

# 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.



**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe**  
**November 22, 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](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)



**Christ The King, November 22, 2020**

5:30 Lanni & Zissel Families (D)  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Sally & Harold Bates Sr.  
11:30 Brian & Regina McCann

**Monday, November 23, 2020**

8:30 Elvira Castillo  
8:30 Diana Russo

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

8:30 Marguerite Aubert  
8:30 Paul F. Figalora, B'day Rem. (D)

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

8:30 Natalie Swibinski  
8:30 Cathy Trimarchi

**Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26**

8:30 Mass of Thanksgiving

**Friday, November 27, 2020**

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee

**Saturday, November 28, 2020**

8:30 Marguerite Aubert  
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

**First Sunday of Advent, November 29**

7:30 Mary Karwoski  
9:30 Rosario Flores  
11:30 Peter Buckley

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

**NO FIGURES AT TIME OF PRINTING**

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

**Readings for Sunday November 29, 2020**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

Today's message is clear, simple, stark... and not an option for us! We will be judged, and we will be judged on our kindness to others. Our final judgment will be based on how kind we were to those who needed our kindness. Unfortunately, the word 'kind' seems to have lost much of its power. I hope that we can once again empower this word because our salvation depends on it. There is nothing more important in this whole universe than the kindness we show to one another. And this kindness has nothing at all to do with mere politeness or being nice. This kindness is the heart of what it means to love.

Without kindness, marriage is just an empty shell. Without kindness, there is no true friendship. Without kindness, children die from neglect. Without kindness, the sick and the aged lose hope. Without kindness, life is not worth living. But when we let kindness be the main force that moves our heart, we will discover a power for life and love and hope and healing that we could hardly imagine.

As Jesus describes it, kindness is so powerful that it actually touches the divine. Every time we do a kindness to another human being, we do it to Christ. Our kindness touches Jesus, who is God. Our kindness touches the divine. In fact, it is guaranteed to do so.

As we look at this Gospel, one thing should be perfectly clear... **What is asked of us is what we can do.** We are not commanded to do impossible things. The King did not say, "I was sick and you healed me, or I was in prison and you freed me." But simply, you welcomed me, you visited me, you gave me some food and drink, you clothed me. These are things that each of us can do.

We all have different capacities to love and to give. Each of us needs to be aware of our limitations, but we also need to be aware of our possibilities. At times, we sell ourselves short, thinking that we can't do very much in this world to help make things better. That's a thought we need to get rid of at the first opportunity. Every single person has something irreplaceable to give to another person. We all have something we can offer to some other person that will make a difference in that person's life.

This is the life and love that Jesus Christ our King offers to us. It is the life and love we now offer to others.

✘ Thursday is **Thanksgiving Day**. Please join us as we gather for Mass at 8:30am to give thanks to God the giver of all good gifts! The Rectory and Religious Education offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday.

✘ **Advent begins next weekend!...Parish Advent Giving Tree** on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> / Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at all Masses.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.

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

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



**DON'T NEED YOUR FREE SHOP-RITE TURKEY?  
DONATE IT TO ASCENSION**

Shop-Rite, New Milford has agreed to hold any turkeys for us that are donated by shoppers who have earned them but don't need them. For our parishioners they have agreed to give us the free turkeys if we simply give them the Price Plus card number involved. This way, there is no need for you to pick up the turkey and bring it to us. Simply e-mail [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net) or drop off your Price Plus Card # (to parish office with this article) once you have earned your free turkey. **Sorry no turkey's just numbers.**

**MY # IS:**

**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](http://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!



"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: \_\_\_\_\_



*Wishing all families a Wonderful  
and Happy Thanksgiving*

**Calendar:**

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades all missing work is due

Wednesday, November 25, 2020- 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> all missing work is due

**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. Please make sure that all directions are followed on all sheets in the packet.

**NEXT PACKET PICK UP –is Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 10:30 and Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> 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

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

### UP-DATED Directives for Parish Liturgical Celebrations during the Covid 19 Pandemic

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, who have been exposed to an infected person, or have traveled to unsafe places listed on the CDC.gov website, are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days. *It is recommended that before Mass, everyone should check their temperature at home before coming to Church.*
  - Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass
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 multiple weeks**  
**Please call or E-mail** by 3:00pm on Friday.
  - **Full names of those attending, date/time of mass & phone #**  
201-836-3085 or [ascensionreled@optonline.net](mailto:ascensionreled@optonline.net)
- One Mass will be celebrated at **8:30am** in the Church (Monday-Friday). Our daily Mass will continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook.
- Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated & Livestreamed at **8:30am** in the Church.
- **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.

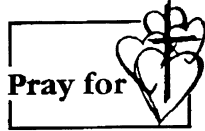
-Children must remain with adults at all times

-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 born...”  
Jessaris Arenas

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Elnora Gordon, Al Suter, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleck, 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, Vincent Guido, John Person 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  
Maria Morales

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
FLYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*BULLETINS  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday, November 22, 2020

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

Not Livestreamed

Monday, November 23, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, November 27, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, November 28, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, November 29, 2020

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

Not Livestreamed



**WE'VE REACHED OUR GOAL!  
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.** We have passed our goal. We have received \$38,560.00 in pledges. **Thank you** to the 142 families for your donations!

Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. **Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless.**



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## CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of us especially the needy in our community. Once again, we invite you to share in the *Spirit of Christmas* by participating in our annual Christmas Giving Tree Program. However, in order to ensure the safety of our community and ourselves, we've made necessary modifications to the program.

### GIFT CARD CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We are asking that all donations made to our Christmas Giving Tree Program be made by gift cards. If you prefer to make a cash donation we will purchase the gift cards for you. Please be guided by the following:

- Gifts for families of St. John's Parish, Fairview: \$10. or \$20. gift cards for Target or Walmart.
- Gifts for residents of N.J. Buddies Harrison House: \$10. or \$20. gift cards for Target.
- Macy's, Walmart or ShopRite.
- Gifts for local families: \$10. or \$20. gift cards for Target.
- Gifts for Ascension Food Pantry clients: \$10. ShopRite gift cards.

Please bring your gift cards to the Parish Center during regular hours or give them to Fr. David. Please place gift cards in envelopes marked "Christmas Giving Tree Gift Card" St. John; Harrison House; local families or Food Pantry. **All cards must be brought in by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

We *thank you* for your continued support and wish you good health and peace during this Christmas Season.

## BREAKING BREAD

With Daily Mass Propers

(First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2021)

Our Hymns/Missalletes with daily and Sunday readings for the 2021 Liturgical Year are available. You may purchase one beginning this weekend (Nov. 7-8), cost \$6.00 each. Please see Father David after mass or call the parish office (201-836-8961).

## 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.



**O** God of all things in heaven and on earth,  
you give all your people in the world the gift of life,  
the gift of family, the gift of work, and the gift of rest.

On this, our national day of Thanksgiving,  
we turn all our thoughts to you, from whom all blessings flow.  
Bless all our work, our friends, and our families both near and far.

We humbly ask for the ability to continue  
our work for your kingdom  
and the ability to gather freely to worship you without fear.  
We ask you to give our years ahead your blessing and protection.  
We ask all this through Christ the Lord, your Son and our brother.  
Amen.



### **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: \_\_\_\_\_



The Parish Center Offices will be closed Thursday,  
November 26th. & Friday, November 27th.  
In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.  
*"As a family of faith and love, we give You thanks Oh Lord*