

# CELEBRATING

## A Blessed Retirement



WISHING OUR  
PASTOR,  
FATHER DAVID  
FAREWELL  
WITH  
HEARTS FILLED  
WITH LOVE AND  
GRATITUDE

*The Lord bless you and keep you!  
The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!  
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 27, 2021

- 5:30pm Lubin & Ana Zuniga
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Joseph & Dorothy Meyer
11:30 Rev. David W. Milliken (L)

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 28, 2021

- 8:00 Mariam Joseph

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

- 8:00 Carol Spinola

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

- 8:00 Brian & Eileen McCann

Thursday, July 1, 2021

- 8:00 John Tuohy

Friday, July 2, 2021

- 8:00 Rosa Santos Carreon
Memorial Mass

Saturday, July 3, 2021

- 8:30 Robert Hall
5:30pm William & Elizabeth Morris

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 4, 2021

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Ciro Speciale
11:30 Federico Tababan

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

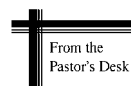
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

June 20, 2021: \$4,131.00
Social Concerns: \$ 859.00

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

Readings for Sunday July 4, 2021

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/
2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



Have you ever heard these words at a funeral? "Well, it was just his (or her) time. God must have wanted him (or her) up in heaven." We might say this in an effort to comfort the suffering, or to make some sense out of an untimely death which simply seems unfair, inappropriate, or wrong.

The reason we think this is—death is all of these things! But to comfort someone, why not proclaim boldly as the first reading does today: "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living."

Death was never part of God's perfect plan for the creation. We were made in God's own image never to die. But "...Through the devil's envy, death entered the world." So death belongs to the devil, not to God. Death is evil, and it came about through sin — our sin, our choice of evil.

Today, Jesus tries to show us the far bigger picture. Yes, the individual healings are Jesus showing us God's will and power to heal and bring new life; but that is the smaller picture, because even those Jesus heals must still die. The bigger picture is to have faith in Jesus Himself, because: The purpose of His life, death, and rising is to reconnect the universe to God. "Your faith has saved you!"

Jesus' miracles only point to the deeper healing by which Jesus overcomes the devil's envy and the devil's puny power in the world. Jesus, and only Jesus, can reinstate the perfect will of the Creator for the eternal life and wholeness of all creatures.

The Hospice Movement shows us how to grieve our losses—by witnessing to both life and death—sitting, listening, crying, laughing. Above all, let us keep holding on to Jesus' words "Do not fear, only believe."

✠ My Dear Parishioners of Ascension,

WOW!! I can't believe that I have been here now for 20 years. I have been so blessed in my assignment as pastor of Ascension Parish. It is such a vibrant faith community with a history of people always working closely with their priests and showing a great zeal for the Word of God through prayer, work and sacrifice to build God's Kingdom in New Milford and the surrounding communities.

Masses, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Anointings of the Sick, Funerals, Feeding the Hungry Poor, Parish Picnics, Anniversaries, Closing of our Ascension School, September 11, 2001, Superstorm Sandy, the Pandemic—in all of these events, we have laughed together, we have cried together, but above all, we have loved together and grown together. In living out our call to be ministers of Word, Worship, Community Building and Service, we have learned to live out Jesus' command, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Now that it comes time to say Goodbye, I must say Thank You from the bottom of my heart for your great presence in my life, your enduring faith that helped to strengthen my faith so many times during my time here with you and your overwhelming generosity that so edified me. Please know you all go with me in so many wonderful and heart-wrenching memories as I now enter into retirement mode.

To all of you, THANK YOU, SO VERY MUCH!!!! Love to you and your families from me and Bonnie and Clyde.

My new address is: Fr. David Milliken
Our Lady of the Visitation Church
234 N. Farview Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652
(201) 261-6080

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

Fr. David



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

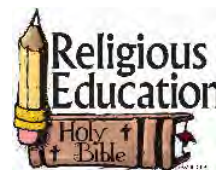
**SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week**, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.

**SUMMER DAILY MASS SCHEDULE  
 ONE MASS CELEBRATED AT 8:00AM  
 MONDAY-FRIDAY**



**BOULEVARD FUNERAL HOME  
 & CREMATION SERVICE  
 201-692-0100**

**Please remember to patronize,  
 who help make this bulletin possible**



### Registration:

The 2021/2022 Registration Forms were emailed to everyone on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please fill them out and return before June 30<sup>th</sup>. After June 30, 2021 there will be a late fee of \$10 per student. 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](http://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.**

*JUNE 27, 2021*



**This Sunday,  
June 27, 2021**

**Father David will celebrate  
his farewell Mass at  
11:30am**

**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  
Ascension parish.**



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be born...”  
Donato Calamusa

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, 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, Staff Sgt. 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...”

**Sandro Panzera**

**and a time for every purpose under heaven”**

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of **James and Annie Kate Cassidy**



**Bread and Wine** this week offered in Celebration of **Rev. David W. Milliken’s Retirement**



Sunday, June 27, 2021

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

Sunday Mass in Church only is not livestreamed

Summer Mass Schedule Begins

Monday, June 28, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church & livestream

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church & livestream

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, July 2, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Saturday, July 3, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church



Sunday, July 4, 2021

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

**PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION**

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**Catholic Stewardship in Action**

**2021 ANNUAL APPEAL**

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!**

Thank you to the 174 families/individuals who have made a pledge. To date we have \$50,345.00 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 – JULY 19<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.

- CLAM CHOWDER-BEEF GRAVY-CHICKEN GRAVY
- APPLE SAUCE-INSTANT RICE-CANNED MUSHROOMS
- EGG NOODLES-CANNED PEARS-FLAVORED RICE
- BEEF BROTH-CHICKEN BROTH-BREAD CRUMBS
- RAISINS-FLOUR-SUGAR-CORNEED BEEF-PAPER TOWELS
- NAPKINS-TISSUES-DISH SOAP-SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER

**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER**

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

**BUS TRIP TO RESORTS WORLD  
CATSKILL CASINO**

Our parish will sponsor a trip to Resorts World Catskill Casino, Monticello, NY on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. The cost is \$35. Per person includes \$25. Free play and \$10. Food voucher.

The bus will leave Ascension Church parking lot at 9:30am. You must have ID to get a promotions card or bonus money. Please make check payable to “Ascension Church”. Fill in the form below and drop off with check at the Parish Center. Indicate on outside of envelope “RESORTS TRIP”. For further info. Call Josie 201-265-0485 or Anna 201-387-2632.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 #OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
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**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH  
 INFORMATION  
 FLYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*BULLETINS  
 UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)**

**Dear Father David**

Together with your entire parish we would like to wish you our heartfelt congratulations on your retirement.

Thank you for your sincere kindness, and generosity to us and your parish over the twenty years you have been Pastor.

God Bless you today and in all the years to come.

You will be dearly missed.

Your Parish Staff  
&  
Ascension Parish Family

**QUEEN ESTHER**

Ascension Parish will sponsor a trip to Pennsylvania’s Amish Country for 3 days/2 nights, November 17-19, 2021. The price of the trip is \$439 for double occ./\$539 single occ. This includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, live performance of “Queen Esther” at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Spectacular musical “Winter Wonderland” at the American Musical Theatre, Holiday Chalk Talk with Elva Hurst, visit Byers Choice LTD Visitors Center, Christmas Museum & CrecheCollection, motorcoach transportation, baggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. **A \$100 deposit per person will hold your reservation which is due July 31<sup>st</sup>.** Balance due September 15<sup>th</sup>. All checks must be made payable to Ascension Church. For info. or questions, please call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Please fill out the coupon below and drop off at the parish center with your deposit enclosed. Please indicate on outside of envelope “Pennsylvania Trip”

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF PERSON YOU ARE ROOMING WITH \_\_\_\_\_  
 # OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 AMT. ENCL. \_\_\_\_\_