

# Church of the Ascension

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## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

### Parish Business Manager

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Glenn Gordon

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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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 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

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

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

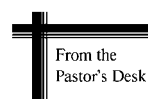
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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

5:30 Margaret McEwan Bitetti  
 7:30 Joan West  
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 11:30 Ciro & Erminia Marra

**Monday, October 12, 2020**

8:30 Ana Tumang  
 8:30 Lilia Pineda

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

8:30 Manuel D. Lagdamen, Sr.  
 8:30 Judi Sexton

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

8:30 The Lee, Foran & O'Connor Families  
 8:30 TK Kurieppan & Family

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

8:30 William E. Barr, Sr.  
 8:30 German & Clara Natividad

**Friday, October 16, 2020**

8:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 8:30 Paul J. Figalora, 32 Anniversary

**Saturday, October 17, 2020**

8:30 Remedios Ermita  
 5:30 Darren Drake, Third Anniversary

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18, 2020**

7:30 Lorelei Nional Habana, B'Day (L)  
 9:30 John A. Montecucollo  
 11:30 Jesus B. Garcia

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

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

**October 4, 2020: \$3,149.99**  
**Maintenance & Repairs: \$2,217.00**

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

**Readings for Sunday October 18**

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/  
 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

How many weddings of friends and family members have you already attended this year? Do you get those cute little "Save the Date" postcards? In Jesus' time the Jews would not announce the date or time until everything was prepared. Then they sent couriers out to say "Come on: it's ready!" But we see in today's Gospel some guests kept on about their business, and refused to come.

So the King's servants invite all new guests who stand for the sinners and the unclean people of the time—the very ones you'd never see at the King's table. In this way, Jesus announces his message of transformation: God welcomes all to the banquet of love and new life. The banquet is the symbol of the lavish, abundant Kingdom of God which fills all our hungers and delights all our senses.

The hungers we have for good food and drink show us just a shadow of how much our soul is longing for God. The question is... are we willing to do what it takes to be a guest at that banquet? Jesus tells us that there is still a requirement to be prepared for the summons of God, by coming to the banquet wearing a wedding garment.

If we recognize God's invitation, then hopefully we will be willing to "change our clothes"—to go to God dressed in garments of repentance, humility, garments of humble sorrow for our sins and faults. Let's go to the banquet dressed in garments of love and respect for God.

✘ October 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. Perhaps you could come early for Mass and pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church. Or pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesday at 7:30pm. It is live streamed on our parish Facebook page. Maybe we could gather at home and pray the rosary as a family.

✘ Next Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am, I will confer the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of **Confirmation** upon our young men and women. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, admittance is by ticket only. Please keep these candidates in your prayers, especially this week as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit and His seven-fold gifts.

✘ Next week is **World Mission Sunday**. Missionaries work in many fields including education, healthcare, orphanages, pastoral care, spiritual education, administration and formation of seminarians and novices. The work of missionaries is a vital element in protecting human rights and religious freedom in countries suffering oppression and injustice. Missionaries also work in projects that make the difference between life and death in many countries by providing basic necessities — food, clothing, healthcare, shelter and education. Through our missionaries, we offer the precious gift of Jesus' life to so many peoples throughout the entire world. May our prayers and our monetary offerings that we will offer next week help our missionaries to be the gift of Jesus, the Good News, to the world.

✘ Thank you so much to the 136 parish families who have contributed to the **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**. We have now reached \$37,560.00 toward our \$37,834.00 goal...just \$274.00 from our goal. I pray that every parish family will take Jesus' challenge to heart and participate, pray and work together. With God's help may we do our very best. If you have not contributed, will you help us reach our 2020 goal? Please, **give a little; give a lot; but please give something!**

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](http://www.churchoftheascension.net)  
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**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)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>150/1 Year</b>
		<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>		<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>		<b>\$50</b>
		<b>(per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>		<b>\$15 per week</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



**Calendar:**

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades Chapter 3 reviews are due  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 -- Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm Sharp in Church – Candidates only  
Wednesday, October 14, 2020- Chapter reviews due for grades 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, October 16, 2020 – Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm in Church- Candidates & Sponsor  
Saturday, October 17, 2020 – Confirmation Mass 11 am  
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades Chapter 4 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:**

**Confirmation Class of 2020:**

- † Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> -- Confirmation Rehearsal 6:55 pm in Church- Candidates Only – Mandatory
- † Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Rehearsal 6:55 pm in Church- Candidates and Sponsors –Mandatory for BOTH
- † Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation Mass at 11 am - Candidates and Sponsors are to meet in the Church at 10:30am SHARP
- † Please remember to wear masks, bring hand sanitizer and bring wipes.
- † NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE NOT HERE ON TIME YOU WILL NOT BE LET IN AFTER THE DOORS ARE CLOSED AND EVERYONE MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ENTER THE CHURCH

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 sharing their faith and working 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

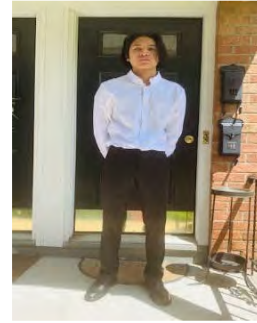
Church of the Ascension  
Confirmation Candidates 2020



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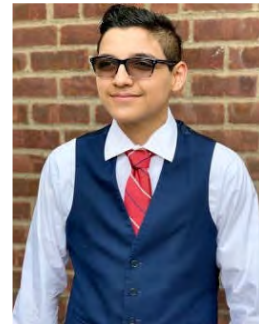
Juddsen



Nicholes



Vanessa



Benjamin



Mairead



Kurt



Emma



Alexa



Samantha



Isaac O.

No Picture  
Isaac P.



“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...”

Honesto Castaneda

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of Mary & Frank Macaluso 75 Wedding Anniversary Remembrance



Sunday, October 11, 2020

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

Monday, October 12, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, October 18, 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.

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