

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 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

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

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 18, 2024

5:30pm Ed Zampino

7:30 Peg Lacey

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Loretta Ricci

Monday, August 19, 2024

8:00 Clara Natividad

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

8:00 Patricia Rose Manton

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

8:00 Sandro Panzera

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 22, 2024

8:00 Timothy Cronin

Friday, August 23, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, August 24, 2024

8:30 Rosa & Pasquale Petrarco

5:30 Arnold Aranas

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 25, 2024

7:30 Gerald Stanig, 80 Birthday (L)

9:30 Luisa Garcia

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, August 11, 2024: \$4,436.00

Mission Appeal: \$ 429.00

Mission Appeal WeShare: \$ 37.01

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

Readings for Sunday, August 25, 2024

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17,
18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



GOSPEL MEDITATION

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the “**bread of life come down from heaven.**” Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to “**eat my flesh and drink my blood**” (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart *and* the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on *both*, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts *and* our bodies, faith *and* the Eucharist.

-Father John Muir

Queenship of Mary

Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn’t rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king’s mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary’s guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is “full of grace” and “blessed” in “all ages” because of the reign of her Son.



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



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 month of May 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!



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

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



Important:

New Registration forms for the 2024-2025 School year have been given out to all families already in the program. All registrations were due by July 31st and now there is a Late Fee of \$10 per student. 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.

Please know that the Religious Education Center will be open on Sunday, September 8, 2024 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am for anyone who wishes to come in for last minute registration,

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



Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of help for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 am Mass, which will restart in the Fall, for all children 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:

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one of 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.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Invites You to Share with us in the
40TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION
of the
Queenship of Mary



SCHEDULE OF NOVENA

August 17 (Saturday)	6:30 pm
August 18 (Sunday)	7:30 pm
August 19 (Monday)	7:30 pm
August 20 (Tuesday).....	7:30 pm
August 21 (Wednesday)	7:30 pm
August 22 (Thursday)	7:30 pm
August 23 (Friday)	7:30 pm

MAIN CELEBRATION

AUGUST 24, 2024 (SATURDAY)

**MASS: 5:30 PM PROCESSION TO FOLLOW THE MASS
PROGRAM & RECEPTION AT THE YMCA GYM (FORMERLY ASCENSION SCHOOL)**



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

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 November 4, 2024

Please call office to renew or remove name

“a time to serve...”

Staff Sgt. James Penser, Ramstein AFB, Germany. 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 Scott G. Gorman



BREAD and WINE this week Donated in loving memory of Joan Russo



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!

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Reservations are now open for our pilgrimage to Lourdes April 29 to May 9, 2025. In addition to Lourdes we will visit Avignon, Chartes, Lisieux and Notra Dame, which is scheduled to reopen this December.

Brochures will be coming soon.



ATLANTIC CITY RESORTS CASINO TRIP

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024
DEPART: ASCENSION PARKING LOT 9AM
COST: \$40 PER PERSON WITH A RETURN OF \$10 FREE PLAY
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ASCENSION CHURCH AND DROP OFF AT PARISH OFFICE

YOU MUST HAVE ID TO GET A PROMOTION CARD OR FREE PLAY
INFO. JOSIE (201) 265-0485 OR ANNA (201)206-4297

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

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.



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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



OUR SHELVES ARE GREATLY DEPLETED OUR PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our needs for the upcoming months include:

Lemonade Mix, Canned Spinach, Canned Mushrooms,
Raisins, Raisin Bran, Jelly, Facial Tissue, Laundry
Detergent, Shampoo and Conditioner.

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.



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

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.

Can you help?

Earlier this year someone broke into the Seminary where Fr. Hilary teaches. They beat up the gate keeper and shot one of the priests, luckily it only grazed him. This occurred when they were on vacation, thankfully. Fr. Hilary, along with 3 other priests had all their belongings stolen. Mainly their clothes, shoes, and laptops.

As you know Nigeria is not a wealthy country. If you are so inclined and would like to help Fr. Hilary and his brother priests out please put your donation in an envelope with his name on it and either drop off at the office or place in the collection basket.

Church of the Ascension Food Pantry has been selected again by the Store Leadership Team as a **Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program Nonprofit Partner!**

This time, your organization will receive \$1 for each specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of **September 2024** at:

20 Washington Avenue, Dumont NJ

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*