

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

5:30 People of Ascension Parish
7:30 Diane Lowery
9:30 Philip Sullivan
11:30 Evaristo Conidi

Monday, September 28, 2020

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Zuniga-Campo

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

8:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli
8:30 Romana Tababan

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

8:30 Marlene Hellriegel
8:30 John Trimarchi

Thursday, October 1, 2020

8:30 John Perricone
8:30 Manuel Garcia

Friday, October 2, 2020

8:30 T.K. Varghese & Annamma
8:30 Abraham Thomas

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Memorial

8:30 Ethel Carbonel Rivera
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 4, 2020

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Ciriaco Guce
11:30 Benny Santiago

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

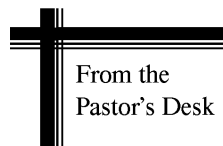
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020: \$3,568.00
Social Concerns: \$ 628.00

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

Readings for Sunday October 4

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
[Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



Jesus did not grasp his equality with God. He made the decision to somehow let go of the privileges and power that were his and to live as one of us. I think that it's far beyond our understanding to see how Jesus could have done this, but what is within our understanding is to see that we are called to this kind of emptying in our lives. Jesus emptied himself of what was rightfully his so that he could become one of us. It was the ultimate act of empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand the life experience of another person, and the desire and capacity to enter the world of that other person. It is probably the highest form of understanding and compassion. Deep experiences of empathy can change your life in a radical way. You see and experience life in a new way, and because of this new way of seeing, you then change your own way of living.

Somehow, like Jesus, we need to get inside the world of those people who are closest to us. We often need to empty ourselves of false ideas and judgments we may be carrying about the people with whom we live. When a person tries to really enter into the life of another person, you can be sure of one thing — suffering will certainly come. Just as Jesus accepted death as the final emptying of himself, so we will undergo suffering as we try to enter one another's lives. But it all leads to more life, now, and in the future which God has prepared for us.

✠ This weekend, September 26th and 27th, at all Masses we will honor the Filipino Martyrs **San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod**. (Saturday 5:30pm Mass livestreamed)

✠ Next Sunday, October 4th, 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.

✠ On Saturday, October 17th, we will celebrate the sacrament of **Confirmation** at 11am Mass. (Because of the COVID-19 limitations, admission is by ticket only). We will live-stream this celebration for those who cannot be present.

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!



MEMORIALS

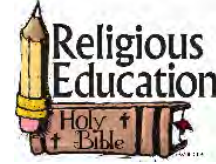
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call 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 29th – 1st to 6th grade Chapter 1 reviews are due.

Sunday, October 4, 2020 – Packet Pick-up and Drop off from 9:00 to 11 am for Grade 1 to 6.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 - 1st to 6th grade Chapter 2 reviews are due.

Wednesday, October 7, 2020- Chapter reviews due for grades 7th, 8th and 9th

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. 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

*Church of the Ascension
invites you
to our annual*

***Blessing of Animals
in honor of
St. Francis of Assisi***

*in the
Blessed Mother Courtyard*

*Sunday, October 4, 2020
1:00pm*





“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be born
Gabriel Reign Souto”

“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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”
Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Gregory & Anthony Poli



Sunday, September 27, 2020

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

Not Livestreamed

Monday, September 28, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, October 1, 2020

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Friday, October 2, 2020

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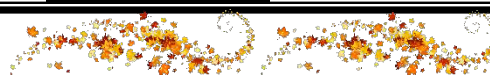
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Sunday, October 4, 2020

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

Not Livestreamed



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.

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.



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**2021 MASS BOOK
IS NOW OPEN**

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. Please follow instructions on form.

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**



**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
OCTOBER 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.

- ICED TEA-COOKIES-INSTANT RICE
- BREAD CRUMBS
- HOT COCOA-JELL-O-RAISINS
- CANNED PEACHES
- CANNED SPINACH-CANNED MUSHROOMS
- FLOUR-RAISIN BRAN-
- CANNED PEARS-RICE KRISPIES
- GRATED CHEESE-VEGETARIAN CHILI-LENTIL SOUP-NAPKINS
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER
Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.



**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.*