Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us...

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David W. Milliken

Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina Elizabeth Delgado



Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7 & 8 Dena Sedlak, Coordinator of First Penance and 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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 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 Eucharístic 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

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646 (201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896 Website: www.churchoftheascension.com *E-mail: ascension@optonline.net*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE 256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646 (201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896 E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 10, 2024

5:30pm
7:30
9:30
Venessa Habana, Birthday (L)
Marge & Michael Bruno

Monday, March 11, 2024
8:00 Albert Suter
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
8:00 Rino Marchello
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
8:00 Juanita Santiago
Thursday, March 14, 2024
8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Friday, March 15, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:30 Donna Brown5:30 Michelle Garafalo

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2024

7:30 Jim Lacey

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Mary Buckley

PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

March 3, 2024: \$4,698.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,636.00
WeShare Maint. & Repairs: \$1,523.47
WeShare February: \$4,489.01

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

Readings for Sunday, March 17, 2024

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45





PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

During this Lenten Season please consider Stewardship, the sharing of your talents and time with any of the many ministries we offer here at your parish.

> Eucharistic Minister or Lector Sing in our Choirs (adult/children) Help plan our Parish Events Become an Altar Server, adult or child

Yes I am willing to share my talent & time, please contact me

Name:	
Phone:	Ministry:
——— (Please print and)	eturn to the parish office or in collection basket)



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ASCENSION EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, MARCH 16th, 11 am

We are looking for adults/older teens to help us with our Easter Egg Hunt planned for March 16th at 11 am. We are in need of people to man the "egg" areas to ensure that all children have an equal chance to collect their eggs. We are hoping to also have a table for some easy crafts that kids can work on.

If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form below as soon as possible and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Let's make this a fun day for the children of our parish.

NAME:



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 l	ike
to b	ecome a Parishioner
to u	pdate my contact information
to jo	oin a ministry
*to	let the Parish know of someone who is
ill, or hor	nebound & would like to receive
Commun	nion
Full Nam	ue:
Address:	
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

*Must be a family member

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

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.

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.

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS UPCOMING EVENTS WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Calendar:

Sunday March 10th -- 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Monday, March 11^{th} -6^{th} , 7^{th} & 8^{th} Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

Wednesday, March $13^{th} - 9^{th}$ Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

Sunday, March 17th – 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Lenten Soup Supper Tickets are on sale from any Confirmation Candidate, on line at WeShare or in the Parish Center for \$10 each, before 3/20/2024 or at the door for \$15.

Important:

1st Communion Candidates- PLEASE bring your finished Banner in by March 17th or 18th.

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.

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



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, March 11 @ 7:00 pm Saint Peter's, River Edge Confessions Saturday 4:00pm

Monday, March 18 @ 7:00 pm Our Lady of the Visitation, Paramus Confessions Saturday 4:00-4:30pm

Ascension

Saturday from 11:00-11:30am No Confessions on Holy Saturday





7:30pm
IN OUR CHURCH



FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd 5:30-7:00pm IN GYM

Lenten Soup Supper Tickets are on sale from any Confirmation Candidate, on line at WeShare or in the Parish Center for \$10 each, before 3/20/2024 or at the door for \$15.



"To everything there is a season...

"a time to be healed..."

Michael O'Connor, 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.

<u>Family Members</u>: 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



SHOP RITE HOLIDAY DINNER DEALS

Do you have a **Shop Rite Holiday Dinner Deal** that you would like to donate to the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry? No need to pick it up.

If you qualify and would like to donate your free Holiday Dinner item, please call the Parish office at **201 836 8961** and provide your **Shop Rite Price Plus number.** We will be happy to pick it up for you and give it to our Food Pantry Clients. Thank you! Please note: we do not accept perishable items.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

Our parish will sponsor a trip to The Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024. The cost is \$40per person and includes \$20 free play.

The bus will leave Ascension parking lot at 9am. You must have your ID/PLAYER CARD to get the bonus. If you do not have a bonus card, you can get one at the casino but, you must have ID such as your driver's license. Make check payable to Ascension Church. Fill in the form below and drop off with check at the Parish Center. Indicate on outside of envelope "RESORTS CASINO". For further info. call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)206-4297.

NAME	 	
#OF PEOPLE	 	
PHONE#	 	
AMT, ENCL.		



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

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Napkins, Fruit Cocktail, Raisins, Mandarin Oranges, Pears, Cookies, Crackers Raisin Bran Cereal, Grape Juice, Cranberry Juice, Coffee, Tea, Spam, Chili, Canned Chicken, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Flavored Rice, Instant Brown or White Rice

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



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>, MARCH 10TH SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

ANNUAL²⁰²⁴APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$17,514.00 already pledged. This is approximately 48% of our goal of \$36,642.00.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing or by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



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

Donation Amount

\$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



REINER HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING 201-794-3700



ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 5th*25th or 50th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating Christian marriage Anniversaries this year.

These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows below and will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

> June 2, 2024 at 12:00pm **For Fifty Years** ***

May 5, 2024 at 12:00pm For Five & Twenty-Five Years

Any couples who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years stunted by covid restrictions may still join us as well. Whether the milestone anniversary took place in 2020, 2021 (or even if you missed in 2022 or 2023), the certificates will still say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.

Please stop by the parish office no later than April 3 to complete registration form if you would like to be included in one of the celebrations.



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



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

