

Church of the Ascension

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+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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+ 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 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

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

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

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Ciriaco Guce
11:30 Benny Santiago

Monday, October 5, 2020

8:30 Michael Apienza
8:30 Janice Predonzani

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

8:30 Ann O'Shea
8:30 Maura Dalay

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

8:30 Ouseph & Rosey & Family
8:30 Matthew Camerlengo

Thursday, October 8, 2020

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Joyce Pauliot

Friday, October 9, 2020

8:30 Soledad Romero
8:30 Alfredo Mertola

Saturday, October 10, 2020

8:30 Guido Family
5:30 Margaret McEwan Bitetti

**Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time,
October 11, 2020**

7:30 Joan West
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Ciro & Erminia Marra

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

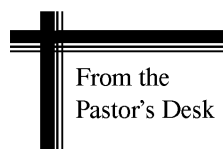
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020: \$2,852.00
Catholic University: \$ 319.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
October 11**

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



From the
Pastor's Desk

There was once a shy, skinny, 100-pound New Jersey kid named Eugene who tried out javelin throwing in high school. Gene grew so skilled he got a scholarship to college, and dreamed of the Olympics. But when he tore a ligament in his shoulder, all dreams ended. He worked in a warehouse where he befriended a young actor... so Gene went to acting school, too.

His big break came being cast in a show called "Bonanza", and later "Little House on the Prairie"—the skinny kid was Michael Landon. Later he created a new series, "Highway to Heaven," because he was troubled by all the sex, trash, and selfishness on TV. There is so much today that Michael Landon would be shocked about on TV. And so would St. Paul, who tells us today, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable... just...or pure; whatever is lovely... gracious...; anything that is excellent and worth praising, think about these things." That is, "You want peace in your heart? Look at all the pure, lovely beauty around you—and praise all the good things in creation."

Our brains are built to create strong habits out of the choices we make—"garbage in, garbage out." So St. Paul says "keep on imitating the ways of Christ that you've learned from me." But watching and laughing at real people on TV shaming themselves with lustful or disgusting behavior only makes us coarser, weaker and more addicted. We end up making fun of our brothers and sisters whose characters are being destroyed by their weakness and lack of decency. Is that really entertaining?

Let's find new ways to revel in the good and the beautiful. Feel God's delight in the beauty around you!

✘ October is here. It is the **month of our Blessed Mother and Respect Life Month**. I call your attention to some excellent opportunities for us as Catholics to honor Mary, the Mother of our God of Life. We pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church. During the entire month we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish "**Giving Crib**", on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month.

✘ On Sunday 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.

✘ Don't forget the **donation bin** (by our Blessed Mother's courtyard) for **Catholic Charities** of the Archdiocese of Newark. All of the **clothing, shoes, and small household items** that you generously donate are sold and the proceeds used to support the many programs for the needy as provided by Catholic Charities.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too. God Love You!

OCTOBER 4, 2020

*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 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 William & Elizabeth Morris



BREAD and WINE this week Donated in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week Donated in loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Sunday, October 4, 2020

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

Monday, October 5, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, October 10, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, October 11, 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?

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