

*Ascension*  
OF THE LORD

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

**The Ascension of the Lord**

May 12, 2024

5:30pm All Mother's  
7:30 of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Living &  
11:30 Deceased

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

8:00 Juanita Santiago

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

8:00 Albert Suter

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

8:00 Michael T. Minko

**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

8:00 Peter, Thomas, Nicholas  
& Gianna (L)

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

No Mass

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

8:30 Thomas Seifert  
5:30 Margaret McEwan Bitetti,  
Tenth Anniversary

**Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024**

7:30 Conrad Sedlak  
9:30 Michelle Garofalo  
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

Sunday, May 5, 2024: \$4,424.00  
Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,527.00  
WeShare Maint. & Repairs: \$1,432.05

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

**Readings for Sunday  
May 19, 2024**

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
(see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-  
27; 16:12-15



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "**that they may be one, even as we are one**" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

— Father John Muir

**Sunday Afternoon at the Movies**

Join us Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Parish Center for "**The Scarlet and the Black.**" This is a request of Fr. Jim's Lenten group. The true story of Msgr. Hugh O'Flaherty's efforts to safeguard the Jews in Rome during World War II. This is a heavy drama with a twist at the end. If you will be attending please let the office know.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

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





**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**

**+ Our Pastoral Staff +**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	Rev. David W. Milliken
<b>Weekend Assistant</b>	Rev. Tim Graff
<b>Director of Music</b>	Glenn Gordon
<b>Parish Business Manager</b>	Serina Sharkey
<b>Director of Maintenance</b>	Brendan Suter
<b>Coordinator of Rel. Ed.</b>	Theresa Carbone

**PARISH CENTER  
PARISH OFFICE**

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**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.



**Important:**

New Registration forms for the 2024-2025 School year have given out to all families already in the program. All registration MUST be in by July 30<sup>th</sup> or a Late Fee of \$10 per student will be added. If you wish to register your child or know anyone who wishes to register in our program and are in need of a registration form, please call 201-836-3085 or stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish center during office hours- 9am to 4 pm daily. Forms can also be found on the parish website, [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com) – under the Religious Education Icon

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 Catechists and Substitutes for our Religious Education Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

**Religious Education Office Hours:**

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



**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.



## **PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**

**Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust  
the human person to mothers in a special way.  
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;  
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,  
for their intuition and encouragement,  
for commitment and sacrifice.**

**Bless all mothers this day.**

**Keep, strengthen, and refresh them  
in your loving care.**

**May they be blessed by our open-hearted  
love and gratitude.**

**Amen.**



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Joanne Albanese, 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.

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 August 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*



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Pauline Figalora**



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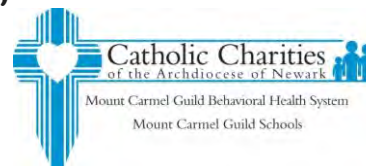
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### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

All donations made to the donation box in Shop Rite (New Milford) for the month of May will be for Ascension Parish. Please see the items of need posted on the box, purchase what you can- (every little bit helps) and place in box. Thank you for your continued desire to help those less fortunate.

### Mary, The Mother of Compassion



Mary has a special love and sensitivity for all of God’s children. This was manifested on many occasions but was most pronounced at the wedding feast of Cana in which she interceded for the bride and groom when the supply of wine was depleted at their celebration. We can imitate sensitivity to the needs of others by donating any unwanted clothing, knickknacks, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, toys, stuffed animals, and children’s books to Catholic Charities. The Donation Bins are located in the Church’s vicinity. Thank you.

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](mailto: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](http://www.churchoftheascension.net)

# ANNUAL <sup>2024</sup> APPEAL

Thank you for your prayers and support!  
**We Have Reached Our Goal!!!!**

We have \$39,886.00 pledged 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](http://www.rcan.org/sharing) or by scanning the QR code.



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In order to seat this council your help is needed. Look around you and recommend people you think would be a good fit for this council. You may also recommend yourself. If you have not been part of any group in the parish you may be the perfect person for this important committee.

Members may be part of a ministry (i.e. Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, etc) but NOT on any parish committees (i.e. Events, Social Concerns, etc.) with the exception of the member who is on both finance and Pastoral Council.

### Parish Pastoral Council Recommendation

I would like to recommend: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For membership on the Parish Pastoral Council as:

\_\_\_ 21 & under      \_\_\_ 22 to 55      \_\_\_ 56 & over  
 \_\_\_ Filipino      \_\_\_ African American      \_\_\_ Indian  
 \_\_\_ General      \_\_\_ General      \_\_\_ Finance Council  
 (please return to parish office or in collection basket)

## 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



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 TISSUE,  
 APPLE JUICE, CRANBERRY JUICE,  
 CANNED PINEAPPLE,  
 CANNED MANDARIN ORANGES,  
 SUGAR AND FLOUR.**

### FOOD PANTRY DROP BOX

Please note, our pantry is not manned every day. Therefore, it is imperative that you do not leave any perishables in the Pantry Box outside of the pantry. If you have a perishable to donate, call the parish office and they will contact a staff member to get back to you and arrange a time that you can drop it off to us. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

**On May 1st, Church of the Ascension Food Pantry starts benefiting from the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program at:  
 665 American Legion Drive, Teaneck NJ**

**Foster the budding excitement and make sure everyone knows that for every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet purchased during May, Stop & Shop will donate \$1 to Church of the Ascension Food Pantry!**

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 UPCOMING EVENTS  
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