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+ 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 or have any changes to your contact information.

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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 10, 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

Stations of the Cross – Friday's During Lent – 7:30pm

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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PALM SUNDAY



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, “To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues.” Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God’s unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn’t like hearing about love, especially God’s? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God’s love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God’s love.

God’s love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God’s kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God’s love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God’s love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, “Crucify him!” There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough “to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues.”

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

St. Bernadette Soubirous | April 16

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a ‘Lady’ at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming ‘I am the Immaculate Conception’. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world’s most popular.

During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmary assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 10, 2022

- 5:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 7:30 Edgar Caparas
- 9:30 Anne & Harry Sommo
- 11:30 Jovita Balagot

Monday of Holy Week, April 11, 2022

- 8:00 Sandy Blanco

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 12, 2022

- 8:00 Msgr. Francis A. Fox

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 13, 2022

- 8:00 Juanita Santiago

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

- 8:00 Morning Prayer
- 7:30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- 10:45pm Night Prayer

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8:00 Morning Prayer
- 3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy
- 8:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022

- 8:00 Morning Prayer
- 8:15pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 17, 2022

- 7:30 All Parishioners
- 9:30 of Ascension
- 11:30 Living and Deceased

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

April 3, 2022:	\$4,048.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,835.50
Ukraine-Special Collection:	\$3,361.00

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

Readings for Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35



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: _____



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



FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – APRIL 11th

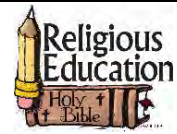
The following are items most needed to restock our shelves this month. Any item or items you can purchase for our pantry would be greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your continued support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- BAKED BEANS-COOKIES-CRACKERS-CRANBERRY JUICE
- SAUERKRAUT-FROSTED FLAKES-RAISIN BRAN-SUGAR
- RICE KRISPIES-MUFFIN MIX-CAKE ICING-CANNED YAMS
- INSTANT OATMEAL-FLAVORED RICE-EGG NOODLES
- MENS/WOMENS SHAVE CREAM-NAPKINS-DISH SOAP

ShopRite is giving away hams again this year. No need for you to it pick up. If you would like to donate yours please call the parish office with your Price Plus Card Number.

"Don't like to shop-donate a ShopRite Gift Card- we'll do the shopping"

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



Calendar:

- Sunday, April 10th –Group A- Please make sure ON-LINE work is completed by April 24th
- Group B - Please make sure ONLINE work is completed by April 24th
- Monday, April 11th -- No Religious Education – Please make sure all On-Line Work is Completes
- Wednesday, April 13th – No Religious Education- Please drop off all outstanding work to the Parish Center ASAP
- Sunday, April 24th – 1st Communion Sunday at the 9:30 Mass for Group A and 11:30 Mass for Goup B

IMPORTANT:

Reminder that we have rehearsal for all Communion Candidates on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7 pm in the Church. The Candidate and ONE Parent only must be here by 6:55 pm. First Communion will be on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 9:30 am for Group A, please meet in the Parish Center at 9 am and 11:30 am for Group B, please meet in the Parish Center at 11 am. Each group must be in the Parish Center a half hour before Mass.

All PACKETS AND ON-LINE WORK MUST BE RETURNED BY MAY 1st.

New Registration forms for the 2022 -2023 School year will be emailed out to all families already in the program. If you wish to register your child in our program, please call 201-836-8961 or stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish center during office hours- 9am to 4 pm daily.

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 on Sunday Mornings. She can be reach at 201-836-8961 only. UNTIL MAY 15th
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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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2022

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Masses: 5:30pm (Saturday Vigil)
7:30am, 9:30am

11:30am Gather by Mary statue for procession

Easter Triduum



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Morning Prayer 8:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm

Night Prayer 10:45pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Morning Prayer 8:00am

Choral Meditations at 2:30pm

Good Friday Liturgy 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross at 8:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Morning Prayer 8:00am

The Easter Vigil 8:15pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Masses: 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am

No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday

PALM SUNDAY



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Al Suter, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Marie Oberst, Mary Anne Meyer, Deacon Harold L. Bates, Jr., Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOMEONE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

***Prayer list will be updated every three months*
Please call office to renew or remove name**

“a time to serve...”

Staff Sgt. James Penser, Beale AFB, CA and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

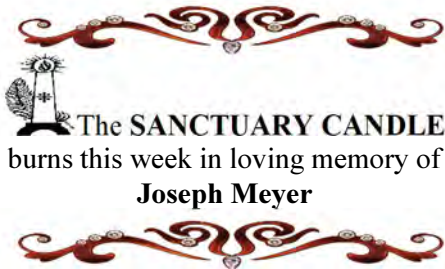
For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.

“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
Joseph Meyer

Annual Appeal ^{the 2022}

Our parish goal is \$36,600. Thank you to the 123 families/individuals who have made a pledge. So far we have donor pledges amounting to \$32,479.19. 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.



EASTER FLOWERS



You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Flowers, which will be used to decorate our Church. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or a special intention. You may use the flower donation envelope you received in your Easter mailing or this form. Please place form & donation in an envelope marked "EASTER FLOWERS" & drop off at the parish center or in the collection basket.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY

In Memory of:

For the Intention of:

Requested By: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

“ PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with Passion Sunday, or Palm Sunday, and the Gospel story of the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem is read as part of the entrance rite. The Gospel tells us that the people cut branches from the trees and laid them in the road in front of Jesus as part of the procession. Palm is used to celebrate this festive entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palms are from a common tree whose branches are readily available. The palm is blessed and people are given a branch to take home. A year later the palm will be burned to form the ash for Ash Wednesday. In other places, churches use olive branches or pussy willows. The blessing in the Sacramentary uses the generic term “branches.”



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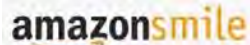
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Presence - Care - Service

“Living Holy Week, following Jesus means learning to come out of ourselves in order to go to meet others, to towards the outskirts of existence, to be the first to take a step towards our brothers and sisters.” Pope Francis. The Holy Father has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps preserve the sacred shrines. When you make a contribution you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE, AND ALTAR FLOWERS for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Weddings Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



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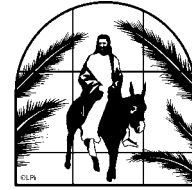
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Palm Sunday

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." - Mt 21:9-11



PARISH TRIPS

CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS 5 DAYS, 4 NIGHTS

JUNE 20-24, 2022

4 nights lodging at the Fairfield Inn in Hyannis, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners, admission to 2 Newport mansions including The Breakers, Guided tour of Provincetown, Martha's Vineyard, Sandwich & Hyannis and Kennedy Memorial, a whale watching cruise or dune ride, admission to the Heritage Museum & Gardens and visit to Mohegan Sun Casino. The price of \$1,015pp dbl. occ./\$1298pp single includes all of the above and luggage handling, taxes, gratuities and bus transportation

PENNSYLVANIA'S AMISH HOLIDAY TOUR

NOV. 30-Dec.1st, 2022

2 days, 1 night includes 1 night's lodging, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner, "David" at the Sight & Sound Theatre, "Home for the Holidays" performance at the American Music Theatre, tour of President's Buchanan's home "Wheatland" or Strasburg rail road train ride, and Bird in Hand Farmer's Market. Price per person dbl. occ. \$329/398 single occ. Includes all of the above plus luggage handling, taxes, gratuities and bus transportation.

For reservations and info. call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)206-4297



OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish & Religious Education Offices will be closed at Noon on Holy Thursday, All Day on Good Friday & Easter Monday