

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.



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 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

One Daily Mass at 8:30am beginning Monday, Sept. 7, 2020

8:00am Summer * June 29-Sept. 4, 2020

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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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time, September 6, 2020**

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Sarah & Christopher McKenna
11:30 Tory & Juan Gutierrez (L)

Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2020

8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

8:30 Sister Mary Jonas & Family
8:30 Dona Viduya (L)

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

8:30 Francisca Canadilla
8:30 Onnan Kochuveet

Thursday, September 10, 2020

8:30 John Derderian
8:30 Maureen Bottcher

Friday, September 11, 2020

8:30 Angela Rivero
8:30 All Victims of 9/11

Saturday, September 12, 2020

8:30 Renee Liduccia & Family
5:30 Mary Cucco

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time, September 13, 2020**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Julie & Phil Carbone
11:30 Juanita Santiago

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

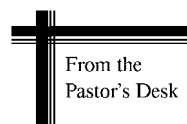
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

August 30, 2020: \$3,082.00
The Church in Africa: \$ 359.00

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

Readings for Sunday, September 13

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



Have you ever heard the story of Mrs. Jones? Mrs. Jones thought she'd lived a perfect life because "I've never bothered anybody." So when she went to hell, she complained bitterly. St. Peter said, "The only time that selfish woman ever helped anyone was the day she gave a poor beggar an onion." So the heavenly community agreed to lower the onion down to hell, and if the lady grabbed on, she could be pulled up to heaven.

She was overjoyed! But as she grabbed the onion, some of her companions grabbed on, to get out, too. She began kicking them off, screaming, "Let go, let go—that's MY onion!" Instantly the line snapped, and she fell back into Satan's waiting arms. He only smiled: "Too bad! The rope was strong enough to save all of you... but not you by yourself." (J. Feehan)

True, she didn't owe anything to anyone—but that's what put her in hell! St. Paul says, "Owe nothing to anyone, EXCEPT to love one another"; that is how to fulfill the law. Have you ever thought of the Great Commandment that way? It teaches us that we actually owe it to each other to "love one another". We don't think that way about strangers, do we? But every one of us is connected by our spiritual "gene pool" to every other creature... because we have been loved into existence from the heart of God.

One small kindness by us—an unexpected smile, kind word, polite action—can start a subtle chain reaction that increases the atmosphere of care and respect within the whole Body of Christ. Even if we don't "feel loving" toward strangers, we can form the habit of "doing love" in many small ways. Each of us has to look at every situation in our lives to see if we are truly wholeheartedly loving one another. Or are we kicking people off, trying to hang on to our onion?

✘ Next Sunday is **Grandparent's Day**. We offer our prayers and best wishes to all grandparents. Through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, may God bless you in the special role you play in the life of your grandchildren.

- ✘ Some important upcoming parish events to put on your calendar:
- +September 12 (Saturday)... **Celebration of First Holy Communion** 11am Mass (by ticket only)
 - +September 13 (Sunday)... Grandparents Day...Blessing of grandparents at all weekend Masses
 - +September 20 (Sunday)... Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9:30am Mass
 - +October 17 (Saturday)... **Celebration of Confirmation** 11am Mass (by ticket only)

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!



Beginning Monday, September 7, 2020, only ONE
daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am.



MEMORIALS

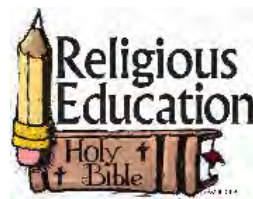
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call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



Calendar:

Sunday, September 6th: Last Minute Registration- 9:30 am to 11:30 am –Bring Masks and Hand sanitizer and with Social distancing,
 Sunday, September 13th – Pick-up of Materials for Sunday Program from 9 am to 11:15 am. Drive-up and have family name on the Window.
 Monday, September 14th– Pick-up of Materials for Monday and Wednesday Programs from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Drive-up and have family name on the Window.

Registration for 2020-2021:

The Religious Education Office in the school will be open today, September 6, 2020 for last minute registration from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. All registered families’ letters have been emailed and mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.



Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2020-2021 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 –Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Parish Center
 Other times by appointment

SEPTEMBER 6, 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

- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.
You may reserve for daily & Sunday Mass for two weeks
Please call or E-mail by 3:00pm on Friday.
201-836-3085 or ascensionreled@optonline.net on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday.**
201-836-8961 or ascension@optonline.net on **Tuesday & Thursday.**
- Mass will be celebrated at **8:00am** in the Church (Monday-Friday). **Beginning Monday, September 7, 2020, only ONE daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am.** Our daily Mass will continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook.
 - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked). There is a limited capacity of 80 people.
- Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated & Livestreamed at **8:30am** in the Church.
- 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. Only the 5:30pm Mass will be Livestreamed via Facebook.**
 - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked). There is a limited capacity of 80 people.

All Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms will follow the same protocol. (80 person capacity)

-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



“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 Kloebler, 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, Neil Magbanua, Marie Pucher 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



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

September

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church **Not Livestreamed**



Monday, September 7, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed
Rectory & Religious Ed. Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed
Novena at 7:30pm livestreamed via Facebook

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed



Patriot Day*Friday, September 11, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed
Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Grandparents Day, Sunday, September 13, 2020

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church **Not Livestreamed**



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 \$36,830.00 in pledges from 133 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.*

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.

Do you need home repairs but can't afford them? Rebuilding Together North Jersey can help. The 501(c) (3) nonprofit makes critical home repairs at no cost for low-income homeowners in Bergen and Passaic Counties. Call 201-447-8886 or email info@rtnorthjersey.org. More info at www.rtnorthjersey.org.



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: _____

OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.



Labor Day

**LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2020
ONE MASS, AT 8:30AM,
WILL BE CELEBRATED
PARISH CENTER OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED**



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

- APPLE JUICE-GRAPE JUICE-ICED TEA-LEMONADE MIX
- HOT COCOA-TEA-SUGAR-PUDDING-JELL-O-BEEF BROTH
- BROWNIE MIX-RAISINS-CAKE ICING-CHICKEN GRAVY
- CANNED BEETS-CANNED SPINACH-CANNED PEACHES
- RAISIN BRAN-BEEF GRAVY-EGG NOODLES-WHITE RICE
- FLOUR-MUFFIN MIX-PANCAKE SYRUP-MUSHROOMS
- CANNED PEARS-HONEY NUT CHEERIOS-RICE KRISPIES
- TURKEY GRAVY-INSTANT RICE-GRATED CHEESE
- VEGETARIAN CHILI-TOMATO SOUP-FLAVORED RICE
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-NAPKINS-DISH SOAP
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM-LAUNDRY DETERGENT

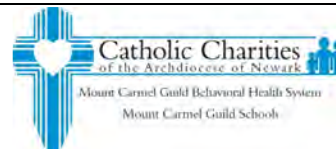
DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

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

**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. **Please note clothing donations are not sold for rags, they are resold in thrift stores.** Thank you.



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