

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .



+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28, 2020

+ 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

7:00 a.m. and 8:30am

8:00am Summer * June 29-Sept. 4

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 7:15 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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

5:30 People of Ascension Parish
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 29, 2020

8:00 Corazon Mertole Adajar

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

8:00 Mariam Joseph

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

8:00 Cynthia Mariano, First Anniv.

Thursday, July 2, 2020

8:00 Bridie O'Shea

Friday, July 3, 2020

8:00 Veronica Matibag

Independence Day

Saturday, July 4, 2020

8:30 All Our Nation's People

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

7:30 Eleanor & Conrad Sedlak, 75 Anniv.

9:30 Jerome Guce

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.

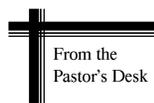
Sunday, June 21, 2020: \$4,559.00

Social Concerns: \$ 733.00

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

Readings for Sunday July 5, 2020

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
[cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



Our reading from the Gospel forces us once again to look at a very basic building block of the spiritual life. We call that building block '**detachment**'. It would be difficult to find anything more important for the health of our lives as Christians. And that's why it's critical that, from time to time, we take a second look at what detachment means in our lives. It can refer to the man or woman who is too attached to his or her career, the person who is overly attached to alcohol, or food, or other substances, the young person who is too attached to pleasure. The list has no end.

The important thing is for us to recognize when an attachment has gained control over our lives. Then we can start the process of detachment from the negative influences in our lives. But remember, we must then have a healthy attachment. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the ultimate attachment. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Jesus is asking us to be, first and foremost, attached to him. Nothing, absolutely nothing, not even your family, must come in the way of your attachment and belonging to Jesus. There you have it — as clear and bold as daylight.

All of this means that proper detachment leads to proper attachment. If we are simply detached from everything and attached to nothing and no one, we are in some kind of strange space. Jesus calls us to be as strongly attached to him as we possibly can. Our attachment to the Lord will involve carrying our cross. It will also mean that we will lose our lives, in the sense that we will no longer have the last say about what we are going to do with them. Our lives will be totally directed by our relationship to Jesus Christ.

✠ Summer is here!!!

A thought concerning Summer contributions:

Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, and, of course, those well-deserved family summer vacations. While families spend hours planning ahead for those

3-day weekends and weeks out of town, they sometimes tend to overlook that their parish needs them even during the summer months. Envelopes are often forgotten.

Our parish bills do not stop during the summer months, even in this time of pandemic. Please help us by making your offering each week. If you are away for vacation, please remember your missed offering the following week. What better time than the summer to consider how **We Share** consistently sustains parishioner support the whole year?

Electronic giving helps parishioners give consistently with the peace of mind knowing that they are doing their part to support their parish and its ministries. Why not consider enrolling in electronic giving this week? Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

✠ Next Saturday we observe **Independence Day**, our nation's two hundred forty-fourth birthday. We will celebrate Mass at 8:30am. Together at the Lord's Table, as we conclude the Fortnight for Freedom, we will give thanks for God's blessings on our nation, especially the freedom of religion that we share as Americans. In observance of Independence Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. Regular business hours resume on Monday, July 6th. Enjoy a blessed and safe July 4th weekend!

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

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!

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.



MEMORIALS

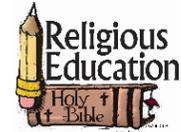
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call 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: _____



Registration for 2020-2021:

Registration forms the 2020-2021 School year have been email to all families, please look for them in your regular and spam emails. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before July 30th. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form, please call before. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

First Communion Families:

First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, September 12, 2020. More information to follow.

Confirmation Families:

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, October 17, 2020. More information to follow.

Any questions please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085.



Volunteers Needed:

† We are in need of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2020-2021 School year. Anyone interested, please call Mrs. 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 share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

Religious Education Office Hours:

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



**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Our parish goal this year is \$37,834. and **100% of every dollar raised above goal will be returned to our parish.** As of this date we have received \$34,110.00 in pledges from 119 families. Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. Brochures, which outline all areas of support, are available from the parish office. Please call, 201-836-8961, if you would like one. Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless.

JUNE 28, 2020

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Directives for Re-Opening Churches

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 or who have been exposed to an infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days.
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

- Mass will be celebrated at **8:00am** in the Church (Monday-Friday). Mass will also continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook.
 - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked)
 - There will be a limited capacity of 50 people
- Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated & Livestreamed at **8:30am** in the Church. **Same rules apply regarding reservations & admittance**
- Wednesday evening Novena will continue to be **Livestreamed only at 7:30pm**
- **Saturday Evening Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 5:30pm and on Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Mass will also continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook**
 - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked)
 - There will be a limited capacity of 80 people
- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. **Please call** (no email, text, voicemail requests will be taken) the parish office, 201-836-8961.

-Enter side door near rectory

-All visitors, including children, must wear masks, have and use their own hand sanitizer and 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

-Bathrooms will not be open

-**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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“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, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Ana Tumang, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, 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...”

President Donald John Trump, our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”
Ecclesiastes 3:11



Sunday, June 28, 2020

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church & livestreamed via Facebook

Monday, June 29, 2020

Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed

Novena at 7:30pm livestreamed via Facebook

Thursday, July 2, 2020

Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, July 3, 2020

Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed



Saturday, Independence Day

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church & livestreamed via Facebook



FATHER'S DAY

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Requested By

In Memory of

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| Phil & Delores Klocek | John Klocek |
| Phil & Delores Klocek | George Thomas |
| Mr & Mrs Andrew Leuffgen | Thomas Fahey |
| Mr & Mrs Andrew Leuffgen | Andrew Leuffgen |
| Chris & Jim Block | James F. Block, Augustine Setzee |
| Chris & Jim Block | Jim, Jimmy & Michael Block (L) |
| Ms Irene Shen | George Shen |
| Art & Dulce Hermoso | Romeo Perez, Veon Hermoso |
| Mr & Mrs Conrado Cruz | Rex Cruz, Mark Szewe, |
| Conrado Cruz (L), Estanislano Antolin, Antonio Cruz | |
| Sally Santiago | Agapito & Mariano Hontanosas |
| Sally Santiago | Benigno G. Santiago |
| Sally Santiago | Patrick H. Santiago (L) |
| Sally Santiago | Valentin Santiago |
| Sally Santiago | Jose Inocencio |

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.



Holiday Office Hours



THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020

HAVE A SAFE & ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!



PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 5:1)

We praise you and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, I the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – July 20th**

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.

- APPLE JUICE-GRape JUICE-ICED TEA-LEMONADE MIX
- CRANBERRY JUICE-GRATED CHEESE-BEEF BROTH
- COOKIES-CRACKERS-JAM-RAISINS-CHICKEN GRAVY
- CANNED BEETS-CANNED SPINACH-CANNED PEACHES
- RAISIN BRAN-BEEF GRAVY-EGG NOODLES-WHITE RICE
- SUGAR-FLOUR-CAKE ICING-MAYONNAISE-BEEF STEW
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-WOMENS/MENS DEODORANT
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM-LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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: _____

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



Christ freed us from sin. Patriots throughout the ages fought for our freedom. There are still those today who cannot enjoy freedom from poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys and children's books to our Catholic Charities donations bin located on our property. Thank you.



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