

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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 27, 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 *Week*

Sunday, February 27, 2022

5:30 Michael Bruno
7:30 Eugene Pueyo (L)
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Heather Bates

Monday, February 28, 2022

8:00 John Lasalandra

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

8:00 Sofronio B. Ursal, Healing

ASH Wednesday, March 2, 2022

8:00 Jose U. Riz, Jr. Healing
7:30pm Cheriyam Family (L)

Thursday, March 3, 2022

8:00 Roberto M. Caparas, Jr. 6th Anniv.

Friday, March 4, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Memorial

8:30 Norma Agatep
Gloria Scoppa
Joseph Meyer
Cresciana Jusnillo

First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 Frederick Balagot
9:30 Ann Wall
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 20, 2022: \$5,263.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
March 6, 2022**

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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.

Knights of Columbus

Saint Joseph and Ascension Council #3814 of the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1954. The council hosts many activities throughout the year for the church, youth, family, and our community.

How To Join

Joining the Knights of Columbus can now be done from the comfort of your computer, through E-Membership. Men, over the age of 18 years of age, who are practical Catholics can join the Knights of Columbus online at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> and enter Council number 3814.

For more information, visit our website (kofc3814.org) or e-mail us at kofc3814@gmail.com.



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OR CONTACT DIRECTLY

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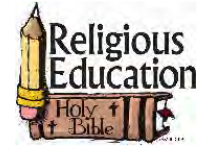
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ASCENSION PARISH YouTube CHANNEL
IS UP AND RUNNING
You can view our Sunday 5:30pm Vigil Mass
celebration.

Go to YouTube.com and sign into:
[ascensionchurchnewmilfordnj](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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



Calendar:

Sunday, Feb. 27th – ALL PACKETS TO BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Group A- Please make sure ON-LINE work is completed by March 1st

Group B - Please make sure ONLINE work is completed by March 8th

Monday, February 28th -- 7th & 8th Grade Group B in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm

Wednesday, March 2nd – 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm

IMPORTANT:

IF YOU HAVE NOT PICKED UP OR DROPPED OFF YOUR CHILD'S PACKET PLEASE DO SO THIS WEEK.

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

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



2022 LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent is the time for the faithful to be "ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, to prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises" at Easter (cf. Paschalis Solemnitatis, 6). The virtue and practice of penance is a necessary part of the preparation for Easter. Penitential practices such as fasting and abstinence are to be encouraged by the Church.

1. **The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.**

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. **The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.**
3. **The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.**
4. **The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12 2022.**

****Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.***



“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, Rebecca Tababan 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 SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of Ernesto Almarines



Altar Flowers for this week Donated in loving Memory of Corazon Abalos



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.



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: _____

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – MARCH 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.

- BAKED BEANS-COOKIES-CRACKERS
CRANBERRY JUICE
JELL-O-SAUERKRAUT-FROSTED FLAKES
RAISIN BRAN-RICE KRISPIES
MENS/WOMENS SHAVE CREAM-NAPKINS

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

Annual Appeal the 2022

Our parish goal is \$36,600. Thank you to the 65 families/individuals who have made a pledge. So far we have donor pledges amounting to \$23,129.19. 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY EVENING
BEGINNING MARCH 4th-APRIL 8th
7:30PM IN THE CHURCH

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
FRIDAY, APRIL 8th
5:30PM-7:00PM
FR. BENEDICT CENTER/SCHOOL GYM

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



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 **\$13,000.00**. If you haven't done so, please consider making a contribution today. Thank you!

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.



MARCH 2, 2022
MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
8:00AM & 7:30PM

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: _____
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 In Memory of: _____
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