

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ *Our Pastoral Staff* +

Pastor

Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David W. Milliken

Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

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Serina Sharkey

Parish Trustees

Elizabeth Delgado
Todd Henderson

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.



**First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 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

E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2024

- 5:30 Rino Marchello
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 David Jenkins
- 11:30 Albert Suter

Monday, December 2, 2024

- 8:00 Bob & Kathleen Cox & family

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

- 8:00 Mary O'Shea

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

- 8:00 Frederick Balagot

Thursday, December 5, 2024

- 8:00 Marie Theresa Oberst

Friday, December 6, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Memorial

- 8:30 Eleanor Lombardelli
Rino Marchello
Phyllis Adams
- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2024

- 7:30 Bernard Mallon
- 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 11:30 Madeline Henry

PARISH **\$**TEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

**NO FIGURES
AT TIME OF PRINTING**

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

**Readings for Sunday
December 8, 2024**

**Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6**



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Annunciation

**50 W. Midland Ave.
Paramus**

**Monday, December 2nd
at 7:00pm**

Ascension Church

**Tuesday, December 10th
at 7:00pm**

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
10 County Rd.
Tenafly**

**Monday, December 16th
At 7:00pm**

**Several Priests to Choose From
Reconnect-A Priest will Listen!**



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation toward the Christmas trees, wreaths and flowers which will be used to decorate our church this festive season.

Please place your donation and intention in the **Christmas Flower Envelope** or you may use **this form**. Please drop it in the collection basket or in the door mail slot at the parish center. **Please Print all information clearly on form or envelopes.** **Thank you!**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please Print Clearly

In Memory of: _____

or in Honor of (living) _____

Donated by: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

ASCENSION CHURCH
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.



Calendar:

Sunday, December 1st – NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Monday, December 2nd – 6th, 7th & 8th Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
Wednesday, December 4th -- 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
Sunday, December 8th – 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Important:

Reminder:

First Reconciliation Parents and Candidates, Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 11 am in the Church. We ask that all families please meet in the Church by 10:45 am so we can start on time.

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.

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.

Thank you to all families that participated in the Paper Produce Collection for our Parish Food Pantry.

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

DECEMBER 1, 2024



**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Once again, we invite you to share in the Spirit of Christmas by participating in our annual Christmas Giving Tree program.

Please be guided by the following:

- *Gifts for families of St. John's Parish Fairview: \$10 or \$20 gift cards for Target, Macy's, Walmart, or Shoprite.
- *Gifts for residents of N.J. Buddies (Harrison House): Wrapped with ornament securely attached.
- *Gifts for local families: \$10 or \$20 gift cards to Target.
- *Gifts for Ascension Food Pantry clients: Shoprite gift cards in \$10 increments: ie; one \$10 or two \$10's, etc.
- *Gifts for Care One (Woodcrest) New Milford: Wrapped with ornament securely attached.
- *Toys for Bergen County children that are without homes; in shelters, Holly House, Orphanages and Foster Care. Gifts are collected by the Bergen County Sheriff's Dept and distributed to children in need of Bergen County. Please wrap and mark with boy or girl and age range.

Gift cards can be dropped into the box located next to our Tree, or you can bring them to the Parish Center during regular hours. Gifts can be placed under the Tree. Please place gift cards in envelopes marked "Christmas Giving Tree Gift Card" and note the charity for which you would like it to be given (St John's, Harrison House Local Families, or Food Pantry). **All cards and gifts must be brought in by Sunday, December 15th.** The only gifts accepted after that date will be gift cards, which may not make it to the charity intended. Please be prompt. Any questions, contact the rectory and they will direct you to someone who can help you.

We thank you for your continued support and wish you good health and peace during the Holiday Season and the New Year.

**PLEASE NOTE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH THERE IS NO 8:00AM MASS**

**BLESSING OF CRÈCHES
December 22, 2024
At All Masses
You are welcome to bring your crèche to be blessed**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“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 Gerard Patrick Lee



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



Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated

on Monday, December 9, 2024

at 8:00am & 7:30pm

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED



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
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UPCOMING EVENTS

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



ADVENT EUCHARISTIC DAY
WILL BE CELEBRATED HERE AT
ASCENSION

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

8:00am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration All Day

7:30PM

Solemn Evening Prayer & Benediction

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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

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.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



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 # _____

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)

Early submission date from now until

January 5, 2025 Bulletin is Monday TWO weeks prior to printing date

ascension@optonline.net

Thank you for your cooperation

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.



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

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.

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.



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