

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

Parish Business Manager

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.



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 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

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Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896



Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2024

5:30pm William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 Bernard Mallon
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
 11:30 Madeline Henry

The Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9, 2024

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

8:00 Patrick Mallon

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

8:00 Mary Rose Mallon

Thursday, December 12, 2024

8:00 Donna Brown

Friday, December 13, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, December 14, 2024

8:30 Thomas & Jessie Brown

5:30 Rosemarie Piro

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15, 2024

7:30 Albert Suter

9:30 Robert Barratt

11:30 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH **\$**TEWARDSHIP
 REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, November 24:	\$5,756.00
Social Concerns:	\$1,202.00
WeShare Social Concerns:	\$ 260.94
November WeShare:	\$4,344.29
Sunday, December 1:	\$5,564.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$1,557.00
WeShare M&R:	\$1,504.17

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

Readings for Sunday December 15

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/
 Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Deanery 3 RECONCILIATIONS 2024

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!**

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



**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

BLESSING OF CRÈCHES

December 22, 2024

At All Masses

You are welcome to bring your crèche to be blessed



“JUBILEE 25”

The year 2025 will be a very special year for the catholic church. After 25 years, Pope Francis has declared 2025 a year of jubilee. Jubilee is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage. It takes place every 25 years. This year’s theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”. A year of hope, prayer, celebration and renewal of our faith.

Pope Francis will open the holy door of St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve, December 24th, 2024. The opening of the holy door represents the journey from sin to grace for every Christian and marks the beginning of the jubilee year.

Through prayer, may we arrive at the holy door with our hearts ready to welcome the gifts of grace and forgiveness that the jubilee offers us.

Here at Ascension, we will open “Jubilee 25” on January 5th, 2025, the Feast of the Epiphany. The jubilee will offer us an opportunity to participate in the various events that is planned and also in which we may obtain plenary indulgences

We look forward to this holy year here at ascension as we open our door on the feast of the epiphany.

We Will Start The Jubilee Year Off With The Following Events

- *January 26-Word of God Sunday
- *February 16-11:30 Mass for Police, Fire & Armed Forces
- *March 6-Lenten Program begins
- *April 6-11:30 Mass for Health Care Workers
- *May 31-12:30 Mass for the Anointed

More to come!

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.



Calendar:

Sunday, December 8th – 1st thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Monday, December 9th – 6th, 7th & 8th Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm

Wednesday, December 11th -- 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm

Sunday, December 15th – 1st thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Important:

Reminder:

Confirmation Students and Families

Sponsor Forms are due by were due on December 4, 2024 if you have not handed the Sponsor Form and Sponsor Name and Why, please bring to class on Wednesday 12/11/2024.

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.

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

**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.

SECOND 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 **William & Elizabeth Morris**



BREAD and WINE this week Donated in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



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



The priests affected by the robbery are so grateful to Fr. Jim and the parishioners of Ascension for their kindness and generosity. Thank you again. Father Hilary

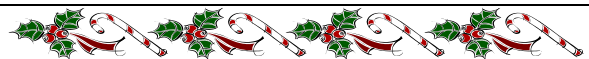
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service-praying, teaching, and caring for those in need-usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

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



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: _____

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

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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Our Breaking Bread Hymnals are for in church use only. Please do not remove them from church without request to and permission from Father Jim.



On Sunday, November 24, members of our Food Pantry Staff made a trip to St. Joe's, Oradell, to pick up 3 carloads and 1 pickup truck full of items donated by their parishioners to our pantry. We have offered our heartfelt thanks to Felicia Braun for orchestrating this massive donation for us.

I would also like to take this moment to thank the pantry staff who spent their entire Sunday picking up, unloading, sorting and marking all items received. To those who spent the day in the pantry, you guys are the best! Thank you for all you do to help feed those in need! Joan

The members of the Ascension Food Pantry would like to thank all who called in their ShopRite card numbers to donate a free turkey to our clients. Thanks to your help, every family enjoyed a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner. We hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and wish you all a blessed holiday season to come.

THANK YOU to **The Bakery**, located at 99 N. Washington Ave. Bergenfield for their continued generous donation of bread that was given out after our Thanksgiving Mass.



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.



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REMEMBER TO PURCHASE RELIGIOUS
CHRISTMAS STAMPS



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