

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.



Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 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*

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021

5:30pm Anne & Harry Sommo
7:30 Paul Sapanza
9:30 Ramon Abuedo
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, May 24, 2021

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Juan Redablado, Twelfth Anniv.(D)

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

8:30 Robert Carucci
8:30 Frances Semler

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

8:30 Robert Carucci
8:30 Patricia Fineza

Thursday, May 27, 2021

8:30 Juliana & Joshua Bowlby (L)
8:30 Ramon Albuendo

Friday, May 28, 2021

8:30 Isabel Barrett, Birthday (L)
8:30 Rosa Santos Carreon

Saturday, May 29, 2021

8:30 Gregorio Redoblado
5:30pm People of Ascension Parish

The Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021

7:30 Timothy & Janet Cronin
9:30 John M. Vo
11:30 Simplicio Lazaro

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

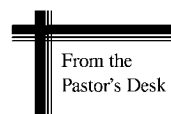
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

May 16, 2021: \$3,816.00
Catholic Home Mission: \$ 442.00

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

**Readings for
The Most Holy Trinity
May 30, 2021**

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9,
18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/
Mt 28:16-20



PENTECOST is one of the most powerful and incredible feasts of our Church, but most of us probably know little about it. **Pentecost** is called the birthday of the Church because before Pentecost, there really was no Church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptize people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit—the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into Church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was a change. There was courage, knowledge, direction, and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gave them the gifts they needed to go forth and be Church. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

The wind and fire of the Spirit were not to be shared only by the small band of Jesus' followers huddled in the Upper Room. Rather, these signs of the Spirit's power were unleashed for all disciples of Jesus for all time. The Spirit's power—wind and fire—is still all around us. Though sometimes the doors of our personal upper rooms are locked so tightly that we cannot notice it or will not acknowledge it, the Spirit breaks through and empowers us with incredible gifts and blessings.

Pentecost is about being sent out to bring the gospel everywhere we are. Young children and teens—this is where your energy and your creativity are really needed by the church today. We're all "sent": first sent inward for prayer, and then outward to interact with God's creation, God's people, the earth and its residents. Pretty incredible challenge, isn't it? With the Spirit's guidance we are all equipped to take up this challenge!

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

✠ On Pentecost Sunday we extinguish the Paschal Candle. Remember, that the greatest gift you can ever give God is the gift of yourself. Be the light that God has created you to be so that others will be touched by the flame of the Spirit and will, in turn, go out and share it with others.

✠ With the recent adjustments to pandemic protocols, we would like to resume collections taken by our ushers. So that we might have an accurate list of those ushers who are willing to resume this ministry in the coming weeks, or other parishioners who are willing to help in this ministry, please see Fr. David or call the Parish Office with your name, phone number, email address and Mass time at which you are willing to serve each week.

✠ Just a reminder...On Sunday, June 6th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. We will celebrate 11:30am Mass, after which we will expose the Blessed Sacrament and enter into a procession around our church grounds. During the procession we will pause twice for Benediction and return to church for a third Benediction. What a day of Eucharistic Blessing for Ascension! Please, plan to join us!

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

Fr. David

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

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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:

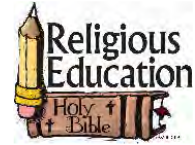
**A Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist
 By Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin,
 Archbishop of Newark**

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



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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.

Registration:

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. Forms can be found on the parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com, or by stopping by the Parish Center during business hours and picking up a form.

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

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.

MAY 23, 2021

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

UP-DATED 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.*

- Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass

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.

A household is defined as those people who have been living together under the same roof in close proximity throughout the quarantine. It does not include relative from other addressed or other extended family.

Note: There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the coronavirus.

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

Daily Mass and Week-End Mass Schedule and directives are as follows

- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

You may reserve for daily & Sunday Mass for multiple weeks

Please call or E-mail by 3:00pm on Friday.

- **Full names of those attending, date/time of mass & phone #**

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).

All Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms will follow the same protocol.

-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.

-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 patience and cooperation during these difficult times. God Bless

PENTECOST SUNDAY



“To everything there is a season...

**“a time to be born...”
Matthew Aprigliano**

“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, 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
Anne & Harry Sommo

BREAD and WINE this week
Donated in loving memory of
Anne & Harry Sommo



Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021

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

Sunday Mass in Church only is not livestreamed

Monday, May 24, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Saturday, May 29, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

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

The Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 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.

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

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

**Catholic Stewardship in Action
2021 ANNUAL APPEAL**

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Thank you to the 165 families/individuals who have made a pledge. To date we have \$47,960.00 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.



FEED THE HUNGRY

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JUNE 21st

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.

- CLAM CHOWDER-BEEF GRAVY-CHICKEN GRAVY
- PANCAKE MIX-HOT COCOA-COOKIES-CRACKERS
- APPLE SAUCE-INSTANT RICE-CANNED MUSHROOMS
- CANNED PINEAPPLE-EGG NOODLES-CANNED PEARS
- 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!