

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

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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 Parish Office 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 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 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

Holy Days: 7:30am, 8:00 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

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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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021**

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Christopher Boes
11:30 Charles & Margaret Alloro

Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2021

8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

8:00 Juan & Tori Gutierrez (L)

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

8:00 Elnora Gordon
Sarah McKenna

Thursday, September 9, 2021

8:00 Theresa Lacey
Zuniga-Gutierrez Families

Friday, September 10, 2021

Maureen Bottcher

Saturday, September 11, 2021

8:30 All Victims of 9/11
5:30 Ana Tumang, First Anniv.

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Mario Balducci
11:30 Richard Cudina

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, August 29, 2021: \$3,646.00
Mission Appeal: \$1,616.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
September 12, 2021**

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
[9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

GOSPEL MEDITATION

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn’t take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life’s unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it’s really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life’s incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God’s story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the parish center with the coupon below. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961.

Please 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: _____



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

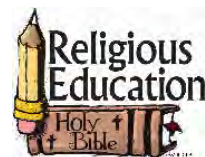


OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.



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Calendar:

Sunday, September 12th Last Minute Registration- 9:30 am to 11:30 am- in Parish Center
 Monday, September 13th: 7th & 8th Grade Parent/Student Meeting- MANDATORY FOR BOTH in Fr. Davis Multi-purpose Room (Café) at 7 pm SHARP
 Sunday, September 19th – Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM
 Sunday, September 19th -- Mandatory Parent Meeting 1st-6th grades at 10:45 am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)
 Monday, September 20th– 7th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)

Registration for 2021-2022:

The Religious Education Office in the Parish Center will be open, September 12, 2021 for last minute registration from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. All registered families' letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

Please note our hours for classes:

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon. The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:15 pm. Students are asked to be here by 6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.

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 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 – Parish Center
 Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School
 Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School
 Closed: Thursday & Saturday
 Other times by appointment

CELEBRATE!

**Father Jim Brown's
Formal Installation
as Pastor of Ascension Parish
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

11:30AM MASS

Reception to follow in the Fr. Benedict Center

Many hands are needed to make this occasion a special and welcoming one. If you would like to help out, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or the parish center office.



I would like to help with Fr. Jim's Installation Reception

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

I CAN HELP WITH SET-UP: _____

I CAN HELP WITH CLEAN-UP: _____

Thank you!



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to love...”
Madison Podesta & Joseph Spina

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Al Suter, 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, Sari Contreras 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 William & Elizabeth Morris

BREAD and WINE this week are in Loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are in Loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2021
ONE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 8:30AM
PARISH CENTER OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED

September

Sunday, September 5, 2021

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



Monday, September 6, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, September 10, 2021

NO MASS



Patriot Day Saturday, September 11, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, September 12, 2021

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

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.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

(24/7) starts on Sept 7, 2021

OLMC Ridgewood is re-opening PEA!

Stop by the chapel or better yet, sign-up for a Scheduled hour to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God. All are welcome! Scheduled Adorers Needed:

TO SIGN UP text Cynthia at 551-574-1063

or email cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

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)

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**OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY-THURSDAY**

8:00AM

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

OFFERTORY GIFTS

**Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you
would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the
celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have
requested or if for the intention of your loved one.**

PARTNERS IN CARING

Beefsteak Dinner

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

5:00-7:00pm

Father Benedict Center

Donations \$35.00

All proceeds go to Partners in Caring

For tickets please visit the

New Milford Shoprite office



**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: _____

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

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.

- BEEF GRAVY-CHICKEN GRAVY-RICE KRISPIES
- RAISIN BRAN-OATMEAL-KETCHUP-MAYONNAISE
- TOMATO SOUP-GRATED CHEESE-MANDRAIN ORANGES
- APPLE SAUCE-INSTANT RICE-CANNED MUSHROOMS
- EGG NOODLES-FLAVORED RICE-CANNED PEACHES
- BEEF BROTH-CHICKEN BROTH-BREAD CRUMBS
- RAISINS-FLOUR-SUGAR-CORNEED BEEF-LEMONADE MIX
- PUDDING-JELL-O-APPLE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE
- GRAPE JUICE-CANNED PEAS & CARROTS-MUFFIN MIX
- COOKIES-CRACKERS-SAUERKRAUT-CANNED PINEAPPLE
- SALAD DRESSING-SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-DISH SOAP
- SHAVE CREAM-NAPKINS-TISSUES-PAPER TOWELS

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

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

**COVID DIRECTIVES FROM
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

“The Communion Rite

- *The Sign of Peace should be offered but continue to be made without physical contact.
 - *Communicants will continue to receive Communion in the hand. If not fully vaccinated, they lower their masks to consume the host, then replace their masks. The chalice is still prohibited for the assembly.”
- Please note: the only option for receiving communion at this time is in the hand.

Thank you for your cooperation & understanding.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

Our parish will sponsor a trip to The Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, Sept. 21st, 2021. Cost is \$35 per person. Upon arrival at the casino you will receive \$20 in free play. The bus will leave Ascension parking lot at 9am. You must have your ID/PLAYER CARD to get the bonus. If you do not have a bonus card, you can get one at the casino but, you must have ID such as your driver’s license. 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 CASINO’.** For further info. call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY-SEPT 21

NAME _____

#OF PEOPLE _____

PHONE# _____

AMT. ENCL. _____