

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 Parish Center 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 Parish Office 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.

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time October 31, 2021

+ 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 - Thursday

One Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.

No daily Mass on Friday

Holy Days: 7:30am, 8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Mass: 8:30am

+ Our Devotions +

Rosary is prayed Monday-Thursday & Saturday after Mass



PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER

PARISH OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021**

- 5:30 Jack & Elsie Boylan
- 7:30 Victoria & Florentino Daquigan
- 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 11:30 Anthony Poli

All Saints, Monday, November 1, 2021

- 8:00 Cila Polimeni
Viduya & Balagot Families

All Souls', Tuesday, November 2, 2021

- 8:00 All Souls Novena
- 7:30pm Prayer of Remembrance

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

- 8:00 All Souls Novena
All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 4, 2021

- 8:00 All Souls Novena
All Souls Novena

Friday, November 5, 2021

- All Souls Novena

**Saturday, November 6, 2021
Memorial**

- 8:30 Francisco Lichauco, Jr,
Elnora Gordon, Edward Loftus,
Sandy Blanco
- 5:30 All Souls Novena

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 7, 2021**

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Dylan Rohwohlt
- 11:30 Eufrocina Lazaro

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021: \$4,235.00

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

**Readings for Sunday,
November 7, 2021**

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb
9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
or 12:41-44

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Centuries of God’s devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven’t learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from “I and me” to “us and we” and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It’s a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven’t learned our primary lessons yet.

MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the parish center with the coupon below. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961.

Please 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: _____



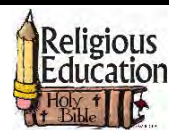
OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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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Calendar:

Monday, November 1st – No Class
 Wednesday, November 3rd – 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm. Sunday, Nov. 7th – Group A on line work due by Tuesday, November 9th. Group B on line work due by Tuesday, November 16th.
 Monday, November 8th – No Class
 Wednesday, November 10th – 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.
 Sunday, Nov. 14th – Group A on line work due by Tuesday, November 30th. Group B on line work due by Tuesday, December 7th.
 November 15th -- 7th & 8th Grade Group A in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm

Starting today Sunday, October 24th, Mrs. Carbone will be in the Parish Center for any family that may need assistance with their child's work from 9:30 to 11:30 am. She can be reach at 201-836-8961 only.

REMINDER to All 1st to 6th graders- All "On-Line" work is due for each chapter every week. Please email all results to ascensionreled@yahoo.com. Make sure that you include your child's name with the results.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp. Please meet Mrs. Carbone in the Courtyard of the Statue of Mary.

Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 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 – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center
 Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – Parish Center
 Closed: Thursday & Saturday
 Other times by appointment



Set clocks back at 2:00am on
Sunday, November 7th

These are our brothers and sisters
who now share Jesus' newness of
life in the Community of Saints

Margaret Lowe

Michael Chiappetta

Arnold Aranas

Denise Gallagher-Baum

Lissy V. Manuel

Harold Held

Robert Hackett

Robert Carucci

Salvacion (Sally) Mottola

Margaret Leaman

Rodolfo Abuzdo

Elnora Gordon

Anthony Zagaria

Eileen M. Klozblen

Sandro Panzera

Ann P. Wall

Andrew Comer

Gerard Harty

Jean Butler Reilly

Virginia Thompson

Brian McCann

Michael A. Forella, Jr.

Mary V. Paciullo

Mary Mullins

Marino Balducci

Carmelo Gorgone

Kim Nguyen

Joseph Arnone

Marcus Cudina

Duc Nguyen

WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Al Suter, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleeck, 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, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, Joseph Meyer, Neil Magbanua, Vincent Guido, Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Jerry Speciale, Sari Contreras, Sally Santiago, Deacon Harold L. Bates, Jr. 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, Staff Sgt. 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...”

All of our National and World Leaders.

“a time to die...”

Mary Mullins

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
David Jenkins



COVID DIRECTIVES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

“The Communion Rite

*The Sign of Peace should be offered but continue to be made without physical contact.

*Communicants will continue to receive Communion in the hand. If not fully vaccinated, they lower their masks to consume the host, then replace their masks. The chalice is still prohibited for the assembly.”

Please note: the only option for receiving communion at this time is in the hand.

Thank you for your cooperation & understanding.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if for the intention of your loved one.



Happy Halloween, Sunday, October 31, 2021

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

All Saints Day, Monday, November 1, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Parish Center Closed

All Souls, Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Prayer of Remembrance – 7:30pm

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, November 5, 2021

NO MASS

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Daylight Savings Time

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



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

ALL SOULS

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE 7:30PM



WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING

PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE

FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR

INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS

www.churchoftheascension.net

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



**OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY-THURSDAY**

8:00AM

**INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY MASS WILL
BE SAID PRIVATELY
BY FATHER JIM**

POSTURE AT MASS

When the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal was published the overwhelming majority of people have misread one of the instructions.

At the preparation of the gifts number 29 says: standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he (the celebrant) says: "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father."

Then it says: The people rise and reply.

This means that the congregation does not stand until the celebrant has finished his invitation. Then, the congregation stands and then responds.

**TO OUR FRIENDS TRAVELING TO PA.
NOVEMBER 17-19**

A MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 8TH AT 3PM IN THE CHURCH. WE WILL GO OVER THE ITINERARY, GIVE YOU YOUR LUGGAGE TAGS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CALL JOSIE OR ANNA.



**Church of the Ascension
Music Ministry
Come Join the Choirs!!**

Youth Choir

(all Parish Children grades 1-9 welcome)

Rehearses Saturdays at 4:00pm

Adult Choir

Rehearses Wednesdays 7:30pm

**To sign up or to receive more information,
Contact Glenn Gordon after Mass.**



**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
NOVEMBER 15th**

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.

- HOT COCOA-RICE KRISPIES-RAISIN BRAN
- MAYONNAISE-CANNED BEETS-LEMONADE MIX
- TOMATO SOUP-GRATED CHEESE-EGG NOODLES
- APPLE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE-GRAPE JUICE
- CANNED PEAS & CARROTS-MUFFIN MIX
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES-INSTANT STUFFING
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-DISH SOAP-SHAVE CREAM
- NAPKINS-LAUNDRY DETERGENT

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.



TURKEY TO DONATE?

Do you have a Shop Rite turkey that you would like to donate to our food pantry?

No need to pick it up.

If you qualify for a free turkey-please call the parish office, 201-836-8961, and give us your Shop Rite number.

We will be happy to pick it up for you & give it to the needy and less fortunate.

Thank you!

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 2021!

Help is needed for 2022...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 2022. 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.



**THE PARISH CENTER &
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**