

Church of the Ascension

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+ 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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 22, 2024**

5:30pm Camille Zampino
7:30 Marcela Zuniga
9:30 Gregory James Poli
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, September 23, 2024

8:00 Jessie Brown

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

8:00 Brian McCann, Third Anniv.

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

8:00 Hilarion Matibag

Thursday, September 26, 2024

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Friday, September 27, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, September 28, 2024

8:30 Dionisio Paguntalan (L) B'day

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 29, 2024

7:30 Leandro Cabacoy

9:30 John Trimarchi

11:30 Abraham Thomas

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, September 15, 2024: \$6,000.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
September 29, 2024**

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)
/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "**Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me**" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be *in* Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in *me*. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— Father John Muir

Everyday Stewardship

If you have traveled on Southwest Airlines, you are aware of how they line people up prior to boarding. You receive a lettered group of A, B, or C and a number. You line up with your group and in sequence based on your numbers. This means that before every flight, you'll hear people ask over and over, "What number are you?" Some don't ask and simply place themselves in the line. I have been A-1 before and had someone stand in line in front of me. There is nothing before A-1 in the line! It is crazy the urgency of some to board the plane and get the perfect seat. For some, I think it has more to do with a sense of entitlement. No one is going to cheat me out of my place in line! I deserve it!

Of course, you can't deserve your place in the line more than another. We are all getting on the plane and going to the same place. In life, some of us act like people in a Southwest boarding line. We want our place in line, and we will sometimes put ourselves ahead of others without merit. Good stewardship allows us to see our actions in this regard as folly. Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." We are called to serve and not to be served. If we seek what we truly deserve in this life, we will find that we are not actually entitled to much. If we humble ourselves and seek to serve others, we will receive an abundance of good things, even though we still won't deserve it. For all we receive, whether we are A-1 or C-30, is a gift.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



EVENTS COMMITTEE

We are in need of someone to step up to chair our events committee. This is an important part of our parish life. Maybe 2 people could co-chair it. If you are thinking but not sure please feel free to contact Fr. Jim for a discussion.

Upcoming events we need to keep in mind:
Our Parish's 75th Anniversary is coming up in 2028
250th Anniversary of the United States in 2026

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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

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

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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Calendar:

Sunday, September 22nd -- 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)
Monday, September 23rd : 6th, 7th & 8th Grades Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.
Wednesday, September 25th -- 9th Grade in Parish Center
STARTING AT 6:30 PM SHARP PICK UP AT 8:45 PM
Sunday, September 29th – 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

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.

Registrations are still being accepted for this school year. 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.

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:

We in need of help for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 am Mass, which we would like to restart in the Fall, for 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:
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Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm in the Parish Center
Monday & Wednesday Evenings: 6:30pm to 8:15 pm

Church of the Ascension

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Any Questions Please Call:
 (201) 836-8961

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“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 **Gregory James Poli**



BREAD and WINE this week Donated in loving memory of **John Edward Rooney**



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 at doors

Please Notice This



HAVE SOMETHING FOR OUR BULLETIN??

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

(items will be included as space permits)

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

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

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 laundered. Washed and ironed.**

We are in need of someone to volunteers 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!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND



**THE FOOD PANTRY
CONTINUES TO NEED YOUR HELP!**

First I would like to thank all who have been dropping off needed donations in our pantry box. We greatly appreciated your help!

At this time, we are in dire need of coffee and tea for our clients. I am sure that most can agree, it can be hard to start your day without that warming cup in the morning.

Below are the items which are most in need for our Pantry at this time.

Tissues, Crackers, Coffee, Tea, Apple Juice, Cranberry Juice, Ketchup, Flour, Sugar and Canned Yams.

We can also use any personal hygiene or paper products you might like to donate, in addition to Size 6 diapers.

May God bless you for your generosity!

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.



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



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

In commemoration of the Feast of St. Francis we will once again collect items for two local shelters: Start II in Englewood and the Paramus Shelter. Below is a list of items they are in need of if you would like to donate. You may also donate a gift card to Petco or Petsmart, or cash. Drop off to parish office in an envelope labeled "Feast of St. Francis".

If you know anyone from outside the parish who will be attending the **Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 5 at noon**, please remind them to bring an item for animals in need. Thank you for thinking of these poor animals while they wait for their forever homes.

Friskies Pate Wet Cat Food, Purina Dry Cat Chow, Purina Dry Kitten Food, Purina Dry Dog Chow, Purine One Lamb and Rice Dry Dog Food, Gently used small blankets, small rugs, towels, pillow cases, bed sheets, face cloths, bleach, Pine Sol, and paper towels. May God bless you for your generosity.

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:

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| ___ 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