

# 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

### **Visiting Priest**

Rev. Hilary Ocho

### **Parish Business Manager**

Serina Sharkey

### **Weekend Assistant**

Rev. Tim Graff

### **Director of Music**

Glenn Gordon

### **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.



**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 31, 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

Email: [Secretary@churchoftheascension.com](mailto:Secretary@churchoftheascension.com)

Website: [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

Email: [reled@churchoftheascension.com](mailto:reled@churchoftheascension.com)

(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

5:30 Luisa Garcia  
7:30 Jean Thomson  
9:30 Josephine Schreiber  
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Labor Day**

**Monday, September 1, 2025**

8:00 Theresa Lacey

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

8:00 Kristoffer Juan

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

8:00 Paul L. Von Arx

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

8:00 Mr. & Mrs. Duarte

**Friday, September 5, 2025**

No Mass

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

**Memorial**

8:30 Sabina Develleres  
John Ferrari  
Angela Ulmer  
Carol Omodeo

5:30 Eileen McCann-5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Courtney Villaluna (L)  
11:30 Philomena Adams

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

**Sunday, August 24, 2025: \$3,908.00**  
**Social Concerns: \$1,017.00**  
**WeShare Social Concerns: \$ 142.86**

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

**Readings for Sunday  
September 7, 2025**

**Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17  
(1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33**



**A Note of Gratitude**

I wish to express my gratitude to you all for the hospitality. I thank the Pastor Fr. Jim who has always been kind and welcoming. I thank him for the wonderful time spent and for the fraternal experience shared. I remain grateful to the parishioners for their love, care and concern. You have always made me feel at home here in Ascension and I cannot wish for another. My gratitude also goes to the staff for the good times we shared.

I pray that the Good Lord will continue to bless you all.  
Thank You.

**Father Hilary**



**Prayer for Students**

Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for the gift of learning!  
I want to grow closer to you  
in everything I do at school.  
In math and science, help me to see  
your beautiful plan in the world.  
Help me to discover new stories  
and values as I read and write.  
In arts and music, help me to be creative.  
In sports, help me to treat my teammates  
and my opponents fairly.  
Help me to learn new skills  
in technology.  
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.  
Help me to listen with open ears,  
an open heart, and an open mind  
to all my teachers at school.  
Help me to treat my classmates  
with care, kindness, and respect.  
Thank you, Jesus, for school!  
Amen.



## “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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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

### NEW BULLETIN EMAIL ADDRESS

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)

[bulletin@churchoftheascension.com](mailto:bulletin@churchoftheascension.com)

**NOTE: All submissions must go to this email address**

**Thank you for your cooperation**

## 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.



### Important:

New Registration forms for the 2025-2026 School year have given out to all families already in the program. If you wish to register your child or know anyone who wishes to register in our program and are in need of a registration form, please call 201-836-3085 or stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish center during office hours- 9am to 3:30 pm daily. Forms can also be found on the parish website, [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com).

### REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please know that the Religious Education Center will be open on Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am for anyone who wishes to come in for last minute registration,

All families are encouraged to come to Mass each week and parents as also asked to review ALL PRAYERS with your child, they can be found in the back of each book.



### Volunteers Needed:

We in need of help for Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 am Mass, which will restart in the Fall, for all children in in the Parish. 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 2023-2024 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

Religious Education Office Hours:

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Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center



**LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2025**

**ONE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 8:00AM**

**PARISH CENTER OFFICES**

**WILL BE CLOSED**

# Religious Education

## 2025-2026 ASCENSION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration is still going on. If you have not registered your child/ren, please do so as soon as possible. Please remember one form per student must be completed and returned to the Religious Education Office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All registrations will be charged an Additional \$10.00 late fee per student after July 30, 2025.

If you intend to have your son/daughter continue with his/her religious education at Ascension Parish, kindly complete a Registration form and return to the Religious Education office or Parish Center as soon as possible.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Center or can be downloaded from the parish website:

[www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com).

**THANK YOU**

**The Ascension Religious Education Staff:**

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**"To everything there is a season..."**

**"a time to be healed..."**

Marguerite Morris, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu, Gerard Lee, Marguerite Raptopoulos 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 November 1, 2025**

**Please call office to renew or remove name**

**"a time to serve..."**

Tech 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 our National and World Leaders.

**"a time to die..."**

**Thomas J. Bruno**

**and a time for every purpose under heaven"**

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Phyllis Adams**



**BREAD and WINE** this week

Donated in loving memory of **Eileen, Brian Sr., Brian Jr. & Regina McCann**



**"New Way to Donate to Our Food Pantry:**

As our food collections have dwindled quite a bit, we thought we might try something new.

Each month we will publish four items as "Item of the Week". Just think, if every family donated one of the items, we would have enough to provide them to our client for several months! Items can be dropped in our pantry bin during any week of the month. This way you can check on sales wherever you do your shopping. And for a hint, places like dollar stores sometimes have prices way lower than grocery stores! So lets give it a try!

**September**

**Week 1-Apple Sauce**

**Week-2 Mayo**

**Week 3-Instant Mashed Potatoes**

**Week 4-Tissues**

Or items can be dropped off in the ShopRite donation bin through August.

As always, we are grateful to have such a giving parish that supports our very important ministry to our neighbors in need. God bless all who help us! "

**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.

**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.



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**FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR**  
**INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS**  
**[www.churchoftheascension.net](http://www.churchoftheascension.net)**

## CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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

Please see website:  
[www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)  
For complete position description

**DO YOU LIKE TO BUILD THINGS WITH WOOD?**  
**We need someone who is handy with wood to build us a new Creche for outside. If this is you please call the Parish office.**

### **TV MONITOR**

IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. PLEASE WATCH IT FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION. THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE:  
[www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com).



### **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 receive Communion

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Must be a family member

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE  
FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
FLYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*BULLETINS  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

### **ARE YOU COMPUTER SAVVY?**

We are looking for a couple of people who know their way around websites. If this is you, please call the Parish office. We are looking for a couple of people who are able to update our parish website in a timely manner. This does not require a lot of time. Once the site is mastered you would put up and take down information and keep the site current and attractive.

### **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)**

Have you been baptized Catholic and are missing a sacrament (Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation)?  
Have you been baptized in another denomination and would like to join the Catholic Church?  
Are you unbaptized and would like to become Catholic?  
If you answered yes to any of these questions then please give the parish office a call. We would like to begin classes as soon as possible.



### **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