

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ *Our Pastoral Staff* +

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Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education
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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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Mass  for the Intentions *Week*

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 6, 2025

- 5:30pm Selina Castor (L)
- 7:30 Percy Habana (L)
- 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 11:30 Jessie Brown

Monday, April 7, 2025

- 8:00 Dalten Family

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

- 8:00 Nina Cammariere

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

- 8:00 Elsen Villaluna (L)

Thursday, April 10, 2025

- 8:00 Mr & Mrs Tiffany Castor (L)

Friday, April 11, 2025

No Mass

Saturday, April 12, 2025

- 8:30 Msgr. Francis A. Fox
- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, April 13, 2025

- 7:30 Jovita Balagot
- 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 11:30 Donna Brown

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, March 30, 2025:	\$4,995.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 985.00
WeShare CRS:	\$ 110.00

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

**Readings for Sunday,
April 13, 2025**

**Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49**



Lenten Penance Services

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

**Ascension
Confessions**

Saturday from 11:00-11:30am



**Every Friday evening
7:30pm in the church**



EASTER FLOWERS



You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will be used to decorate our Church. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or a special intention. You may use the flower donation envelope you received in your Easter mailing or this form. Please place form & donation in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" & drop off at the parish center or in the collection basket.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

In Memory of:

For the Intention of:

Requested By: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____



“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:

- *May 31-12:30 Mass for the Anointed
 - *June 1 & 8-Afternoon at the movies & pizza
- More to come!**

MASS FOR THE ANOINTED

“Are there any sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the church, let them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick person and the Lord will raise them up...” (James 5:14-15)

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was called “Extreme Unction” or “Last Rites.” This sacrament is not only for those who are at the point of death but for those who are gravely ill, having serious surgery or the elderly as their health begins to change.

On Saturday May 31 we will celebrate and Mass of Anointing here at Ascension at 12:30 PM.

Those who meet the criteria for the reception of the sacrament are asked to register for the Mass.

Pre-registration is required. “Walk-ins” will not be admitted to the sacrament.

Name of person to be anointed: _____

Name of Aide: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Will you be attending the light lunch after Mass? _____

How Many? _____

Would you like to be added to the Communion Call List? _____

Please return to parish office no later than May 19



Calendar:

- Sunday, April 6th – 1st thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)
- Monday, April 7th – 6th, 7th & 8th Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
- Wednesday, April 9th – 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
- Sunday, April 13th – Palm Sunday

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.

1St Communion Rehearsal:

- Reminder that we have rehearsal for all Communion Candidates on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 7 pm in the Church. The Candidate and ONE Parent only must be here by 6:55 pm.
- First Communion will be on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at the 5:30 pm Mass, please meet in the Parish Center at 5:00 pm for Mass.

Confirmation Rehearsals:

- We have rehearsal for all Confirmation Candidates on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:55 pm in the Church for Candidate only and on Friday, April 25, 2025 at 6:55 pm must be here by 6:55 pm, for Candidates and Sponsors.
- Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at the 11:30 am Mass, please meet in the Parish Center at 11:00 am for Mass.

Religious Education 2025-2026

New Registration forms for the 2025-2026 School year were sent home to all families already in the program. Please check with your child. If you have a child that is entering the 1st Grade in the Fall and wish to register your child in our program, please call 201-836-8961 or stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish center during office hours- 9am to 4 pm daily.

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

APRIL 6, 2025

Church of the Ascension

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2025

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Masses: 5:30pm (Saturday Vigil)
7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am

Easter Triduum



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Morning Prayer 8:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Adoration until 11:00pm
Night Prayer 10:45pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Morning Prayer 8:00am
Choral Meditations at 2:30pm
Good Friday Liturgy 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 8:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Morning Prayer 8:00am

THE EASTER VIGIL 8:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Masses: 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am

No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday

THE FIFTH 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.

“a time to die...”

Gracia Teresa G. Mon

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE FOR MUSICIANS

Archdiocesan Jubilee For Musicians-to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si’, a performance of Haydn’s Creation will be offered by a 90-voice choir comprised of various singers from parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark with the Cathedral Choir, soloists and accompanied by the New Jersey Symphony. The concert takes place in the Cathedral Basilica on Friday evening, May 2nd, at 8 pm – no tickets necessary, admission is free. For more info, call 973-484-2400, or visit: www.cathedralbasilica.org.

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

**PART TIME
MAINTENANCE
OPERATIONS MANAGER
FOR
ASCENSION CHURCH
NEEDED**

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

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.

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.



**ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR
5th*25th or 50th**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

The Archdiocese of Newark is excited to announce that they are once again preparing for the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Catholic marriage in the Jubilee Year 2025! These anniversary liturgy will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on **June 1, 2025 at 3:00pm**.

All family members are welcome!

Please stop by the parish office no later than April 25 to complete registration form if you would like to be included in the celebration.

MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund in memory of your loved one. Please complete form (in vestibule of church) and stop by the parish office to check availability.

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE \$25 per week
ALTAR FLOWERS \$65 (per basket/per week)
SANCTUARY CANDLE \$15 per week

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

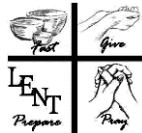
The 2025 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$30,202.00 already pledged. This is approximately 80% of our goal of \$37,520.12.

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 or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Thank you for your prayers and support.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$1,095.00 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources." #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.



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



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SHOP RITE HOLIDAY DINNER DEALS

Do you have a [Shop Rite Holiday Dinner Deal](#) that you would like to donate to the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry? No need to pick it up.

If you qualify and would like to donate your free Holiday Dinner item, please complete & drop this form off to the parish office/collection basket.

NAME: _____
SHOP RITE CARD # _____
PHONE # _____



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)



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

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

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)

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Thank you for your cooperation