

# Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

### Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

### Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

### Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

### Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

### Religious Education Center

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.



## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 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

Website: [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896

E-mail: [ascensionreled@optonline.net](mailto:ascensionreled@optonline.net)

**Catechetical Sunday**

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

5:30 Manuel Garcia  
 7:30 Francesco Ferrara  
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 11:30 Angela Piccininni

**Monday, September 21, 2020**

8:30 Con O'Shea, Sr.  
 8:30 Eileen Leonard

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

8:30 Jose Balseca  
 8:30 Salvador Santos

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

8:30 Bernadeth Pongos-Silva  
 8:30 Joan Eberhardt

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

8:30 Manuel D. Lagdamen, Sr.  
 8:30 Thomas Family

**Friday, September 25, 2020**

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee  
 8:30 Renato Aglipay

**Saturday, September 26, 2020**

8:30 Lilia Pineda  
 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 2020**

7:30 Diane Lowery  
 9:30 Philip Sullivan  
 11:30 Evaristo Conidi

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

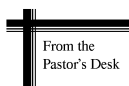
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020:	\$4,267.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,335.00
Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020:	\$3,889.00

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

**Readings for Sunday September 27**

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/  
 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Today's Gospel seems to turn all of our expectations upside down. You think, you work the longest, you get paid the most, right? Well, guess what? WRONG! You were the first in? sorry, pal; you're going to be last. And you who stumbled in, clueless, at the last minute?—you're No. 1! Is that a great system, or what?

From young on, we think we know what's fair. A spoiled 5-year-old on "Toddlers and Tiaras" was preening and being a brat to her mother. But when she lost the Prize to a 1-year-old, she stormed off, crying "That's not fair! She's only a baby!" The jealous little diva sounds a lot like the vineyard workers who whined and grumbled resentfully: "You made them equal to us who bore the day's burden and heat."

God's generosity is the whole point: God makes us equal, because God created us equal at a very deep level. But God's idea of equality is too far from ours to be compared. It's our problem if we are envious of God's generosity to others around us. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

And admit it: we can't see a fraction of the deep reality of other people's lives, we only think we can. But we judge them unfairly, harshly, and only separate ourselves from them. But God is seeing no separation—only One Body.

Those who say "I've paid my dues" have no idea what's really fair in life, so they grumble ungratefully most of their lives. As your mother used to say, "Stop looking over at what he's doing, and do your own work!" Let's feel gratitude for the privilege of life in this present moment—For our many small healings, for waking up, for a car that starts in the morning—and for God's generosity to all of us.

✠ Sunday at the 9:30am Mass 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!

✠ On Saturday and Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrate Mass to honor the Filipino Martyr **San Lorenzo Ruiz**. (Saturday 5:30pm Mass livestreamed)

✠ On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at 1pm in our Blessed Mother's courtyard to celebrate our annual **Blessing of Animals** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. We invite you to bring your pets, large and small, to receive God's special blessing

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](http://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](mailto: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**

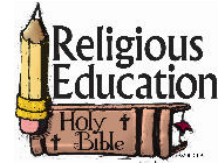
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call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

Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade Chapter 1 reviews are due.

**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.

If you have not picked up your child’s book or packet, please call the office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

**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. 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

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**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](mailto:ascensionreled@optonline.net)  
201-836-8961 or [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)
- 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 Kloeblen, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, Neil Magbanua, Cardinal Antonio Tagle 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.

“a time to die...”

Eileen McCann, Ana Tumang and a time for every purpose under heaven” Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of Angelina Ventura Angelina Ventura



Sunday, September 20, 2020

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

Monday, September 21, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, September 25, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, September 27, 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 \$37,010.00 in pledges from 134 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.

**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 are available at the side entrance to the church or on our parish website, [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://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!



**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](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY  
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

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.



**GRACE DRIVING SCHOOL**  
201-967-2922/201-365-5900  
201-674-1270

Please remember to patronize,  
who help make this bulletin possible

