
11:30 Margaret McEwan Bitetti

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

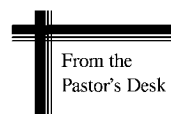
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

May 2, 2021: \$2,217.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$3,391.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
May 16, 2021**

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
[6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or
4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20



Is there anything new we can say about love? Everyone thinks they're an expert on "love"—or what passes for love.

There is only one Source of love. John says: "...let us love one another, because love is of God." Only one problem. The word "love" has been distorted: it's used by porn films and cooking shows alike! **Fact: We cannot know God, unless we love like God.** So St. John says the definition of love is "not that we have loved God", but that God first loved us. Then, because of God's love for us, God acted by sending Jesus to accomplish and fulfill whatever was required, that we might be one with God in eternity.

Two weeks ago Jesus told His disciples about the "shepherd" laying down his life for his friends. Love is not always felt, but is expressed in deeds especially the generous surrendering of greeds, envies, demands, expectations. This loving is always easier to talk about than execute. It begins with being loved as a gift and not earned. The disciples were asked to receive their being loved by Jesus as the Father loves Him. Remaining in that love will result in remaining as "sent" and "loved" sacraments.

Many books have been written about love and how to be loved and express love. Each of us is writing that book by how we lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers, but not destructively to ourselves.

✘ **May is here, it is that special month we dedicate to Mary, the Mother of God who is our Mother, too.** This month 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.

✘ This weekend we recognize a great gift of God's special love in our lives—**our Mothers.** On this Mother's Day may we take this opportunity to thank and pray, especially for our mothers, living and deceased, for the many ways they have sacrificed themselves for us. May God bless all our mothers. Motherhood takes on so many forms today. Let us affirm and remember in our prayers all women who take on a mothering role in our lives—religious sisters, teachers, aunts, sisters, best friends, counselors, advisors, mentors, neighbors. **Happy Mother's Day to all MOMS!** We will bless our parish mothers at all Masses this weekend. **Mother's Day Mass Cards** are available in the vestibule after Mass to remember our mothers, living and deceased, for the month of May.

✘ On Friday, May 14th, we begin our **Novena for Pentecost**—nine days of prayer asking God to renew us, our parish, our country, and our world with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

✘ Let us pray for our young men and women who will receive the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 15th, at 11:00am Mass with Bishop Dominic Marconi.

✘ Next Sunday, May 16th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, a holyday of obligation, our parish Feast Day. At 11:30am we will celebrate our solemn Feast Day Mass. This Mass will be live-streamed. Please join us.

✘ Thank you to the 163 parishioner families who have made a pledge to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. To date we have \$47,160.00 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!

P. 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.**

Please Notice This

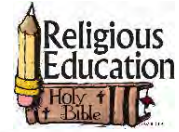


OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY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



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 Beaugard-McKnight Funeral Home
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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

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.

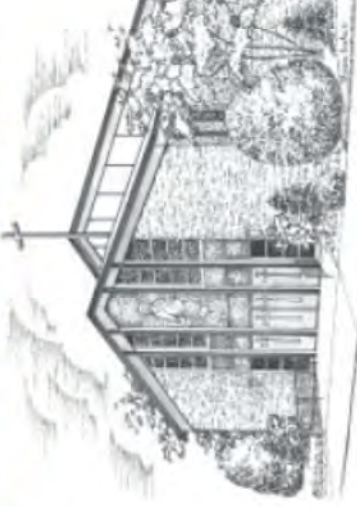
Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Parish Center
 Other times by appointment

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New Milford, New Jersey

*Invites You to Gather Together
and Share...*



Our Solemn Parish Feast Day Mass

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

11:30am Mass (Live-Streamed)

(Regular Weekend Mass Times)

Please...Join Us!

([Facebook.com/ChurchoftheAscensionNewMilfordNJ](https://www.facebook.com/ChurchoftheAscensionNewMilfordNJ))

SIXTH 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 Kloebler, 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...”

All of our National and World Leaders.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Luisa Garcia**

BREAD and WINE this week
Donated in loving memory of
Camille Zampino



Altar Flowers for this week
Donated in loving Memory of
Marge Bruno & Doris Piro



Happy
Mothers
Day

Sunday, May 9, 2021

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

In church ONLY not livestream

Monday, May 10, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Friday, May 14, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

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

Ascension, Sunday, May 16, 2021

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

11:30am will be live-streamed

for parish feast day

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!

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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.



Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us
Made us strive in every way
Especially to remember
Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute
Flows directly from my heart
You are so loved and cherished
Invaluable, one and all, you are.

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.



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!