

Church of the Ascension

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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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16, 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

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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

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

Monday, January 17, 2022

8:00 Joseph Arnone

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

8:00 Rev. John P. McGovern

Thursday, January 20, 2022

8:00 Enrique & Mary Blanco, Anniv. (L)

Friday, January 21, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, January 22, 2022

8:30 Agnes Balagot

Sunday, January 23, 2022

5:30 People of Ascension Parish
7:30 Timothy V. Cronin
9:30 Delfina Duarte
11:30 Richard Cudina

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

January 9, 2022: \$2,938.00
Communicating God's Word: \$ 582.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
January 23, 2022**

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1
Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

GOSPEL MEDITATION

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.



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: _____

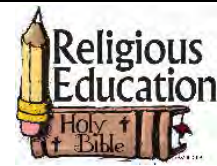
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
for the
CHURCH in LATIN AMERICA**

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$582.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!



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OR CONTACT DIRECTLY

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Calendar:

Sunday, January 16th – Group A-ALL MISSING on line work due by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.
 Group B-ALL MISSING on line work due by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.
 Monday, January 17th – 7th & 8th – No Religious Education
 Wednesday, January 19th – 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



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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.

Sign-up for Parish Participation in the Synod are on the flyer in this weekend bulletin. If you cannot find a sign –up please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-8961 to sign up for either Tuesday January 18th from 7:30pm to 9 pm OR January 20th from 1 pm to 2:30 pm.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

**“a time to be born...”
Joseph Carter Chigozia Cobb**

“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., Pete Malatesta 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**

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.

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.

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

**CANDLE MASS DAY
FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

**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)**

**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.



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.



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 17th
Parish Center Offices Closed**



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: _____

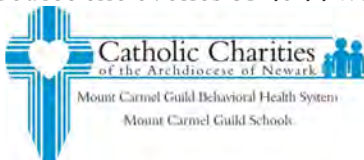
**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 7:30PM
 IN THE PARISH CENTER**



**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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCascensionChurchNewMilfordNJ)

Can you predict the events of 2022 with accuracy?



Who would dare to make such a claim? Here we are at the beginning of a new year and no one knows what the future will bring...unprecedented joy or deep sorrow? Many families and individuals have the resources to cope with whatever comes along. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who have very limited resources. Help us to continue our mission by contributing to our Donation Bin(s). We need used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books. Thank you and God Bless.



**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 snow removal and 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!**



FEED THE HUNGRY

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.

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.

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