

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

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Rev. Tim Graff

Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina
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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 on the third Sunday of each month 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023

+ 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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Mass Intentions for the Week



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 15, 2023

- 5:30 Dong T. Vo
7:30 Timothy & Janet Cronin
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Consuelo Mendoza

Monday, January 16, 2023

- 8:00 Marie Petrocelli

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

- 8:00 Kyle Viduya (L)

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

- 8:00 Jovita & Agnes Balagot

Thursday, January 19, 2023

- 8:00 Mary & Enrique Blanco
50th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, January 20, 2023

No Mass

Saturday, January 21, 2023

- 8:30 Rev. John McGovern
5:30 Theresa & Vincent Guido

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 22, 2023

- 7:30 Patricia Croal
9:30 Gloria Redoblado
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.

January 8, 2022: \$5,423.00
Additional Christmas: \$1,680.00

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

Readings for January 22, 2023

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths - where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated.

- Father John Muir

Ven. Frederic Irenaeus Baraga

Known as the Snowshoe Priest, Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, was a lifelong missionary to the Native American people of the upper Midwest. He loved the people he served, knew their languages, and even published the first Ojibwe-English dictionary!

The 2023 Annual Appeal has begun!

Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing or join us for In-Pew Weekend on February 4th-5th.





**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR
SNOW REMOVAL – THIS WEEKEND**

This Weekend we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of **Snow Removal** on our parish grounds. This is a collection that provides for your safety throughout the winter months. So far our cost for salting of lots & walk-ways is over **\$2,000.00**. So we ask each parish family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **Thank you!**



**Church of the Ascension Music Ministry
Come Join the Choirs!!**

(Youth Choir Rehearses Saturdays at 4:00pm)

**To sign up or to receive more information,
Contact Our Director of Music
Glenn Gordon after Mass.**

**CANDLE MASS DAY
FEBRUARY 2, 2023**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO BRING CANDLES
TO BE BLESSED AT MORNING MASS
YOU MAY ALSO DROP OFF AT PARISH CENTER
(Please include name & contact information)**



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:** _____



Calendar:

Sunday, January 15th -- No Religious Education
 Monday, January 16th -- No Religious Education
 Wednesday, January 18th -9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.
 Sunday, January 22nd -- 1st thru 3rd grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH) 4th thru 6th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Important:

Reminder that ALL STUDENTS must complete the On-Line Chapter Review each week. All students in the Sunday program must submit this work by the Wednesday after class and the students in the Monday program must submit this work by the Thursday after class. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Carbone in the Religious Education office at 201-836-3085.

Our next Sunday for Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be on Sunday, February 5, 2023. We hope to see everyone there.

Please note our hours for classes.

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon.

1st to 3rd grades are in the YMCA (school)

4th to 6th grades are in the Parish Center.

The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:15 pm in the Parish Center. Students are asked to be here by 6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.

ALL PARENTS MUST PARK THEIR CARS and come to either the front of the school or side of the Church and pick up the child/ren. No students will be able to leave without an adult. This is for the safety of the students.

Volunteers Needed:

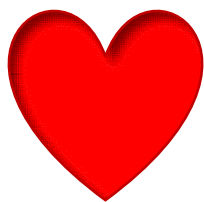
We will be starting Children’s Liturgy of the Word in November, at the 9:30 am Mass. For all children in in the Parish. **We are in need of help with this program.** If you would like to help PLEASE call Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere.

We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2022-2023 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

Religious Education Office Hours:

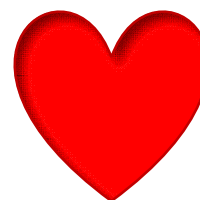
Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center
 Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm – Parish Center
 Sunday Mornings: 9:30 am to 12 Noon – In School & Parish Center
 Closed: Thursday & Saturday
 Other times by appointment

Marriage Anniversary Liturgy 2023



Church of the Ascension
will once again honor couples in our parish
who celebrate
a Wedding Anniversary
in multiple of 5 years in 2023
(1,5,10,15,20,25, etc., and
any anniversary 50 years and over)
A special Marriage Anniversary Mass
will be celebrated on
Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 11:30am

Coffee & Cake will follow
in the Farther Benedict Center
(Gym in the school building)



*If you wish to celebrate with us, please fill out and return the form below
to the Parish Center Office no later than Sunday, February 5, 2023*



*Church of the Ascension
Marriage Anniversary Liturgy
Sunday, February 12, 2023*



Name: _____ Phone: _____
Anniversary celebrated in 2023: _____ Anniversary Date: _____
Number of persons attending (including couple): _____

Please return this form to the Parish Center Office no later than Sunday, February 5, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Al Suter, Marguerite Morris, Marie Oberst, Mary Anne Meyer, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu, Erlinda Arel, Gerard Lee, Gordon Lockwood 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 February 7, 2023

Please call office to renew or remove name

“a time to serve...”

Staff Sgt. James Penser, Langley AFB, VA 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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week our special collection supports the *Catholic Communication Campaign*. This campaign engages and build Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Newark to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.uscch.org/cc.



HELP US - TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

The following items are needed to restock the Food Pantry shelves.

**PAPER TOWELS-TISSUES-NAPKINS
TOILET TISSUE
MAYONNAISE-BREADCRUMBS**

Don't like to shop? You can donate a ShopRite Gift Card. We will do the shopping.

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.



END OF YEAR DONATION STATEMENT

If you would like a copy of your 2022 Year Donation Statement please complete the following: **Please Print Clearly**
NAME ON DONATION ENVELOPE:

ADDRESS: _____

ENVELOPE #: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Return this request to Parish Office before January 31, 2023



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Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to our parish.

HOW TO ORDER WITH AMAZON SMILE:

Just go to smile.amazon.com and select “Church of the Ascension, New Milford” as your charity; then make your purchases as you normally would on Amazon. Or use direct link on our parish website. **Thank you!**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS**

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

**NEW COORDINATOR
FOR THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDED**

Below is a brief job description. I am asking that you prayerfully consider this ministry. Perhaps one or maybe two people can step up so that we can continue to help those in need.

**Church of the Ascension
Food Pantry Coordinator
JOB SUMMARY**

The Food Pantry Coordinator is responsible for the operations of the Food Pantry.

This position includes scheduling the monthly Food Pantry distributions, receiving and tracking donations, maintaining a food inventory system, supervision of volunteers for packing and distribution of food. The Food Pantry Coordinator reports to the Pastor.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Deliver services to those in need with compassion, clear boundaries and good communication skills.
- Maintain organization and cleanliness of pantry area.
- Receive deliveries of donations and pick up donations on occasion.
- Interact with local community partners including churches, schools, community organizations, local/county government officials and local retailers.
- Solve problems on various issues as they relate to the Food Pantry.
- Work well with volunteers and utilize them to the best of their abilities.

REQUIREMENTS

- Complete a Volunteer Application.
- Must attend Protecting God’s Children for Adults training session.
- Volunteer background check.

Anyone interested please submit your name and contact information along with a brief summary as to your desire to coordinate the Food Pantry to Fr. Jim.

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.



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 16th
Parish Center Offices Closed**



PALM PALM

Beginning Sunday, January 29 until Sunday, February 12 a box will be in the front vestibule of church for you to deposit any palm you would like to dispose of.

It is imperative that you remove all staples, string, rubber bands etc. from palm branches, as they will be burned and used for our Ash Wednesday Services on February 22.



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



Parish Events Ministry

All Are Welcome!

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 AT 7:30PM

This ministry is a great way to be part of our parish by participating in special events for our parish community.

Share your talent by joining our core group or perhaps volunteer for upcoming events.

Interested parishioners kindly complete the tear-off below.

Drop off at the parish office or place in the basket at mass.

Thank you, for your consideration.

ASCENSION PARISH EVENTS

I am interested in belonging to the core group

I am interested in being a volunteer in future events

Name _____

Phone No. _____