

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

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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 First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 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.

Closed 12 noon-1:00pm

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 Week
Intentions

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025

5:30pm William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Phyllis Adams

11:30 John Barratt

Monday, March 10, 2025

8:00 Venessa Habana (L)

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

8:00 Ryan John Dunn

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

8:00 Jack Barrett

Thursday, March 13, 2025

8:00 Salvador Valenzona

Friday, March 14, 2025

No Mass

Saturday, March 15, 2025

8:30 Jeffrey Cronin

5:30 Phyllis Adams

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025

7:30 Maria Natividad-Villaluna

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Phyllis Adams

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, March 2, 2025: \$5,089.00

Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,949.00

WeShare Maint & Repair: \$1,401.71

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

**Readings for Sunday,
March 16, 2025**

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



Lenten Fasting and Feasting...

Let us...

...fast from complaining and feast on gratitude

...fast from harsh judgments and feast on kind thoughts

...fast from worry and feast on trust in God to provide

...fast from discouragement and feast upon hope

...fast from bitterness and feast on forgiveness

...fast from hatred and feast upon returning good for evil

...fast from anger and feast on patience

...fast from pettiness and feast on becoming mature

...fast from jealousy and feast on praying for trust

...fast from gossiping and feast on controlling your tongue

...fast from sin and feast on virtue

...fast from giving up and feast on perseverance

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

The 2025 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$21,212.00 already pledged. This is approximately 56% of our goal of \$37,520.12.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing or by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for your prayers and support.





“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:

- *April 6-11:30 Mass for Health Care Workers
*May 31-12:30 Mass for the Anointed
More to come!

As we continue our celebrations for "Jubilee 25" we would like to invite you to an Appreciation Mass for Health Care Workers. This Mass will honor all Nurses, Technicians, Aides, Doctors, Hospital Administrators, care givers and medical professionals.

The appreciation Mass will be held on Sunday, April 6th at 11:30AM.

Refreshments will be served at the "Y" after the Mass. Please join us!

If you would like to attend this special Mass, please fill out the form below and drop off at the Parish Center or drop in the collection basket NO LATER THAN MARCH 30th.

Appreciation Mass for Health Care Workers

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____



Calendar:
Sunday, March 9th – 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)
Monday, March 10th– 6th, 7th & 8th Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
Wednesday, March 12th—9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
Sunday, March 16th – 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.

Parish Lenten Soup Supper:

Lenten Soup Supper Tickets are on sale from any Confirmation Candidate, or in the Parish Center for \$10 each, before 3/21/2025 or at the door for \$15.

Volunteers Needed:

- † We have resumed Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 am Mass, for all children 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

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



Lenten Penance Services

**Monday, March 10 @ 7:00 pm
Saint Joseph's, Oradell**

**Monday, March 24 @ 7:00 pm
Saint Mary's, Dumont**

**Saturday, March 29 @ Noon
Saint John's, Bergenfield**

**Monday, March 31 @ 7:00 pm
Saint Therese, Cresskill**

**Monday, April 7 @ 7:00 pm
Saint Peter's, River Edge**

Ascension

Confessions

Saturday's from 11:00-11:30am

No Confessions on Holy Saturday



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



“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 May 1, 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**

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.

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



PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

During this Lenten Season please consider Stewardship, the sharing of your talents and time with any of the many ministries we offer here at your parish.

Sing in our Choirs (adult/children)
Help plan our Parish Events
Become an Altar Server, adult or child

Yes I am willing to share my talent & time, please contact me

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Ministry: _____

(Please print and return to the parish office or in collection basket)

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

\$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: _____

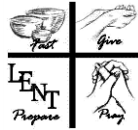
Please return completed form with your check
made payable to Ascension Church

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

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

CANCER SUPPORT PRAYER GROUP

We are looking to start a Prayer Group for people who have or have had cancer. If you have or had cancer and are looking for fellowship and support, please email ascensionprayergroup@gmail.com. This confidential group is looking to begin meeting Tuesday, April 22, 2025 in the Parish Center at 7:30pm. Future monthly meeting dates to be discussed.



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

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!

Lent – Sacrifice - Clothing Bins -Any Connection?

Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we do so, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books to the Catholic Charities clothing bin? If you do, you have made the connection and you have moved closer to Christ. Thank you.



BURNING OF PALM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening
March 7th-April 11th
7:30pm in the church

ASCENSION ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

Friday, March 28, 2025

PART TIME MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR ASCENSION CHURCH NEEDED

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



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