

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .



+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David W. Milliken

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Rev. Tim Graff

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Glenn Gordon

Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

Director of Maintenances

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Parish Trustees

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Religious Education

Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education

Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7 & 8

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 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 - Thursday

One Daily Mass at 8:00am-No daily Mass on Friday

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*

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11, 2021**

- 5:30pm Joy Cudina
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Jerome Guce
- 11:30 Angelito Barredo

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 12, 2021

- 8:00 Edgar Caparas

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

- 8:00 Lilia Blanco

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

- 8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Thursday, July 15, 2021

- 8:00 John Trimarchi

Friday, July 16, 2021

- Dona Viduya (L) Thanksgiving

Saturday, July 17, 2021

- 8:30 Nicanor Santos
- 5:30pm Dong T. Vo

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021**

- 7:30 Janet Cronin
- 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 11:30 Felix Asuncion

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

July 4, 2021:	\$4,265.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$1,413.00
Peter's Pence:	\$ 596.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
July 18, 2021**

Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/
Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.



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: _____



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

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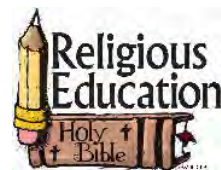
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Registration:

The 2021/2022 Registration Forms were emailed to everyone on March 31st. Please fill them out and return before June 30th. 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, 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

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

JULY 11, 2021

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 & Creche Collection, motor-coach 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 31st.** Balance due September 15th. 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. _____



“To everything there is a season...

“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, 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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of Angelito Barredo



BREAD and WINE this week Donated in loving memory of Sally Mottola



Sunday, July 11, 2021

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

Summer Mass Schedule

Monday, July 12, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, July 16, 2021

NO MASS

Saturday, July 17, 2021

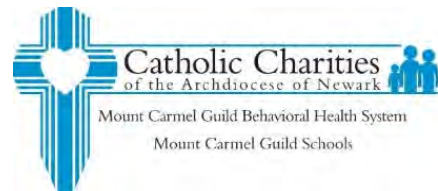
Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, July 18, 2021

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

ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received \$1,808 as a result of the Donation Bin(s) from December 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in the same program throughout the Archdiocese enable us to provides light and hope through the darkness of poverty, sickness, and rejection. Our food program alone distributed 242,748 pounds of food to 40,459 households (FY 2019/2020). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ’s love to the most vulnerable in our society.

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.



**OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY-THURSDAY**

8:00AM

**INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY MASS WILL
BE SAID PRIVATELY
BY FATHER JIM**

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

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, or other parishioners who are willing to help in this ministry, please see Fr. Jim or call 201-836-8961, or email ascension@optonline.net, the Parish Office with your name, phone number, email address and Mass time at which you are willing to serve each week. **Thank you.**



**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: _____



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JULY 19th**

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-CORNEB 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.

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.**



Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!!
School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!