

# Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

### Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

### Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

### Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

### Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

### Religious Education Center

Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education

Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7 & 8

Dena Sedlak, Coordinator of First Penance and  
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.



## Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

## + 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

7:00 a.m. and 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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

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## CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Third Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020

5:30 Michael O'Hara  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Brian & Paolo Escalona  
11:30 Ciro & Marro Family

#### Monday, April 27, 2020

7:00 Rene Castaneda  
8:30 Joan West

#### Tuesday, April 28, 2020

7:00 Peter Greco  
8:30 Guillermo N. Bergado

#### Wednesday, April 29, 2020

7:00 Cecilia Torres  
8:30 Marie Romano

#### Thursday, April 30, 2020

7:00 Mayette Mercado  
8:30 Frank & Margaret Tenney

#### Friday, May 1, 2020

7:00 Marybeth Pappetti  
8:30 Denis Mullins

#### Saturday, May 2, 2020

##### Memorial

8:30 Elizabeth Duffy  
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 John Coringrato  
11:30 Rolly Viduya (L)

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

#### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

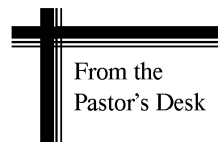
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Palm Sunday, April 5:	\$ 2,286.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$ 2,537.00
Good Friday:	\$ 269.00
Easter Sunday, April 12:	\$11,083.00
Easter Flower:	\$ 646.00

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

#### Readings for Sunday, May 3, 2020

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1  
Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



Have you ever been at a party or walking on the street and failed to recognize someone we actually know very well. Today, we join two disciples on the road to Emmaus who failed to recognize Jesus until hours later, when he blesses and breaks bread with them at table.

The story of the two disciples walking back to their home in Emmaus is another one of those beautiful stories from Scripture, which seems to touch so many of us somewhere deep within. The two main elements that Jesus uses to bring life back to the disciples are Word and Bread. Jesus explains the Scriptures to them and their hearts burn. He then breaks bread with them and they come to recognize who he is. Joy and hope return to their lives.

This is how the two disciples meet Jesus, and it is also how we meet Jesus. We hear the Scriptures, study them, try to discover how the Scriptures and our lives intertwine, one with the other. And we also come together to share the Eucharist, to break bread together and receive as one family the Body of Christ. Sharing the Word of God leads to sharing the Bread of Life.

When Jesus was sharing words with the disciples he was revealing himself to them. Self-revelation is a genuine gift of one person to another. Through words we invite others into our lives. We open the door to friendship and love. So just as the Word of God can bind us to God and one another, so can our human words bind us to one another, and if we use those words in our prayer, they can bind us to God also.

This new bond, these new connections call for a sharing of our lives in a physical way. It becomes a natural thing to want to take care of those whom we love. We become protective of their health, their well being. We don't want to see them suffer because they don't have what they need to live full and happy lives. So just as we need to share words with one another, so we need to share bread with one another.

Step out of your discomfort zone, and step into Jesus' comfort zone, by bringing one bit of Jesus' peace to the lives of others. Eye-contact, a smile, a greeting, a handshake, starts the beautiful path to a Resurrection relationship.

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

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

By now all registered parishioners should have received an important letter in the mail regarding donation information options. Please consider the following:

**WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING**  
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS  
[www.churchoftheascension.net](http://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](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com)

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

A **GoFundMe** account has been set up for direct donations:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/asce-nsion-parish-of-new-milford>

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

Please **mail in or drop off** (in door slot of parish center) your weekly contributions.

Thank you & God Bless!



**MEMORIALS**

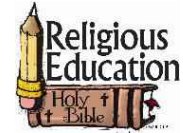
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call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

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50</b>
	(per basket/per week)
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



Calendar:

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> — No Religious Education

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – No Religious Education

Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – No Religious Education

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – No Religious Education at the time of this printing

No Children’s Liturgy of the Word. All children in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



Please keep the 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist and Confirmation Candidates in your prayers,

**Important:**

As of this printing Religious Education is still canceled as per Archbishop Tobin, if anything changes Mrs. Carbone will send out and email to all families.

The 2020/2021 Registration Forms has been emailed out to all. Please fill them out and return before July 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember that one form for each student and please make sure that you update your email address and phone numbers.

**First Eucharist:** As of now the celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is on hold. We will email you when it is rescheduled.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- † 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.
- † We are in NEED of Catechists and Substitute Catechists 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

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm – In School

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

APRIL 26, 2020

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*We welcome you all to our celebration of **Easter 2020**  
here at Ascension via Facebook.*

*We especially welcome those who have been away from Ascension due to school, illness or living elsewhere for whatever reason. It is good to have you home again. Welcome to all visitors.*

*Thank you for choosing to celebrate your Easter with us.*

*Easter is the most beautiful and holiest time of year, when we celebrate Jesus' new life shared with us at Easter and all throughout the year – the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of each other.*

*While we are, at this time, uncertain how long the Coronavirus will keep us from celebrating together in our church, we will keep you informed and invite you to share on Facebook the many important celebrations of Jesus' new life shared with us during the seven weeks of the Easter Season and beyond.*

*I encourage you to immerse yourself in the spirit and graces of the season by participating in these special celebrations and I ask that you invite someone you love to join you.*

*My prayer is that the Risen Christ may live in your hearts and in your homes throughout this season.*

***A Most Blessed Easter!***

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*"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 Obara, Marie Oberst, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Eileen Kloebler, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Ana Tumang, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, 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, PFC Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Yokosuka, Japan, 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.

*"a time to die..."*

Gerard Harty, Virginia Thompson,  
Oscar Gerald Genuino

*and a time for every purpose under heaven"*

Ecclesiastes 3:11

**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.

### OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one of 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.

**Hello** from the Crochet Hub - our Friday meetings are canceled until further notice. Please be safe!

# APRIL



**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

**Mass at 10:00am livestreamed via Facebook**

**Monday, April 27, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook**

**Novena at 7:30pm livestreamed via Facebook**

**Thursday, April 30, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook**

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook**

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

**Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook**

**Sunday, May 3, 2020**

**Mass at 10:00am livestreamed via Facebook**

**ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE  
ACKNOWLEDGED BY FATHER DAVID  
AT HIS DAILY & SUNDAY  
MASS CELEBRATIONS**



### EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

**Donated By**

**In Memory of**

Joanne Castronova

Judith Domanski

Sophie & Stanley Domanski

## OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Center Offices  
Will Remain Closed To The Public  
Until Further Notice  
Stay Safe!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
FYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*BULLETINS  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



**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: \_\_\_\_\_



**DONATION BIN**

Sentinel Management has just informed us that due to the Coronavirus and out of an abundance of caution, the Catholic Charities donation bins will be closed. The bins will be emptied and then wrapped in plastic.

This is a temporary measure and we ask you to save all items for that time when we are operating again.

We are so thankful for your ongoing generosity and concern. Catholic Charities continues to reach out to the most vulnerable in our society.

We pray for the safety of all throughout the world and ask for God's strength and guidance as we confront this invisible enemy.



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**Thank you** to all who have responded to our request to update the information we have for you/your family in our parish database. All registered parishioners have been contacted via, mail, email or phone requesting this information. If you have not received a correspondence it is because the contact information we have for you has either changed or is outdated. We are asking all registered parishioners to please contact us at 201-836-3085 or [ascensionreled@optonline.net](mailto:ascensionreled@optonline.net) and update your information accordingly.

Having this information allows us to contact you with important notices regarding your parish. If you have not received any type of correspondence please reach out to us via phone or email ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter. Stay Safe!

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY  
 FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

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.

- COFFEE-FRUIT COCKTAIL-GRATED CHEESE-ICED TEA
- LEMONADE MIX-BAKED BEANS-PORK & BEANS-JELL-O
- PUDDING-COOKIES-INSTANT FLAVORED POTATOES
- CANNED WHITE POTATOES-MIXED VEGETABLES
- APPLE SAUCE-BEEF STEW-RAISIN BRAN-CORN FLAKES
- EGG NOODLES-TOMATO PASTE-WHITE RICE-SUGAR
- PANCAKE MIX-PANCAKE SYRUP-BREAD CRUMBS
- SALAD DRESSING-TISSUES-NAPKINS

**Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.**

**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST  
 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Thank you to the 71 parish families who have made a pledge to this year's Shining The Light of Christ Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$17,260.00 pledged dollars. Our parish goal this year is \$37,834. and **100% of every dollar raised above goal will be returned to our parish.** Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today.

Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless.