

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Rev. David W. Milliken

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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.



The Most Holy Trinity
May 30, 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

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E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

The Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021

5:30pm People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Timothy & Janet Cronin

9:30 John M. Vo

11:30 Simplicio Lazaro

Monday, May 31, 2021

8:30 All who died in service of our country

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

8:30 Earl Christopher Reyes

8:30 Eric & Kelli Blanco, Anniversary (L)

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

8:30 Bob Carucci

8:30 Mary Williams

Thursday, June 3, 2021

8:30 Margaret Capone

8:30 John A. Delaney

Friday, June 4, 2021

8:30 Rosa Santos Carreon

8:30 Sophia & Salvester Montecullo

Memorial

Saturday, June 5, 2021

8:30 Mario Balducci, Thomas K. Thomas

5:30pm William & Elizabeth Morris

Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021

7:30 Lillian Person

9:30 Sally Mottola

11:30 Mary & Gloria Buckley

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

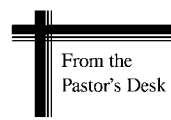
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May 23, 2021: \$3,972.00

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 Body & Blood of Christ June 6, 2021

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
[13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



Today, on the feast of the Holy Trinity, we might ask, "How do we save and protect the deep meaning of the Trinity, when we can't see or really understand it?" St. Patrick used the famous shamrock, showing how three leaves on one stem could mirror three Persons in One God.

Can you think of some better images?

Today we celebrate what we can easily call the central mystery at the core of our Christian beliefs, the **Most Holy Trinity**. It is one of those mysteries that we were probably told we wouldn't be able to comprehend anyway, so we would simply have to take it on faith. But it is not a lack of faith which causes us to ask questions.

We have a sacred obligation to ask good questions, to read, pray, and ponder the possibilities—all in our quest to know God more deeply. In fact, the study of theology is defined as "faith seeking understanding."

The most important thing is not HOW Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist as One—but WHY their life as One is crucial to OUR life. Because the Holy Trinity is the model of all love which exists in the world as we know it, and in the world beyond. Not a clinging, weak, dependent love... not a one-sided, temporary, or troubled love, like so many of the "loves" we have all experienced in our lives... but the richest, strongest, most glorious explosion and implosion of energy that has ever existed.

Often the relationships we call "love" are not worthy of the name. We are all burdened and blinded by the presence of evil in the world, so we mistake all kinds of phony things for love.

Don't lower your standards! Our guide to intimate relationships should be the real thing. Only the Trinity shows us the awesome ultimate bond that we should seek in all of our love relationships.

✠ This Monday our nation celebrates **Memorial Day**. It is a special day to remember all those who sacrificed their lives that we may live in freedom. To honor our fallen heroes, we will march in parades, we will display and wave our flags, we will observe moments of silence, we will gather with family and friends to enjoy barbeques with food and drink and fun being together. These are all part of our Memorial Day celebrations.

But our observance of Memorial Day must touch us more deeply. We remember, especially, our brothers and sisters who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and we continue to pray for the members of our Armed Forces around the globe who put their lives on the line for us.

Above all, on this day may we gather together — united around the Lord's table — as the grateful community of Ascension to remember and give thanks for all who gave their lives for us and our American way of life. Please join us to celebrate Eucharist at 8:30am.

Let us join together and **REMEMBER**.

✠ Just a reminder...Next 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!

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

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. **Thank you.**

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



Father’s Day Cards are available at the parish office or in the vestibule of church. All Masses will be offered for the Father’s, living and deceased, of parishioners on Father’s Day & throughout the month of June. Offering is \$10.00 per card/intention. **Father's Day Sunday, June 20th.**

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 30, 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. **Dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation has been lifted** by the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey beginning Saturday, June 5, 2021. This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions.
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.*
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/check in 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.



“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, 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.

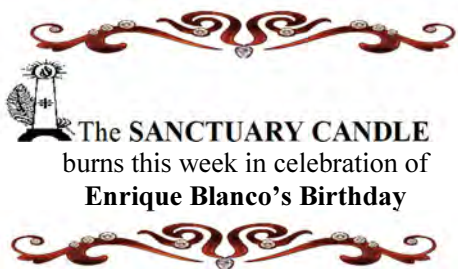
For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.

“a time for peace...”

All of our National and World Leaders.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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



The Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021

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

Sunday Mass in Church only is not livestreamed



Memorial Day Monday, May 31, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Saturday, June 5, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

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

Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021

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

Sunday Mass in Church only is not livestreamed



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!



**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.



**On Sunday, June 27, 2021, Father David will
celebrate his farewell mass at 11:30am
here at Ascension.**

**After mass all are invited to the Father Benedict
Center where you may extend your warm wishes
and appreciation to your Pastor for his twenty
years of ministry and service to your parish.**



“LEST WE FORGET”

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the lives and service
of our men and women in the Armed Forces.

Strengthen them and give them guidance
as they stand in harm's way to
protect our nation and way of life.

May they face each day of their service
the same way Your Son Jesus did;
with courage, dignity and faith.

And if it be Your will, when their
work is through, bring them safely home.

Lord, please also bless
the families of our troops.

Reward them generously for their sacrifices
which are known only to You.

May we never forget those who
have paid the ultimate price
for our freedom and safety:
those who have died in the service
of our county.

May they rest in peace forever
with You in Your kingdom.

Amen



**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: _____



Holiday Office Hours

**MONDAY, MAY 31st*MEMORIAL DAY
ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
WISHING YOU A
SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

**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.