

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

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Religious Education

Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education
Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7 & 8
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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 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 17, 2024

5:30pm Peter Buckley

7:30 Danny Piro

9:30 John F. Coringrato

11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, November 18, 2024

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

8:00 Danny Piro

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

8:00 Czarina Viduya (L)

Thursday, November 21, 2024

8:00 John O'Shea

Friday, November 22, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, November 23, 2024

8:30 Bridget O'Shea

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Sunday, November 24, 2024

7:30 Fermin Abalos

9:30 Eufrocina Lazaro

11:30 Brian McCann, 25th Anniversary

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, November 10, 2024: \$5,159.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
November 24, 2024**

Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)
/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

GOSPEL MEDITATION

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every “world” we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It’s awful. But, second, Christ comes “**in the clouds.**” Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to “**gather his elect from the four winds.**” He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. “**Summer is near,**” he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn’t make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

— *Father John Muir*

Saint Cecilia | November 22

Saint Cecilia’s story, like many of the earliest saints’, is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was “singing in her heart to the Lord” at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian’s brother, Tiburtius.

Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn’t break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died.

The saint’s body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.



PENNSYLVANIA HOLIDAY SHOW TRIP

A meeting will be held on **Monday Nov. 18th at 3PM in the Church** for our friends traveling to **Sight & Sound and the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on Dec. 3rd & 4th**. We will go over the itinerary, give you your luggage tags and answer any questions you may have. If you cannot attend, please call Anna (201) or Josie (201)265-0485.

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 17th – 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)
Monday, November 18th – 6th, 7th & 8th Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
Wednesday, November 20th -- 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
Sunday, November 24th – NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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-THIRD 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 **Deceased Members of the Narvaez Family**

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

**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.



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
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS
www.churchoftheascension.net