

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ 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 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 Rectory 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.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021

+ 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 - Friday

One Daily Mass at 8:30am

8:00am Summer

7:30 p.m. (Fridays during Lent)

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

Please see inside bulletin for Holiday Mass time

+ Our Devotions +

Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday 7:15 a.m.



PARISH CENTER

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

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

PARISH CENTER/RECTORY

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021

5:30 Zissel Family, Living & Deceased
7:30 Judith & Ester Nional (L)
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Christina Tababan

Monday, January 18, 2021

8:30 Kyle Viduya (L)
8:30 Agnes Balagot

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

7:00 Oscar Dubon
8:30 Chacko Joseph

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

8:30 Martin & Hildegard Faderugao
8:30 Enrique & Mary Blanco,
Wedding Anniversary (L)

Thursday, January 21, 2021

8:30 Rev. John P. McGovern
8:30 Timothy Cronin

Friday, January 22, 2021

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Martha Szigethy

Saturday, January 16, 2021

8:30 Theresa Guido
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Emiliana Guce
11:30 Delfina Duarte

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

January 10, 2021: \$3,310.00
Additional Christmas: \$1,595.00

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

Readings for Sunday January 24, 2021

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



There are certain moments in our life when God seems to interrupt everyday life to speak to us in a special way. Maybe you narrowly escape a head-on collision; or your child becomes critically ill; or your closest friend or family member has died from COVID-19. It is as if a kaleidoscope has been shaken, and all the pieces of your life have been rearranged into a different picture. If we're listening, God can use these moments to deepen our virtues—to increase our patience, our courage... to expand our wisdom... or to shock some part of us out of dullness and routine, and back into life. Whether we're young or old, God is still calling us, not just into a job or a new career, but to a constant "re-weaving" of the tapestry of our lives.

How is God calling your name these days? It has nothing to do with your age or your experience. I repeat—even if you are raising four kids, or already retired after 30 years on the job—do you realize that God is still calling your name with as much love and enthusiasm and challenge as before you were born? But are you still listening?

Perhaps your call in this new year is to be more honest or to quiet yourself or to be more generous or patient or to believe more passionately or to love without judgment. As we approach the Eucharist today, try saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." And then really listen this week.

✠ Thank you to our parishioners who helped to take down the Christmas decorations in and around the church. Your help is always much appreciated.

✠ The **2021 Annual Appeal** has begun. By now, you may have received a letter from Cardinal Tobin inviting you to make a gift to the Appeal. I encourage all of you to look it over and prayerfully consider making a pledge. This weekend we will see the video for the 2021 Annual Appeal. If you have not received a letter in the mail, I encourage you to pick up a brochure at the back of church. In the coming weeks, we will be holding a special collection for the Annual Appeal. Thank you for your support.

✠ On Friday, January 22nd, the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, **Roe vs. Wade** (1973) we will celebrate a "day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life" (USCCB, 2000).

We will conclude the 8:30am Mass with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and share in a Holy Hour for Life which will conclude with Benediction at 9:45am. Please come and join us.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too. God Love You!

BREAKING BREAD

With Daily Mass Propers

Our Hymnals/Missalletes with daily and Sunday readings for the 2021 Liturgical Year are available. You may purchase one for your use the cost \$6.00 each. Please see Father David after mass or call the parish office (201-836-8961).

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’”

John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.



MEMORIALS

“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Parish Office (201)836-8961.

Additional Memorials: (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

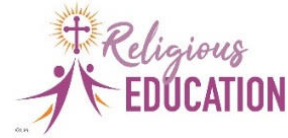
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Wishing everyone a Blessed New Year.

Calendar:

January 12, 2021 – 1st to 6th grades Chapter 13 reviews are due

January 13, 2021 – 7th grade Chapter 11 review due, 8th grade Chapter 5 review due, & 9th grade Chapter 11 review due.

Important:

I will keep all families posted on whether or not we will begin In-Person class starting in February.

Parents are reminded to have their children do their weekly assignments and submit to Mrs. Carbone the on-line work for the Sunday Program by Tuesday and the Monday & Wednesday Program by Wednesday of each week. 9th Grade Parents please check your emails for the weekly Chapter reviews. Anyone that has any questions please contact Mrs. Carbone. Please make sure that all directions are followed on all sheets in the packet.

Please make sure that all NEW work in the packet is returned on the return date and all old work that is returned is taken out of the packet.

Volunteers Needed:

† We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2020-2021 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 sharing their faith and working with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Parish Center
 Other times by appointment

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

JANUARY 17, 2021

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

UP-DATED Directives for Parish Liturgical Celebrations during the Covid 19 Pandemic

The guidelines below, given by Cardinal Tobin, apply to all churches and must be observed without exception.

1. Cardinal Tobin continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday & Holy Days.
2. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19, who have been exposed to an infected person, or have traveled to unsafe places listed on the CDC.gov website, are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days. *It is recommended that before Mass, everyone should check their temperature at home before coming to Church.*
 - Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass
3. Masks must be worn by all individuals while in the church.
4. Individuals must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.
5. A household may be seated together and not observe social distancing.

A household is defined as those people who have been living together under the same roof in close proximity throughout the quarantine. It does not include relative from other addressed or other extended family.

Note: There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the coronavirus.

In addition, here at Ascension until further notice, these additional directives must be followed for your safety:

Daily Mass and Week-End Mass Schedule and directives are as follows

- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.
You may reserve for daily & Sunday Mass for multiple weeks
Please call or E-mail by 3:00pm on Friday.
 - **Full names of those attending, date/time of mass & phone #**
201-836-3085 or ascensionreled@optonline.net
- One Mass will be celebrated at **8:30am** in the Church (Monday-Friday). Our daily Mass will continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook.
- Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated & Livestreamed at **8:30am** in the Church.
- **Saturday Evening Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 5:30pm and on Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Only the 5:30pm Mass will be Livestreamed via Facebook.**
 - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked). There is a limited capacity of 80 people.

All Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms will follow the same protocol. (80 person capacity)

-Enter front doors of church-hand sanitizer will be available for your use

-All visitors, including children, must wear masks, have and use their own wipes.

Please wipe down area you have used and take with you any items you use.

-Practice social distancing (6 feet apart). We have roped off pews not to be used.

-You may light candles, please refrain from touching other areas in church.

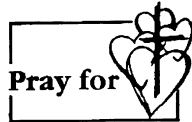
-Children must remain with adults at all times

-Please No gathering or socializing in church or on church property

Confessions, please call the parish office, 201-836-8961, to make an appointment.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these difficult times. God Bless

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Elnora Gordon, Al Suter, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, 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, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, Neil Magbanua, Cardinal Antonio Tagle, Vincent Guido, John Person Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Bob Carucci 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, Sr. A 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...”

President Donald John Trump,
our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE**
burns this week in loving memory of
Gerard Patrick Lee



Baptism of the Lord, January 17, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church

Not Livestreamed

Monday, January 18, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, January 22, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church

Not Livestreamed

Please Notice This



OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 18th



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
- _____ 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: _____

Thank you to all who have continued making their weekly donations, it is truly appreciated.

Please consider the following:

**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

WeShare Donor FAQ: [WeShare Donor Support](#)

**Please remember that during this crisis
our monthly financial responsibilities continue.**

**If you are unable to come to church for Mass
Please mail in or drop off
(in door slot of parish center not black box)
your weekly contributions.
Thank you & God Bless!**



Christmas Flowers

Donated By
Joyce Gillman

In Memory Of
Robert Gillman, Sr.

Donation envelopes not received? We have been advised by our envelope company that due to Covid the USPO is backlogged. Tracking shows that our parish donation envelopes have not been received in NJ. Therefore, we ask that you please consider making your donation online via WeShare, direct link can be found on our parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com, or use a plain white envelope and drop off in church/parish center or mail to: Church of the Ascension, 256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646. Please include your full name and address with donation.

Thank you for your understanding.



FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JANUARY 18th

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.

- ICED TEA-LEMONADE MIX-GRAPE JUICE-JELL-O
- CRANBERRY JUICE-CANNED PEARS-BROWN RICE
- VEGETARIAN CHILI-CLAM CHOWDER-LENTIL SOUP
- CANNED SAUERKRAUT-CAKE ICING
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-PAPER TOWELS
- NAPKINS-TISSUES
- WOMENS/MENS DEODORANT
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM-DISH SOAP

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



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR
SNOW REMOVAL – JANUARY 23 & 24**

Next 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 parishioner family to be as generous in this collection as your means allow. **Thank you!**