

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 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

(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

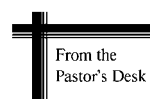
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

5:30 Darren Drake, Third Anniversary
7:30 Lorelei Nional Habana, B'Day (L)
9:30 John A. Montecucollo
11:30 Jesus B. Garcia

Monday, October 19, 2020

8:30 People of Ascension Parish
8:30 Arcadio DeCasro

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

8:30 Lilia & Herbert Tadena
8:30 Margaret Lowe

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

8:30 Elvira Castillo
8:30 Louise Dino (L)

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:30 Elvira Castillo
8:30 Ethel Finnerty

Friday, October 23, 2020

8:30 Leo Aparri
8:30 Mary Zadroga

Saturday, October 24, 2020

8:30 Prayer Service
5:30 Denis Mullins

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
October 25, 2020**

7:30 Andres S. Villaluna
9:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli
11:30 Robert Barratt

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 11, 2020: \$4,359.00
Social Concerns: \$ 661.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
October 25**

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1
Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

In the Gospel today, the Pharisees try to trick Jesus by giving him a Roman coin, and asking, "Should we pay taxes to Caesar or not?" The Jews despised paying taxes to the Romans. Jesus knows their malice so he asks, "Whose image is this, and whose title?" The word "image" in Greek is "eikon".

In those days, when a king came to power he would stamp his own image and title on the coins to show that they all belonged to him. So, when the Pharisees say that it is Caesar's icon or image on the coin, Jesus has a clever reply. "Then give back to Caesar what belongs to him—and give back to God what belongs to God." Theologically, though, there is a deeper meaning. Jesus' words do not mean that God and Caesar are equals. "Humans bear God's image, and wherever they live and operate—whether in the social, economic, political, or religious realm—they belong to God. Their primary loyalties do not switch when they move out of church and into the voting booth." (W. Brueggemann, et al.)

For years, people have tried to solve "church and state" issues by quoting Jesus, as if we have to choose between being good citizens or good Christians. But Jesus doesn't solve those issues. He gives us the sacred principle: all God's children are stamped with the Divine Icon. We must struggle with how our "family relationship" bears on our decisions. Do you feel joyful, knowing you are stamped with God's icon?

We are graced in this parish with people who have so many skills to offer. We continue to plead for parishioners to share their God-given gifts of time and talent to use their skills around the parish and to become active in some ministry of our Parish—WORD, WORSHIP, SERVICE, COMMUNITY BUILDING. This is stewardship. **"Then give back to Caesar what belongs to him—and give back to God what belongs to God."**

The regular use of Sunday envelopes or WeShare—our stewardship of treasure—is so important!! In order to be married, to have a child baptized or to be a godparent or sponsor, to enroll your child in our Religious Education program, and to enroll your child in our sacramental preparation programs, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic—that you are participating at Mass and contributing to the support of Ascension Parish. Filling out a registration form alone does not accomplish this. Using **Envelopes OR WeShare** every Sunday does. It also enables us to thank you and provide you with a record of your contributions for tax purposes. This is stewardship. **"Then give back to Caesar what belongs to him—and give back to God what belongs to God."**

✘ Congratulations to the young men and women of our parish who received the Holy Spirit yesterday in the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit guide us together as Jesus' disciples to do what Jesus did, being bearers of peace, love, and forgiveness. Please, continue to pray for these newly confirmed.

✘ 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. On this **World Mission Sunday** may our prayers and our monetary offerings help our missionaries to be the gift of Jesus, the Good News, to the world.

✘ We will celebrate our annual **Prayer of Remembrance** on All Saints Day, Sunday, Nov. 1st during the 11:30am Mass. It is a special time for us to remember our parishioners, family members and friends who have died during this past year. If you wish to remember someone at this Mass, please fill out and return the **2020 Prayer of Remembrance Response Form** in the bulletin and return it to the Parish Office by October 28th.

All Souls envelopes are available at the doors of the church. We will remember these deceased loved ones throughout the month of November.

✘ Thank you so much to the 137 parish families who have contributed to the **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**. We are now at \$37,860.00 and have surpassed our parish 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 made a pledge, please consider making a contribution, as all donations go directly to the parish. 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!

P. 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!**



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)

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| 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, October 20, 2020 – 1st to 6th grades Chapter 4 reviews are due

Wednesday, October 21, 2020- Chapter reviews due for grades 7th, 8th and 9th

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 – 1st to 6th grades Chapter 5 reviews are due



Congratulation to the Confirmation Class of 2020: Nicholas Bie, Tyler Caraccio, Juddsen Em, Mairead Feeney, Alexa Gangi, Layla Libanan, Vanessa Manalese, Isaac Ompang, Isaac Penalosa, Samantha Sta. Maria, Emma Tantsits, Kurt Tolentino, Benjamin Zelasco.

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.

NEXT PACKET PICK UP – Sunday, November 1st 9 am to 11:15 and Monday November 2nd from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

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.

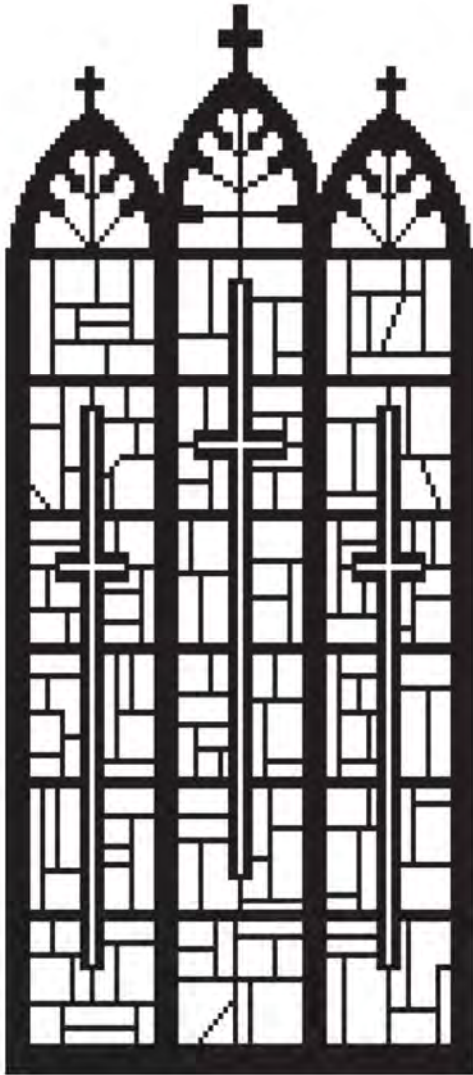
Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Parish Center

Other times by appointment

OCTOBER 18, 2020

*Church of the Ascension
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, New Jersey*



Dear Friend,

We, of Ascension Parish, feel that it is important for us to remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those persons who have touched our lives and whose presence we miss.

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, as we celebrate All Saints Day, at the 11:30am Mass, we will anticipate the Feast of All Souls, with our annual **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE** for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (Nov. 2, 2019-Nov. 1, 2020).

We will live-stream this Mass on our Parish Facebook page: **Facebook.com Church of the AscensionNewMilfordNJ**

We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

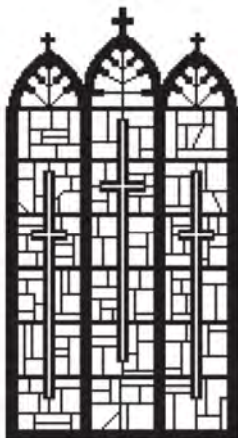
Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2020 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

We look forward to being with you on Sunday, November 1.

In the Lord's Peace,

Fr. David and Your Ascension Parish Family

Annual Prayer of Remembrance



My Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Loved One _____

Relationship to Me _____ *Date of Death in 2019-20* _____

Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance

Please, we must have this completed card by October 28th.





“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, Vincent Guido 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...”

Catherine Grady

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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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Sunday, October 18, 2020

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

Monday, October 19, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, October 23, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, October 25, 2020

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



HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2020!

Help is needed for 2021... We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2021. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or Mary Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.

**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: _____



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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 has reached our goal this year of \$37,834. and **100% of every dollar raised above goal will be returned to our parish.** As of this date we have received \$37,860.00 in pledges from 137 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.*

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WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM