

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ *Our Pastoral Staff* +

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Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education
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First Holy Communion



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 seasonally on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Parents should 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2024**

+ *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: 8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Mass: 8:00am

+ *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 *Week*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 11, 2024

5:30pm Kim Nguyen
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 James Zadroga
11:30 Remigio Lazaro

Monday, February 12, 2024

8:00 Jose & Lourdes Frio

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:00 Varghese & Family (L)

ASH Wednesday, February 14, 2024

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
7:30 People of Ascension Parish

Thursday, February 15, 2024

8:00 Chaku Thekken & Family

Friday, February 16, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, February 17, 2024

8:30 Percy & Erlinda Habana
49th Anniversary (L)

5:30 Angelo & Vito Cucco

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 18, 2024

7:30 Sr. Beata Victoria
Special Occasion (L)
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Michael Bruno

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

February 4, 2024: \$4,377.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$2,759.00
WeShare Maint. & Repairs: \$1,327.20

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

**Readings for Sunday,
February 18, 2024**

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1
Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code.





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 update my contact information
- _____ 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: _____

***Must be a family member**

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.



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

OUR 5:30PM MASS ON SATURDAY IS LIVE STREAMED AND APPEARS ON YOU TUBE FOR OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS TO VIEW.



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Calendar:

- Sunday, February 11th – 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)
- Monday, February 12th -- 6th, 7th & 8th Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.
- Wednesday, February 14th – Ash Wednesday Masses at 8 am and 7:30 pm. No Religious Education
- Sunday, February 18th – No Religious Education

Important:

Please remember that all On-Line Work is due on the following days:

For Sunday Program (1st to 5th Grades) by Wednesday of each week

For Monday Night Program (6th to 8th Grades) by Thursday of each week

For Wednesday Night Program (9th Grade) by Friday of each week.

Parents Please Remember that this work MUST be completed each week.

All families are encouraged to come to Mass each week and parents as also asked to review ALL PRAYERS with your child, they can be found in the back of each book.

Volunteers Needed:

In order for Children's Liturgy of the Word to start we are in need of volunteers to help with it at the 9:30 am Mass. This is a wonderful was in families can go to Mass together each week and is open to all children in in the Parish. If you would like to help PLEASE call Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center. 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.

We are in need of Substitutes for our Religious Education Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm – Parish Center

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon -- Parish Center

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment



2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent is the time for the faithful to be "ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, to prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises" at Easter (cf. *Paschalis Solemnitatis*, 6). The virtue and practice of penance is a necessary part of the preparation for Easter. Penitential practices such as fasting and abstinence are to be encouraged by the Church.

1. **The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.**

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. **The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.**
3. **The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.**
4. **The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.**

****Canon 920, § 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.***



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Louis Vallis, Marguerite Morris, Mary Anne Meyer, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu, Gerard Lee and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

Family Members: PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOMEONE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

Prayer list will be updated every three months

Next renewal date May 5, 2024

Please call office to renew or remove name

“a time to serve...”

Staff Sgt. James Penser, Langley AFB, VA 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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE, AND ALTAR FLOWERS for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Weddings Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS
www.churchoftheascension.net



SIGN-UP FOR
LENT FAITH SHARING GROUPS
In church this weekend after mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday evening
Beginning
February 16th-March 22nd
7:30pm in the church



Please help us to keep our shelves stocked over these cold winter months by donating one or more of the following most needed items:

PAPER TOWELS, NAPKINS, FACIAL TISSUES,
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, APPLE JUICE,
CRANBERRY JUICE, GRAPE JUICE, KETCHUP,
MUSTARD, MAYONNAISE, COFFEE, TEA, HOT
COCOA, COOKIES, CRACKERS SALAD
DRESSINGS. FLOUR, RAISIN BRAN CEREAL,
BAKED BEANS, BEEF GRAVY, CHICKEN
GRAVY, FRUIT COCKTAIL, RAISINS,
MANDARIN ORANGES, APPLESAUCE.

Your continued generosity to our ministry is very much appreciated. God bless!



FEBRUARY 14, 2024
MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
ONLY AT
8:00AM & 7:30PM

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HELP US FEED THOSE IN SHELTERS

Our Service Ministry supplies dinner every other month to the Homeless Shelter in Hackensack. Along with dinner, we need to supply 175 desserts for those without homes. As we cannot bring home baked desserts since the beginning of COVID, we are sending "Snack Packs" of cookies, chips, or similar items like those you would pack in a lunch. If anyone would like to help out and donate some of these they can be left in the large brown box located outside the pantry. Our next date to bring dinner is on Thursday, February 15th.. As always, your help would be greatly appreciated in securing these items.

Let us resume crocheting for Lent. If interested call 201-417-6444. Meetings will be held on Fridays from 3:30pm to 6:30. Requirements: please bring your own yarn, hooks, necessary materials and must have rudimentary knowledge of crochet. YouTube is a great source to learn. Thanks you, as always, Rosa Gutierrez

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more informaton at www.usccb.org/ccee. #1GiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.



MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund in memory of your loved one. Please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961 or stop by the office (located in the Parish Center-256 Azalea Drive)) to check availability.

Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

- ALTAR BREAD AND WINE \$25 per week
- ALTAR FLOWERS \$65 (per basket/per week)
- SANCTUARY CANDLE \$15 per week

MEMORIAL CANDLES:

___ SACRED HEART or ___ BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

<u>Donation Amount</u>	
\$25/1 month	\$100/5 months
\$45/2 months	\$120/6 months
\$65/3months	\$200/1 year
\$85/4months	

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF: _____

DATE REQUESTED: _____

REQUESTED BY: _____

Phone: _____ Donation Amount: _____

Please return completed form with your check made payable to Ascension Church

Please Notice This



HAVE SOMETHING FOR OUR BULLETIN??

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ITEMS FOR BULLETIN NO LATER THAN 9:00AM ON MONDAY BEFORE PRINTING DATE

ascension@optonline.net
Thank you for your cooperation



Church of the Ascension Music Ministry
Come Join the Choirs!!
(Youth Choir Rehearses Saturdays at 4:00pm)
To sign up or to receive more information,
Contact Our Director of Music
Glenn Gordon after Mass.

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FOR PARISH INFORMATION
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UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**

The Singles Support Group from St. Peter's Parish in River Edge is sponsoring a trip to Texas from March 6-13, 2024. For details and reservations, please call or text Kathy Marshall at 201 615 7824 or email at teacherkmm@yahoo.com

