

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ *Our Pastoral Staff* +

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Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education
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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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 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

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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 29, 2024**

5:30pm People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Leandro Cabacoy

9:30 John Trimarchi

11:30 Abraham Thomas

Monday, September 30, 2024

8:00 Marlene Hellriegel

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

8:00 Manuel Garcia

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

8:00 Liway Caragay

Thursday, October 3, 2024

8:00 Ciriaco Guce

St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, October 4, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Memorial

8:30 Kevin Brock

Martin Valentini

Evelyn Lawlor

Robert Rein

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 6, 2024

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Beatriz Santos

11:30 Timothy Rooney

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, September 22, 2024: \$3,825.00

Social Concerns: \$1,017.00

WeShare Social Concerns: \$ 169.37

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

Readings for Sunday

October 6, 2024

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)

/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, “where the worm does not die.” If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the “little ones,” as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

— Father John Muir

Question:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? “Ordinary” is not in contrast to “extraordinary” or “special” but rather stresses the Latin language notion of “ordinal” or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a “measured” time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

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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.

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.

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. **On October 1st, Church of the Ascension Food Pantry starts benefiting** from the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program at:

34 West Railroad Avenue, Tenafly NJ



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Calendar:

Sunday, September 29th -- 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)
Monday, September 30th -- 6th, 7th & 8th Grades Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.
Wednesday, October 2nd -- 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
Sunday, October 6th – 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.

During the Month of October, the Religious Education Program will be hosting a “Baby Shower” for Several Sources, in Ramsey, NJ. This is a home to help young women and their babies that have no other help. We are again collecting Gift Cards to Walmart, Target and ShopRite and we will also be collecting diapers in all sizes. The diapers can be dropped off in the Pack’n Play located in the Church and ALL GIFT CARDS can be dropped off in the Parish Center, either in the Mail slot in the door or you can bring them in. Students can give them to their Catechist and we will take care of them. As always Thank you for your support.

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 5, 2024
at 12 Noon
Ascension Church
In the Mary Courtyard
All are welcome





PRAY FOR...

“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 Frank Friezo

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.

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



Lourdes Pilgrimage

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

Brochures at doors

HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2024!

Help is needed for 2025...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2025. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or Mary Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. If you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Can you help? Weekly our purificators (purificator is a white linen cloth used to wipe the chalice after each communicant receive s 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!



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

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



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!



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*



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 in the Blessed Mother Courtyard.** 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.

ATLANTIC CITY CAESAR'S CASINO TRIP

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Leaving Ascension parking lot at 9:00 am.

The cost of the trip is \$40.00

With a return of \$20. Free play

Checks payable to:

**Church of the Ascension & drop off at parish office.
You must have ID to get a promotion card or free play**

Information, please call

Josie (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201) 206-4297



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**