

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.



The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

+ 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

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 16, 2025

5:30pm Vito & Angelo Cucco
7:30 Thomas Carter
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Remigio Lazaro

Monday, February 17, 2025

8:00 Joan Murray

Tuesday, February 18, 2024

8:00 Rene So

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:00 Peter Grecco

Friday, February 21, 2025

No Mass

Saturday, February 22, 2025

8:30 C.V. Cheriyan

5:30 Kim Nguyen

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 23, 2025

7:30 Eugene Pueyo (L)
9:30 Cathy Trimarchi
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, February 9, 2025: \$4,476.00
Fuel: \$1,141.00

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

**Readings for Sunday,
February 23, 2025**

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

GOSPEL MEDITATION

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": "**Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of**" (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the *purpose* of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— *Father John Muir*

**Appreciation Mass for members of the
Armed Forces, Firefighters, Police, and Ambulance
Sunday, February 16th at 11:30AM**

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

Please respond to the most recent Annual Appeal mailing and join us in supporting the vital ministries that can only be done together. We are grateful to share that we have already received \$9,820.00 in pledges—thank you to all who have given so generously! Your support of the 2025 Annual Appeal helps sustain the mission of Christ in our Archdiocese.

Our goal of \$37,520.12 can only be reached through your generosity and sacrifice. If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so today. To make an online gift, please visit rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithful support of our Catholic mission. May God bless you abundantly!



“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 opened 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 opened “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.

We Will Start The Jubilee Year Off With The Following Events:

- *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!

OUR PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are in great need for the next few months of personal hygiene items. We could really use some help with donations of shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tooth paste, shaving cream and bar soap. Also, mayonnaise, mustard, Jell-O and laundry detergent. Please keep an eye out for sales for these items and help us if you can. Even just one item can help us to supply these to those in need. Thank you once again for your generosity to this most important ministry to those in need!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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



Calendar:

- Sunday, February 16th- No Religious Education
Monday, February 17th- No Religious Education
Wednesday, February 19th-No Religious Education
Sunday, February 23rd- 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Important Reminder:

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 – 9:00 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

ALL ARE WELCOME!
PARISH EVENTS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
AT 7:30PM IN THE PARISH CENTER



ROMAN PIZZA & RESTAURANT
201-265-9371



Ascension Annual Soup Supper

March 28, 2025

From 5:30 pm to 7 pm

Location: Fr. Benedict Center (YMCA GYM)

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Tickets can be purchased
from any Confirmation Student,
or from Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center
during regular Office Hours.

Last day to purchase tickets in advance
will be March 21, 2025.

Tickets at the door will be \$15.00.



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Marguerite Morris, 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 May1, 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.

“a time to die...”

Evelyn Robertson

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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.

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.

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

PART TIME MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR ASCENSION CHURCH NEEDED

Please see website: www.churchoftheascension.com For complete position description



MEMORIALS

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

Table with 2 columns: Donation Amount and corresponding price (e.g., \$25/1 month, \$100/5 months)

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

DATE REQUESTED:

REQUESTED BY:

Phone: Donation Amount:

Please return completed form with your check made payable to Ascension Church



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

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Empty Bowls

Fighting to end world hunger, one bowl at a time.

Friday, March 14th 5-8pm in the New Milford High School Cafeteria. With live music by the Ugly George Show @the_ugly_george_show

**\$15 for a student-made bowl
and all you can eat soup, bread, and dessert.
Dine in only!**

Children under 5 are \$10!

**payment and Donations must be Cash or
Check made out to the "NMHS Activity Fund"**

Join us for an evening of all you can eat soup and live music as we **support the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry of New Milford**. We will be accepting non-perishable and non-expired food items.



SIGN-UP FOR LENT FAITH SHARING GROUPS

In church next weekend after mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening

March 7th-April 11th

7:30pm in the church

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 11th at 7:00pm

St. Joseph, Oradell



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 be prayed for or receive Communion

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

**must be self or family member*

Jubilee Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 25th in the Parish Center, 7:30pm



PALM PALM

Please deposit any palm you would like to dispose of in box in the front vestibule of church. Box will be there until March 2. It is imperative that you remove all staples, string, rubber bands etc. from palm branches, as they will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday on March 5th.



Add your voice

**Church of the Ascension Music Ministry
Come Join the Choirs!!
(Youth Choir Rehearses Saturdays at 4:00pm)
To sign up or to receive more information,
Contact Our Director of Music
Glenn Gordon after Mass.**



**PARISH CENTER OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY-FEBRUARY 17TH**

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
Thank you for your cooperation**