

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

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Rev. Hilary Ocho

Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

Director of Maintenance

Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

Brendan Suter

Religious Education

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.



The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 30, 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 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00am 12 Noon

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

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 30, 2024

5:30pm John Carbone
7:30 Leonida Aglipay
9:30 Eileen & Mary McCann
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, July 1, 2024

8:00 Romeo Aranas

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

8:00 Albert Suter

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

8:00 Ludivina Fineza

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4, 2024

8:00 Mary Ellen Meyer

Friday, July 5, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, July 6, 2024

Memorial

8:30 Elaine Parodi
Nazario Contreras
Phillip Walter Green
Concepcion Manalo
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 7, 2024

7:30 Conrad & Eleanor Sedlak
9:30 Sr. Mary Joanas (L)
11:30 Robert S. Hall

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, June 23, 2024: \$4,537.00
Social Concerns: \$ 980.00
WeShare Social Concerns: \$ 206.57

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

**Readings for Sunday
July 7, 2024**

**Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2
Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a**



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how *easy* it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is *always* ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping.

— Father John Mui

PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 5:1)

We praise you and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, I the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today.

For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

**COORDINATOR
FOR PARISH EVENTS NEEDED**

This ministry of service is responsible for planning and holding events, i.e. Italian Night, Oktoberfest, Elvis, Craft Show, Bake Sales, etc. which take place here at Ascension. Without a leader or co-leaders future events may not happen. Please prayerfully consider leading your fellow parishioners who volunteer and meet to discuss and plan events for community building in our parish.

PARISH EVENTS COORDINATOR

I would like to volunteer my time and talent for this position. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please return to parish office or collection basket
In envelope marked Parish Events Coordinator
Or call the parish office: 201-836-8961



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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

WE RECENTLY INSTALLED A MONITOR IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. PLEASE WATCH IT FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION. ALSO THIS INFORMATION IS ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE AND CHURCH BULLETIN FOR YOUR REFERENCE.



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 30th 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 – 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:
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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.



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201-261-1561
Who make this bulletin possible

JUNE 30, 2024

**ASCENSION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, NJ 07646
201-836-3085**

REGISTRATION FORM 2024-2025

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

One Registration Form per Student

New Student? Yes ___ No ___ TODAY'S DATE _____

Parish # _____
Baptismal Cert. _____
Label List _____
Folder _____
Permanent RC _____
Pub Consent Form _____
<i>Office uses only</i>

SECTION I – Family Information

STUDENT'S FIRST & LAST NAME _____

STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ MALE ___ FEMALE ___ '24 - '25 Religious Ed Grade _____

LAST NAME OF FAMILY STUDENT CURRENTLY LIVES WITH _____

(Please indicate if student lives with mother, father or both) Mother ___ Father ___ Both ___ (Please check one)

NAME OF GUARDIAN (IF ANY) STUDENT LIVES WITH _____

MOTHER/GUAR. FIRST & LAST NAME _____

FATHER/GUAR. FIRST & LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

FAMILY E-MAIL _____

FATHER CELL PHONE _____ MOTHER CELL PHONE _____

SCHOOL STUDENT WILL ATTEND IN 2024-2025 _____ GRADE _____

SECTION II – Schedule and Fee – Please Mark your Child's Grade

Sunday -10:45 am to 12:00 pm: Grade: 1 ___ Grade 2 ___ Grade 3 ___ Grade 4 ___ Grade 5 ___

Monday- 6:50 pm to 8:15 pm Grade: 6 ___ Grade: 7 ___ Grade 8 ___

Wednesday – 6:50 pm to 8:15 pm Grade: 9 _____

FEE: One student \$120.00 Two students \$180.00 Three or more students \$220.00

(Plus a \$100.00 Sacrament Fee for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, due at the time of Registration.)

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“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, Danny Desena 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

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

2025 Mass Book Is Open

Please visit the parish office

From 11:00am-12 noon

To schedule your requests

MASS INTENTIONS

SANCTUARY CANDLE

BREAD & WINE

ALTAR FLOWERS

MEMORIAL CANDLES

PLEASE SEE FORM

**in Vestibule of Church or on Website
FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION**



WELCOME BACK FATHER HILARY!
We are so happy to have Father Hilary return to Ascension Parish. He will be with us for the months of July and August.
Let's all give him a warm welcome home!

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Can you help? Weekly our purificators (purificator is a white linen cloth used to wipe the chalice after each communicant receives communion) need to be laundered. Washed and ironed. We are in need of someone to volunteer for the months of **May and August beginning 2025.** Please contact the parish office, 201-836-8961, for more details and if you would like to volunteer your time and talents. Thank you!

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



Holiday Office Hours

**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024
HAVE A SAFE & ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY**

GOD Bless AMERICA

OUR SHELVES ARE GREATLY DEPLETED OUR PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our pantry is currently serving about 26 families from New Milford; about 57 people.

Each month we are receiving additional clients in need, referred to us by the town of

New Milford. With prices rising and donations dwindling, our shelves are empty in many areas, just as depicted in the picture above. We depend on the help of generous donors to keep our supplies going and our doors open. If each parishioner could help us with one or two items each month, it would do a lot to help us restock our shelves. When possible, we will even let you know what items are on sale at our local ShopRite for each week for items that we are in need of. Please consider helping those in need in our community. There is a drop box behind the YMCA, right outside of our pantry for donations, for NON-PERISHABLE items only.

Our needs for the upcoming months include:

BEEF STEW, APPLE JUICE, APPLE SAUCE, CANNED PEARS, MANDARIN ORANGES, CEREALS, CRANBERRY JUICE, LEMONADE MIX, TEA BAGS, JELLO, PUDDING, EGG NOODLES, FACIAL TISSUES, PAPER TOWELS, AND DISH DETERGENT

Please note that store brand items are always acceptable, as are products from other grocery stores such as Aldi's and Lidl's.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you have any questions, or would like to see our pantry, you can leave a message in the parish office and someone from the pantry will get back to you shortly.

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.



Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!!

School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!

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

(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