

Church of the Ascension

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+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

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Dena Sedlak, Coordinator of First Penance and
First Holy Communion



**The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 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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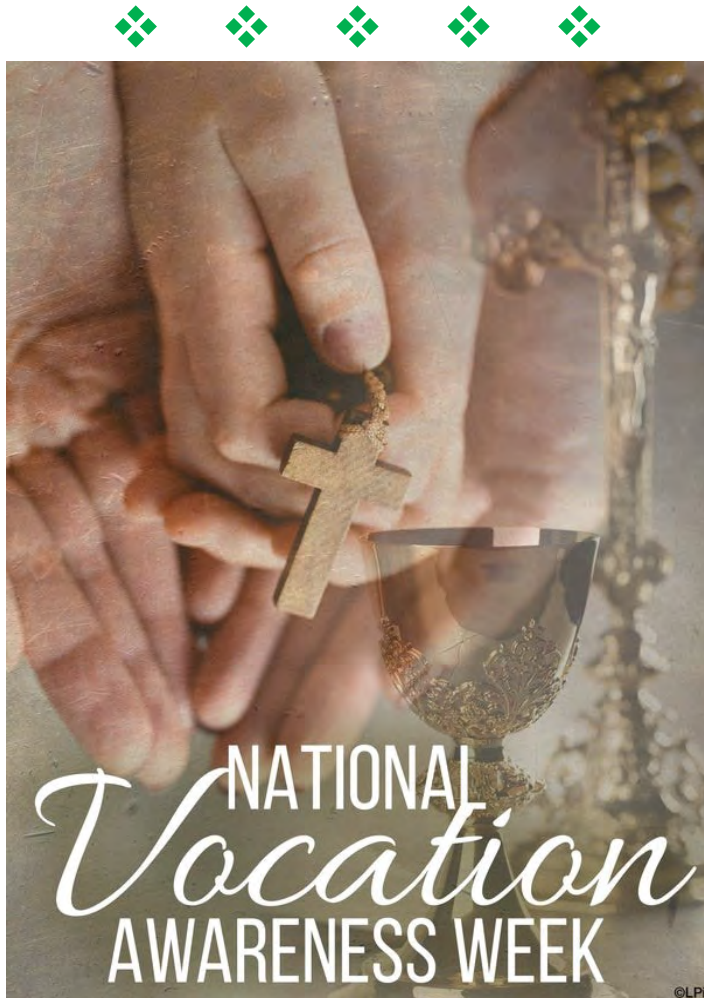
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions Week

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 3, 2024**

5:30 All Souls Novena
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Dylan Rohwohlt
11:30 Joseph Gorgone

Monday, November 4, 2024

8:00 All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

8:00 All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

8:00 All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 7, 2024

8:00 All Souls Novena

Friday, November 8, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, November 9, 2024

8:30 All Souls Novena
5:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 10, 2024**

7:30 All Souls Novena
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Regina McCann-42nd Anniv.

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, October 27, 2024: \$4,581.00
Hurricane Relief: \$1,411.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
November 10, 2024**

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

In our politically charged society, I imagine many have heard the quote, "It takes a village..." Whether or not one likes the politics of the author of that quote, in the words are truth. It takes many people to create and sustain a community.

For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. And vocations are an important part of the community. The vocations to priesthood, or the diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. However, we need to also speak about the vocation of married life as service to the church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rv 3:20).

We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete.

Let us pray...

God of the invitation,
you knock upon the door of everyone's heart.
We seek the courage to open that door,
for we know the responsibility of saying yes.
We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church
with compassion and acceptance.
We believe that when we say yes,
you will provide the grace for the work ahead.
Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated
their lives to constant service to your church.
Also give grace to those couples and single men and women
who work for the church in their secular lives.
We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother,
who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

"How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?"

-St. John Baptist de la Salle



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



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.

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)

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Calendar:

Sunday, November 3rd - 1st thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center) Monday, November 4th - 6th, 7th & 8th Grades Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm. Wednesday, November 6th -- 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm Sunday, November 10th - 1st 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.

Thank you to all families that participated in the "Respect Life" Baby Shower. All gift cards and diapers were taken to Several Sources in Ramsey.

During the month of November, we will be collecting can goods for the Parish Food Pantry. Please send in any canned goods with your child to give to Mrs. Carbone to deliver to the pantry.

All families as asked when emailing or calling your child out to please make sure that you give us their name and grade to help make sending the work by email easier.

Volunteers Needed:

We have resumed Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 am Mass, for all children in in the Parish. What a great way to go to Mass as a family. 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 2024-2025 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

Religious Education Office Hours:

Sunday - 9:15 to 12:15 when class is in session Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm in the Parish Center Monday & Wednesday Evenings: 6:30pm to 8:15 pm

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position: Maintenance Operations Manager
Department: Church
Reports To: Pastor
Classification: Part Time Non-exempt

General Description

The Maintenance Operations Manager is responsible for the upkeep and continued maintenance of the Parish Facilities.

Specific Duties/Responsibilities

The following specific responsibilities are representative of duties required in this position. They may be unilaterally but reasonably changed based on the working environment and departmental needs.

- Schedule and oversee regular maintenance of parish facilities
- Review all outside contractor contracts, including: Landscaping, HVAC, inspections, Etc.
- Oversee and coordinate decorating of Church for various celebrations, including but not limited to: Advent, Christmas, Easter, etc. Some of which would require a Saturday.
- Order Flowers, trees, hay etc. for Church
- Set up and clean up for various parish events
- Make sure all parish facilities and grounds are kept in good order and clean.
- Coordinate and collect any bids needed for parish projects.
- Be on call in the event of an emergency
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications/Skills

- Previous maintenance experience a plus
- Knowledge of maintenance in the fields of carpentry, electrical work, cement work, plumbing, sanitation, grounds maintenance and janitorial care
- Ability to understand a variety of technical subjects relating to maintenance
- Ability of communicate effectively
- Ability to make minor repairs.

Education and/or Experience

High School graduate or better.
Previous experience in the maintenance/construction fields

Physical Demands

The physical demands are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Send Resume and References to: Ascensionpastor86@gmail.com or mail to above address.

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“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
Joseph Gorgone



BREAD and WINE this week
Donated in loving memory of
Joseph Gorgone



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, Chartres, Lisieux and Notra Dame, which is scheduled to reopen this December.

Brochures at doors



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



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*



SUNDAY NOV. 3 @ 2:00AM

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



TURKEY TO DONATE?

Do you have a Shop Rite turkey that you would like to donate to our food pantry?

No need to pick it up.

If you qualify for a free turkey-please call the parish office, 201-836-8961, and give us your Telephone Number & Shop Rite number. We will be happy to pick it up for you & give it to the needy and less fortunate.

SORRY, NO TURKEY'S JUST NUMBERS

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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

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.

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.



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



THE FOOD PANTRY CONTINUES TO NEED YOUR HELP!

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

Canned Pineapple, Raisins, Mandarin Oranges
Spinach, Egg Noodles, Mashed Potatoes
Bread Crumbs, Jell-O-Pudding
Cheerios, Honey Nut Cheerios, Raisin Bran
Frosted Flakes, Rice Krispies, Toilet Paper,
Mustard, Cookies

May God bless you for your generosity!



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



ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024