

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 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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Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

World Marriage Day

Sunday, February 13, 2022

- 5:30 Art Castronova
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Juanita Santiago
- 11:30 Remigio Lazaro

Monday, February 14, 2022

- 8:00 Anne & Harry Sommo

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

- 8:00 Percy & Erlinda Habana, Anniv. (L)

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

- 8:00 Imelda Villanueva Dyer

Thursday, February 17, 2022

- 8:00 Romeo & Gerry de Leon

Friday, February 18, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, February 19, 2022

- 8:30 Sangeeta George

Sunday, February 20, 2022

- 5:30 Angelo & Vito Cucco
- 7:30 Thanksgiving the Genuino Family (L)
- 9:30 Cheriyan Vengassery
- 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.

February 6, 2022:	\$4,340.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$1,784.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
February 20, 2022**

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps
103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it.

St. Conrad of Piacenza | February 19

The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames.

Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make restitution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares.



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!

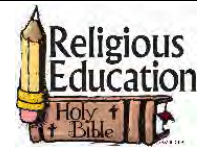
I would like....

- _____ 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: _____



Calendar:
 Sunday, February 13th – Group A on line work due by Tuesday, February 08, 2022
 Group B on line work due by Tuesday, February 15, 2022
 Monday, February 14th –7th & 8th Grades- Group B in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
 Wednesday, February 16th– 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

IMPORTANT:

Mandatory 1st Eucharist Parent meeting on **February 22, 2022** at 7:00 pm in the Church. You will receive a notice in the mail and in your email concerning this meeting. All social distancing guidelines will be followed. All attendees will enter in the side door by the Rectory and be directed to a seat. Everyone must wear a mask.



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.

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

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

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.



HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – FEBRUARY 21st

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.

- EGG NOODLES-CANNED YAMS
- LEMONADE MIX-BAKED BEANS
- JELL-O-PUDDING-VEGETARIAN CHILI
- MENS SHAVE CREAM
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-WOMENS DEODORANT

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



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.

Please visit our parish website (www.churchoftheascension.com) and go to our direct link to access the Vatican and Archdiocesan Synod websites and view Cardinal Tobin's video message. Or you can go directly using www.rcan.org/synod2023.



PRAY FOR...

“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, Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Jerry Speciale, Sari Contreras, Deacon Harold L. Bates, Jr., Pete Malatesta, Jean Thomson 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



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



Annual Appeal the 2022

Our parish goal is \$36,600. Thank you to the 33 families/individuals who have made a pledge. So far we have donor pledges amounting to \$7,139.19. You may pick up a brochure, which outlines areas of support, at the front vestibule of church, in the parish office or direct link on our parish website. You may also visit rcan.org/sharing to make a gift today. Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. There is also a direct link on our website. Give a little, give a lot, please give something.

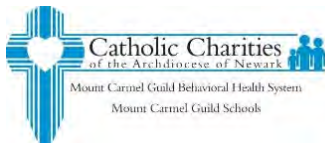
Thank you for your support.



Please deposit old palm in box in the front vestibule of church that 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 March 2.

Be a Sweetheart



What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? Would you be willing to take few moments and look in your closet today? The Catholic Charities Donation Bin accepts clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, knickknacks, and Children’s books. Thank you with all our heart.



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LIVE LENT 2022

Sign-up for our Lenten Groups will take place after all masses on the weekend of February 12/13 & 19/20. All are welcome!



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

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.



THANK YOU to continue to give so generously 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 **\$12,000.00**. If you haven't done so, please consider making a contribution today. Thank you!

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

“Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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.



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: _____