

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 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

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Email: Secretary@churchoftheascension.com

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Mass for the Week
Intentions

Catechetical Sunday

Sunday, September 21, 2025

5:30 Phyllis Adams
7:30 Ramon Collado
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Rev. George Shema

Monday, September 22, 2025

8:00 Julie and Phil Carbone

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8:00 Jessie Brown

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

8:00 Brian McCann-4th Anniversary

Thursday, September 25, 2025

8:00 Hilarion Matibag Jr.

Friday, September 26, 2025

No Mass

Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:30 Gregory James Poli
5:30 Dominic Nguyen

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 28, 2025

7:30 Mary Ann Mallon
9:30 John 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, September 14, 2025 \$5,120.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
September 28, 2025**

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18,
19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18
Lk 18:9-14



The word "catechesis" means "to echo." Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord. Some people are called and set apart in our communities as catechists, those formally trained and charged with passing on the Gospel to children and adults, inside and outside of our communities. On Catechetical Sunday, we acknowledge them and remind ourselves of the need for formation and growth in all of us. To be a catechist is a privileged calling, and today be sure to say "thank you" to one in your community.

However, it would be wrong on this day to only look to those bearing the NAME of catechist for an echoing of good news. ALL of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives, and our friends. Some say catechesis begins in the home, and while that is true, it carries with it a parent/child connotation. But where does catechesis really begin? It begins in the HEART. This year on Catechetical Sunday, may your heart be moved to motivate you to share with others the good news of Jesus Christ.

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Blessing of Catechists

Jesus, on the road to Emmaus,
your followers were frightened and alone;
you had just been put to death on a cross.

They met a man on the road
leading away from Jerusalem
who told them all about you
and what your presence among them meant.

They did not realize that the man
speaking and walking with them was you,
raised from the dead.

When their eyes were opened and they
received the gift of faith,
they turned around to spread the word.

We ask you to bless all your disciples
who now work as catechists in our parishes.
Bless them and give encouragement to their work,
that it will have an impact upon the world.

We ask all this in your name, Jesus,
our companion on the road from Emmaus.

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 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.

September 30 - Tour of The Sacred Heart Basilica
October 19 – International Food Festival
January 4, 2026 – Pilgrims of Hope Concert

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

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.



Calendar:

Sunday, September 21st– Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM
Sunday, September 21st -- Mandatory Parent Meeting 1st- 5th grades at 10:45 am in YMCA

Monday, September 22nd -- 6th,7th & 8th Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

Wednesday, September 23rd -- 9th Grade in Parish Center
STARTING AT 6:30 PM SHARP. PICK UP AT 8:45 PM

Sunday, September 28th – 1st thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Important:

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 Wednesday 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 ON-LINE REVIEWS are to be sent to reled@churchoftheascension.com

Registrations are still being accepted for this school year. 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 4 pm daily. Forms can also be found on the parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com.

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

Volunteers Needed:

† We in need of help with Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 am Mass, which will restart in the Fall, for all children in the Parish. If you would like to help, PLEASE call Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience, share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere.

† We need Substitutes for our Religious Education Program for the 2025-2026 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone, our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 3:30 pm – Parish Center

Sunday Mornings: 10:15am to 12:15 am

Monday and Wednesday Evenings: 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

An International Food Festival will be held on
Sunday, October 19th at 2pm in the
Fr. Benedict Center (YMCA GYM).

We need your help in making this event a very special and successful one. We need donations of ethnic dishes to be made by you, our parishioners. Some examples are: American, Filipino, Italian, Indian, Nigerian, Spanish, Asian, etc.

If it is a hot dish, it must be in an aluminum throw away pan that fits in the warming rack, (1/2 tray or full tray). Label name of dish on tray. All dishes must be delivered to the YMCA by 12:45pm.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below and drop off at the Parish Center. Any questions, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)206-4297.

International Food Festival

Yes, I would like to make an ethnic dish.

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

NAME OF ETHNIC DISH _____

PLEASE CHECK OFF ONE OR MORE:

HELP SERVE FOOD _____

SET-UP _____ ON SATURDAY, OCT. 18TH AT 2:30PM IN
THE YMCA GYM.

CLEAN-UP _____

AFTER AFFAIR ON SUNDAY, OCT. 19TH



"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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in memory of
Renato Aglipay



BREAD and WINE this week
Donated in memory of
Renato Aglipay



Altar Flowers for this week
Donated in memory of
Renato Aglipay



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

SAVE THE DATE!

On **Sunday, January 4th 2026, at 4 pm**, our Parish will host a Choir Concert, directed by Glenn Gordon, entitled ***Pilgrims of Hope***.

The concert will celebrate the closing of our *Jubilee Year of Hope* and will feature choirs from Ascension, St. John's, and St. Mary's.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

More information is coming soon.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

**7:30PM IN THE PARISH CENTER
GATHERING ROOM**

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.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



"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 4-Tissues

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! "



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

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

**TOUR OF
THE SACRED HEART BASILICA
IN NEWARK
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
BUS LEAVES AT 10:00AM FROM ASCENSION
\$50.00 PER PERSON**

Includes buffet lunch afterwards
(Limited seating, first come, first served)
Please call the parish office for reservations

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.

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.

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

MEMORIAL CANDLES:

SACRED HEART or BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

<u>Donation Amount</u>	
\$25/1 month	\$100/5 months
\$45/2 months	\$120/6 months
\$65/3months	\$200/1 year
\$85/4months	

MEMORIALS

DATE REQUESTED: _____

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REQUESTED BY: _____



**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.



WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and

Parishioners

The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If

The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If
you would like more information, please contact us at:

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!