

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 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

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

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

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

5:30 Mary Cucco
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Julie & Phil Carbone
11:30 Juanita Santiago

Monday, September 14, 2020

8:30 Patrick O'Shea
8:30 Madeline Martinez

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

8:30 Nellie O'Shea
8:30 Domnick Polimeni

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

8:30 Denis O'Shea
8:30 Marie Pucher, Healing (L)

Thursday, September 17, 2020

8:30 Sr. Briget O'Shea
8:30 George Columbo

Friday, September 18, 2020

8:30 Mary O'Shea
8:30 George Columbo

Saturday, September 19, 2020

8:30 Ted Bates
5:30 Manuel Garcia

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
September 20, 2020**

7:30 Francesco Ferrara
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Angela Piccininni

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

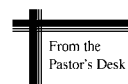
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

**NO FIGURES
AT TIME OF PRINTING**

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

**Readings for Sunday
September 20**

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



We can waste so much of our lives fighting God. Somehow we think that we actually know better than God. This thought comes out in many different ways, but the common way is through dissatisfaction with our lives. We look at our lives, and then we look at the lives of others who seem to have it better than ourselves. We wonder why we have to deal with so many problems, while it looks like other people are free of the worries that bother us so much. Why doesn't God change the way my life is going?

But often all we are looking at is the surface of life. We come to very hasty and shallow conclusions about things. We don't want to do the hard work of thinking more deeply about things. Reflection takes effort and can't be done in a hurry. But reflection and God-awareness leads to wisdom, rather than just to thoughtless judgments.

The simple fact of the matter is: we do not understand the mind and heart of God. "...my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord". Of course, the trick is to live with that reality instead of constantly fighting it. That is why the inner spiritual journey is one that we all need to be on. If we live only on the surface, we will always be fighting the apparent inequality of life, always wondering why our life is the way it is, constantly looking at other people's lives, wishing we could have their lives instead of the ones we find so difficult to live.

No doubt about it — today's Gospel calls us to see things from an entirely different point of view. May God grant us the grace to know and believe in our hearts that God's way is always the best way.

✦ We offer our best wishes and prayers for the children in our parish family who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time yesterday. They and their families have been preparing for this great event for some time now, learning what the Eucharist is all about and what it means to be part of the Eucharistic community. May our children and their families always be eager to receive Jesus at his Table of Life. Special thanks to Theresa Carbone and Dena Sedlak and to the catechists who have shared their faith so joyously with these children to bring them to this joyous time.

✦ 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.

✦ Next Sunday we celebrate **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**. Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of all in this parish, to recognize our parish catechists who give of themselves so generously and unselfishly in this most important work of bringing the good news of Jesus to others. These include those who work with our children as teachers, substitutes, and aides, Children's Liturgy of the Word, those who work with our baptism and marriage preparation programs, RCIA, Small Christian Communities, Open Our Hearts Lenten Groups, CFM, adult spirituality, and the Ministry of the Word.

A big "Thank You" to all of you! May God bless you in your faithful stewardship!

We will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** at 9:30am Mass (livestreamed) with blessing of catechists, students and parents.

- ✦ Some important upcoming parish events to put on your calendar:
 - + September 13 (Sunday)... Grandparents Day... Blessing of grandparents at all weekend Masses
 - + September 20 (Sunday)... Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9:30am Mass
 - + September 26/27 (Saturday/Sunday)... Parish celebration to honor the Filipino Martyr **San Lorenzo Ruiz**. (Saturday 5:30pm Mass livestreamed)
 - + October 4 (Sunday)... Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi at 1pm in our Blessed Mother courtyard.
 - + 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!

Fr. David

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

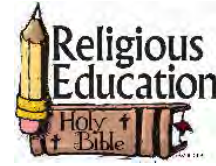
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call 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 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 is still accepting registrations for the current school year. All registered families’ letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

Important:

Parents are reminded to have their children do their weekly assignments and submit to Mrs. Carbone the on-line work for the Sunday Program by Tuesday and the Monday & Wednesday Program by Wednesday of each week. 9th Grade Parents please check your emails for the weekly Chapter reviews. Anyone that has any questions please contact Mrs. Carbone.



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

God Bless the
First Communion Class of 2020



Avika



Jonah



Chloe



Kevin



Victoria



Laura



Antonio



Cyrill



Marcus

Not Pictured
Gavin, Sheiden, Cassidy, Lyla, Olivia, David



“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 Obara, 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, 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 Frances B. Gorman

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.

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



Grandparents Sunday, September 13, 2020

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

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, September 18, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, September 20, 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 \$36,910.00 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.

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.

OPENING OF 2021 MASS BOOK

Even though the Mass schedule for next year is still unable to be determined, we have decided to open the 2021 Mass Book for your intentions. Forms will be available at the side entrance to the church or on our parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com. Please follow instructions on form.

We will not be doing in person requests. Instead, please fill out the request form to the best of your ability, and either mail it or drop it off in the slot in the Parish Center with your check donation. Please do not use cash. Thank you for your cooperation!

Grandparents Day Blessing

God our Father,
you create all things in this world
as gifts for your created beings.

This day is made holy
by the presence of new life,
made real by the love of spouses
and their collaboration with you.
On this day bless all grandparents
and their grandchildren.

May they both praise you
for their place in the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



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 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-GRAPPE 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.

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.



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