

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

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Rev. David W. Milliken

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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 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10, 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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

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

5:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis
7:30 All Souls Novena
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Regina McCann-42nd Anniv.

Monday, November 11, 2024

8:00 All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

8:00 Charles Hellriegel

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

8:00 Maria Morales

Thursday, November 14, 2024

8:00 Erlinda Habana, Birthday (L)

Friday, November 15, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Memorial

8:30 Mary Karwoski
James Noonan
Leslie Garcia
Phyllis Adams
5:30 Peter Buckley

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 17, 2024

7:30 Danny Piro
9:30 John F. Coringrato
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, November 3, 2024:	\$4,846.00
WeShare October 2024:	\$5,144.16
All Saints:	\$1,191.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,343.00
WeShare Maint. & Repairs.	\$1,238.45

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

**Readings for Sunday
November 17, 2024**

Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/
Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Once at an evening Mass as a poor college student, the collection basket was fast approaching, and I only had a ten-dollar bill. I was planning on using that to buy my favorite Chipotle burrito that night for dinner. Should I keep the money? Who would know if I did? If I gave it away, what would I eat? Would I be okay? I kissed my future burrito goodbye, dropped the money in the basket, and winced. But strangely, the rest of the Mass I felt more engaged than usual. I had skin in the game. I left the Mass excited to see how God would take care of me. And he did, in amazing ways.

When the poor widow places two copper coins in the temple treasury, Jesus doesn't pity her. He praises her. He blesses her. He brags about her. He celebrates her as the temple's largest benefactor. Her giving is an act of radical, concrete trust in God. It is as if she is entering a new level of giving that excites Jesus, because she contributes not out of her abundance, but she gives **"everything she had."**

What a challenge this is to each one of us! How easy it is to ignore this! But imagine the eruption of the energy of faith, hope, and love that would be unlocked if our financial sacrifices to the Church actually tapped into daily bread and not only our disposable income. I challenge us to try this in some way this coming week and see what happens in our hearts. Even if it costs us a burrito.

— Father John Muir



NOVEMBER 11, 2024

Heavenly Father, King and Lord,
You instill in all of Your creation an
order and value.

You call Your children "very good."
We surrender to You

the conflicts that tear your family apart.

We pray for an end to blindness
that places pride, greed, power, and
selfishness above human dignity
and brotherly love.

We pray in gratitude
for all of those who have defended
peace, virtue, and justice with honor.

We pray especially for those
who have suffered in mind and body
from the ravages of war.

Let Your Kingdom come!

May Your peace that surpasses all
understanding
reign in our hearts and in our world.

Amen.



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)

ascension@optonline.net

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Calendar:

Sunday, November 10th - 1st thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Monday, November 11th - NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, November 13th -- 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm

Sunday, November 17th - 1st thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

REMEMBER WE HAVE STARTED CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT THE 9:30 MASS- ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

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 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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256 Azalea Dr
New Milford, NJ 07646**

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-SECOND 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 February 4, 2025

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 **Brian & Eileen McCann**



Altar Flowers for this week Donated in loving Memory of **Albert Suter**



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

**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



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.

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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Weddings Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



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.

BAKE SALE

A BAKE SALE WILL BE HELD ON **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH** AFTER ALL MASSES. WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF CAKE, COOKIES, BROWNIES, ETC. WE WILL ALSO NEED HELP WITH SETUP AND SELLING AFTER EACH MASS. CAKES CAN BE DROPPED OFF ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 7TH AT 4PM AT THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND DROP OFF AT PARISH OFFICE OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. ANY QUESTIONS CALL JOSIE (201)265-0485

YES, I WILL BAKE

NAME _____ PHONE# _____

YES, I WILL HELP WITH SETUP ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 4PM OR CLEANUP SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 12:30PM

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

YES, I WILL SELL AT THE _____ MASS

NAME _____ PHONE # _____



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!



WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
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