

Church of the Ascension

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+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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First Holy Communion



+ Our Pastoral Life +

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 on the third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents must 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 Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022

+ 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 OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER

PARISH OFFICE

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(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 9, 2022

5:30 John Hurley
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Anne & Harry Sommo
11:30 Frank Abramonte

Monday, January 10, 2022

8:00 Irma Atilas

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

8:00 Ester & Judith Nional, B'day (L)

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:00 German Natividad, Jr.

Thursday, January 13, 2022

8:00 Dong T. Vo

Friday, January 14, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, January 15, 2022

8:30 Ramon V. Lorenzo

Sunday, January 16, 2022

5:30 Art Castronova
7:30 Kyle Viduya, B'day (L)
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Arnold Raymond Aranas

**PARISH \$ STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Retirement for Religious:	\$ 1,272.00
Christmas:	\$21,172.00
Christmas WeShare:	\$ 1,700.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 2,316.00
December 26, 2021:	\$ 3,406.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 1,323.00
January 2, 2022:	\$ 4,384.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$ 1,507.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
January 16, 2022**

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



GOSPEL MEDITATION

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



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 change my address/update my parish contact information
- to join a ministry
- to let the parish know of someone who is ill

Full Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SUPPORT the COLLECTION for the CHURCH in LATIN AMERICA

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



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

WeShare Donor Customer Service Phone Number: 800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2)
WeShare Customer Service Email: weshare@4lpi.com



Calendar:

Sunday, January 9th – Group A on line work due by Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Group B on line work due by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.
Monday, January 10th – 7th & 8th Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm. – BOTH GROUP A AND GROUP B
Wednesday, January 12th – 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

REMINDER to All:

Reminder that Mrs. Carbone will be in the Parish Center for any family that may need assistance with their child’s work from 9:30 to 11:30 am. She can be reach at 201-836-8961 only.

Please use the time we are off from class to make sure that your child is up-to-date with all their packet work and online work. If you have any questions please call me in the office.
All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp. Please meet Mrs. Carbone in the Courtyard of the Statue of Mary.

Volunteers Needed:

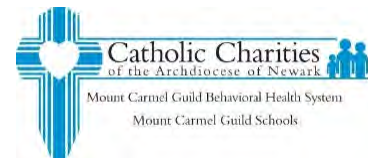
We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Team member. 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. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – Parish Center
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received a payment of **\$2,066** as a result of your generosity to the Donation Bins at your Church from June 1st, 2021 to November 30th, 2021. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in a similar program throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to show the compassion of Christ to 48,053 individuals served in 84 programs at 26 sites (FY 20/21). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ’s love to the most vulnerable in our society.



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Pray

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may
journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

We ask special blessings on the Church of Newark.

May we cherish this opportunity to pray, listen, and discern so that we may continue the
mission of Christ as missionary disciples.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Marian Pueyo, Al Suter, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleeck, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Eileen Kloeblen, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, Neil Magbanua, Vincent Guido, Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Jerry Speciale, Sari Contreras, Deacon Harold L. Bates, Jr. and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

“a time to serve...”

Cpt. Jack Massingale, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan, Staff Sgt. James Penser, Beale AFB, CA 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 Baptism of Our Lord

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.”* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

CAN YOU HELP? HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2021!

Help is needed for 2022...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2022. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or Mary Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. If you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.

COVID DIRECTIVES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

“The Communion Rite

*The Sign of Peace should be offered but continue to be made without physical contact.

*Communicants will continue to receive Communion in the hand. If not fully vaccinated, they lower their masks to consume the host, then replace their masks. The chalice is still prohibited for the assembly.”

Please note: the only option for receiving communion at this time is in the hand.

Thank you for your cooperation & understanding.



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SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.

FEAST OF SANTO NINO

9:30AM MASS

JANUARY 9, 2022

Blessing of Infant Jesus statues at end of Mass



MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the parish center with the coupon below. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961.

Please circle appropriate memorial.

MEMORIAL CANDLES:	\$150/1 Year
	\$20/30 Days
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE	\$40 per week
ALTAR FLOWERS	\$50
	(per basket/per week)
SANCTUARY CANDLE	\$15 per week

MEMORIAL FUND

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Donation Amt.: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 Date Requested: _____



ASCENSION PARISH YouTube CHANNEL IS UP AND RUNNING
You can view our Sunday 5:30pm Vigil Mass celebration.

Go to YouTube.com and sign into: ascensionchurchnewmilfordnj



Ascension Church will sponsor a trip to the Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. on Tuesday January 25, 2022. The bus will leave Ascension parking lot at 9:30 am. The cost is \$35 per person with a return of \$25 playing voucher. All checks should be payable to Ascension Church and mailed or dropped off at the parish center. Vaccination is required. For further info, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

Adult Altar Servers for Funerals Needed

This is a great ministry for anyone who has a free day, are retired or works from home with flexible hours.

- When we have a funeral you will get a phone call asking if you are available; if you are you say yes if not no.
- You will be trained and commissioned.
- This ministry gives a lot of comfort to families during very difficult moments of their lives.

Please consider this ministry—give it a try you might be surprised. Please call the office to sign up.

POSTURE AT MASS

When the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal was published the overwhelming majority of people have misread one of the instructions.

At the preparation of the gifts number 29 says: standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he (the celebrant) says: "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father."

Then it says: The people rise and reply.

This means that the congregation does not stand until the celebrant has finished his invitation. Then, the congregation stands and then responds.



FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JANUARY 17

The following are items most needed to restock our shelves this month. Any item or items you can purchase for our pantry would be greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your continued support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- PAPER TOWELS
- NAPKINS-TISSUES
- DISH SOAP
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER
- WOMENS/MENS DEODORANT
- TOOTH PASTE-MOUTHWASH
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER
Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

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WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM