

**THE
ASCENSION
OF THE
LORD**

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 16, 2021

5:30pm John Carbone
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 John Coringrato
11:30 Margaret McEwan Bitetti

Monday, May 17, 2021

8:30 Rosa Santos Carreon
8:30 Walt Kamienski

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

8:30 Lissy Manuel
8:30 Aurora Hontanosas

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

8:30 John Foran
8:30 Gregorio V. Ilangan Jr.

Thursday, May 20, 2021

8:30 Martin & Hildergarde Faderugao
8:30 Paula Favorito

Friday, May 21, 2021

8:30 Rosa Santos Carreon
8:30 Angelina Iuliano

Saturday, May 22, 2021

8:30 Clemencia Cabacoy
5:30pm Anne & Harry Sommo

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021

7:30 Paul Sapanza
9:30 Ramon Abuedo
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

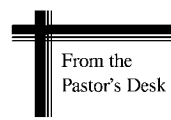
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

May 9, 2021: \$4,442.00
Social Concerns: \$ 783.00

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

**Readings for Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021**

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
[cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;
16:12-15



Since 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope has been beaming back incredible pictures of the universe in unbelievable detail. It has transformed all of our prior knowledge including the age of the universe, now believed to be 13.5 billion years. As Hubble brings us knowledge also of realities beyond earth, we have to deal with how to think about this idea of life on other planets. And this reality is really staggering to human minds... because it's going to push the edges of what we believe about God.

God seated Jesus Christ "in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name..." This means, "Christ is Lord of the cosmos,"--not just our church, our country, or our corner of the world. So we get pulled in two directions: being in this world, yet knowing that our Creator, and we, are not OF this world. This can become a problem!

Today, on the Ascension, some of the apostles "hesitated" to give themselves over to the worship of Jesus, just before he ascended. It is not so unnatural to doubt. But when it comes to faith in God, openness and willingness are the keys. We have to allow ourselves to be "drawn up" into belief by letting the Spirit lead us to what is true. Remember, "Beam me up, Scotty?" Only God uses a different kind of "tractor beam"—radical love! As Jesus, who gave his life for that love, said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all things to myself."

Sin is the tendency to fight against love. But God's love is the fiercest cosmic force in the universe. So, we can either fight this force of love, or we can let ourselves be drawn into unity with the Lord of the entire cosmos — Jesus Christ. Salvation means letting ourselves be pulled toward Oneness and life — in the Trinity.

✠ Happy Feast Day of Ascension, everyone! This is a joyful celebration of who we are — people who are so grounded and rooted in our faith, that we bring the deepest part of ourselves, Jesus, to our jobs, our social life, and our community involvement.

Even though we are still distancing from each other, may our Liturgy be solemn and reverent—just as glorious as when we are next to each other in church! I hope you and your families will take the opportunity to enjoy some ice cream together to make this a delicious feast day!!

✠ Congratulations to our young men and women who received the Holy Spirit this weekend in the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide us together as Jesus' disciples to do what Jesus did, being bearers of peace, love, and forgiveness.

✠ May I ask that next Sunday, **Pentecost Sunday**, we all wear something **RED** to remind each other of the power of the Holy Spirit we all share. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us and grant us wisdom and courage to follow Jesus. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT!**

✠ Thank you to the 164 parishioner families who have made a pledge to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. To date we have \$47,410.00 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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Congratulation to the Confirmation Class of 2021: Angelica Cecilia Acio, Elizabeth Adelung, Carol Valentine Alvarez, Dylan Alexander Begley, Jude Nathaniel Bie, Christina Agatha Buchman, Michael Sebastian Cullen, Ulysses Nino Ermita, Jacob John Fernandez, Danielle Julian, Sean Alexander Libreja, Matthew Joseph Mulligan, Ericka Teresa Nerona, Berryl Josephine Omondi, Anthony Daniel Pasculli, Javen Francis Pena, Ayla Mary Reyes, Marcus Francis Reyes, Joshua Sebastian Spurlin, Elaina Sta. Maria and Nicole Claire Westervelt.

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.

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:

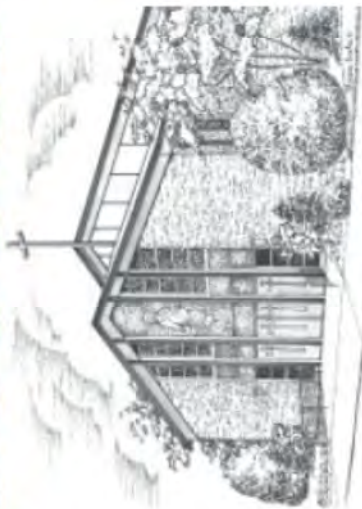
- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- † Children’s Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college 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

Church of the Ascension

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))



“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, 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...”

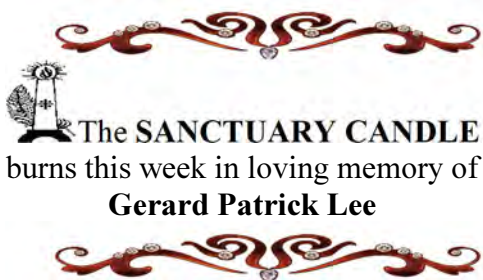
All of our National and World Leaders.

“a time to die...”

**Margaret Leaman, Rodolfo Abuedo
Aldo Guerra**

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Ascension, Our Parish Feast Day

Sunday, May 16, 2021

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

11:30am will be live-streamed

for parish feast day

Monday, May 17, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Friday, May 21, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

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



Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021

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

Sunday Mass in Church only is not livestreamed

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 164 families/individuals who have made a pledge. To date we have \$47,410.00 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: _____

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.
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!