

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David W. Milliken

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Glenn Gordon

Parish Business Manager

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Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education
Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7 & 8
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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.



Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Third Sunday of Lent, March 12, 2023

- 5:30 People of Ascension Parish
7:30 Patricia Williams
9:30 Marge, Irmgard & Michael Bruno
11:30 George McEwan

Monday, March 13, 2023

- 8:00 Juanita Santiago

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

- 8:00 Mary Theresa Begley

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

- 8:00 John Person (Healing)

Thursday, March 16, 2023

- 8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

St. Patrick, Friday, March 17, 2023

No Mass

Saturday, March 18, 2023

- 8:30 Ralph Fernandez
5:30 Fernandez-Pena Family

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2023

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Rosa & Pasquale Petrarca
11:30 Joseph Celentano

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Table with 2 columns: Date/Category and Amount. Includes March 5, 2023 total, Maintenance & Repairs, and M&R WeShare.

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

Readings for March 19, 2023

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2023

ELVIS IMPERSONATOR, MIKE MOAT & HIS GOLDEN REFLECTIONS BAND SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

PARISH PICNIC OR OCTOBERFEST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD

WE NEED MANY HANDS TO MAKE THESE EVENTS A SUCCESS. PLEASE HELP US WITH YOUR TIME AND TALENT TO MAKE OUR PARISH A VIBRANT PARISH.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT IN ANY OF THESE EVENTS, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET OR AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE MY TIME & TALENTS

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT (PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ELVIS EVENT: _____
EASTER EGG HUNT: _____
PARISH PICNIC: _____
OR OCTOBERFEST
CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: _____





Thank you for your prayers and support. The 2023 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$20,440.00 already pledged. This is approximately 55% of our goal of \$36,642.00.

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

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.



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Calendar:

Sunday, March 12th -- 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)
Monday, March 13th – 7th & 8th Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
Wednesday, March 15th – 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
Sunday, March 18th -- 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:

Confirmation Families reminder that all ticket money is due by March 22, 2023. If you are in need of more tickets, please contact Mrs. Carbone. Also the “Soup Supper” is Friday, March 31, 2023 and is MANDATORY for all Students to attend.

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.

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.

Parents as also asked to review ALL PRAYERS with your child, they can be found in the back of each book.

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

MARCH 12, 2023



Ascension Annual Soup Supper

March 31, 2023

From 5:30 pm to 7 pm

Location: Fr. Benedict Center (YMCA GYM)

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Tickets can be purchased from any Confirmation Student, on line at "We Share" or from Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center during regular Office Hours.

Last day to purchase tickets in advance will be March 22, 2023.

Tickets at the door will be \$15.00.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!
ASCENSION EASTER EGG HUNT
APRIL 1ST, 1 PM**

We are looking for adults/older teens to help us with our Easter Egg Hunt Planned for April 1st. We are in need of people to man the "egg" areas to Insure that all children have an equal chance to collect their eggs. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form below as soon as possible and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Let's make this a fun day for all our kids. Thanks and hope to see you there.

NAME: _____

PHONE# _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Al Suter, Marguerite Morris, Mary Anne Meyer, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu, Marie Oberst, 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 May 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



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Marge & Michael Bruno**



BREAD and WINE this week Donated in loving memory of **Marge & Michael Bruno**



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
MONDAY, MARCH 13 @ 7:00PM
ST. PETER’S, RIVER EDGE

MONDAY, MARCH 27 @ 7:00PM
MT. CARMEL, TENAFLY



EVERY FRIDAY EVENING
UNTIL APRIL 8th
7:30PM IN OUR CHURCH

SHOP RITE HOLIDAY DINNER DEALS

Do you have a Shop Rite Holiday Dinner Deal that you would like to donate to the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry?

Requirements are that you spend \$400 at Shop Rite from Sunday February 26th thru Saturday April 8th to qualify. No need to pick it up.

If you qualify and would like to donate your free Holiday Dinner item, please call the Parish office at **201 836 8961** and provide your Shop Rite Price Plus number. We will be happy to pick it up for you and give it to our Food Pantry Clients. Thank you!



WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS

www.churchoftheascension.net

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



PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

During this Lenten Season please consider Stewardship, the sharing of your talents and time with any of the many ministries we offer here at your parish. Sing in our Choirs (adult/children)*Help plan our Parish Events*Become an Altar Server (child).

Yes I am willing to share my talent & time. please contact me

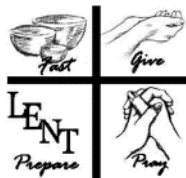
Name: _____

Phone: _____ Ministry: _____

(Please print and return to the parish office or in collection basket)

Crocheters and Knitters for Ascension

If you are interested in joining a crochet and knitting group please call 201-417-6444 and leave a message clearly with your name and phone number. The first meeting will be informational. Do not call the Parish Center for information, we will return your call quickly with details.



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: _____



ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 5th*25th or 50th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating Christian marriage Anniversaries this year.

The 50th Anniversary Liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. The 5th & 25th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Studerus. in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

**April 16, 2023 at 3:00pm
For Fifty Years**

**May 7, 2023 at 3:00pm
For Five & Twenty-Five Years**

Since these celebrations were unable to be hosted in 2020 and 2021, and many families are still playing “catch-up” with their celebrations, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years may still join as well.

Please stop by the parish office no later than April 3 to complete registration form if you would like to be included in one of the celebrations.



HELP US - TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

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

- COFFEE * APPLE JUICE**
- CRANBERRY JUICE**
- OATMEAL * PEANUT BUTTER * RAISINS**

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

**PLEASE LEAVE DONATIONS
IN BIN AT FOOD PANTRY
Your continued support of this ministry
is greatly appreciated.**

