

# Church of the Ascension

*Invites You to Share with us. . .*

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### **Pastor**

Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

### **Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. David W. Milliken

### **Director of Music**

Glenn Gordon

### **Director of Maintenances**

Brendan Suter

### **Weekend Assistant**

Rev. Tim Graff

### **Parish Business Manager**

Serina Sharkey

### **Parish Trustees**

Christopher Cudina

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### **Religious Education**

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 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.



**Third Sunday of Easter  
May 1, 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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#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

5:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 7:30 Edward & Gertrude O’Dea  
 9:30 Art Castronova  
 11:30 John Coringrato

**Monday, May 2, 2022**

8:00 Rolando & Dona Viduya,  
 Wedding Anniv. (L)

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

8:00 Rose Di Pippo

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

8:00 Teresa Vazzano

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

8:00 Anne & Harry Sommo

**Friday, May 6, 2022**

No Mass

**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

Memorial

8:30 Sandy Blanco, Joseph Meyer  
 Rogelio Lucas, Crispin Songcayauon

**Mothers Day, Sunday, May 8, 2022**

7:30 All Mother’s  
 of Ascension Parish  
 9:30  
 11:30 Living & Deceased

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

April 24, 2022: \$3,866.00  
 Social Concerns: \$1,099.00  
 Additional Easter: \$2,032.00

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

**Readings for Sunday, May 8, 2022**

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5  
 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Could it be that God’s image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God’s image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God’s agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God’s image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man “dies on the cross to cleanse God’s image, which is soiled in today’s humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful.” Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with “Christ’s light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved.” The resurrection calls us to be God’s microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, “do you love me?” We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God’s children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

**St. Rose Venerini | May 7**

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.



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

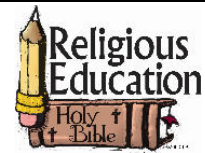
**AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA**

All are invited to  
Pray the Rosary for America  
In the month of Mary  
Saturday, May 14, 2022  
1:00pm-1:30pm  
St. John the Evangelist, Bergenfield

**Annual Appeal** <sup>the 2022</sup>

Our parish goal is \$36,600. Thank you to the 135 families/individuals who have made a pledge. So far we have donor pledges amounting to \$35,099.19. 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. Give a little, give a lot, please give something.

Thank you for your support.



**Calendar:**

- Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – ALL PACKETS ARE DUE. In Parish Center between 9:30 am and 11:15 am.
- May Crowning at the 11:30 am Mass.
- Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> -- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Group B in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
- Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm
- Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>- Confirmation Rehearsal – Candidates only - Mandatory– 6:55 pm in Church
- Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Rehearsal- Candidates & Sponsors- Mandatory – 6:55pm in Church
- Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 Mass – Confirmation Mass- Candidates and Sponsors Meet in Parish Center at 9 am SHARP!

**IMPORTANT:**

All PACKETS AND ON-LINE WORK MUST BE RETURNED BY MAY 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 201-836-3085 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 8<sup>th</sup>

All 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2022-2023 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



**Come Celebrate!**  
**Father Jim's**  
**25**  
**YEARS**  
*Anniversary*  
**of Priestly Ordination**  
**Sunday, May 22, 2022**  
**Mass at 11:30am**

*After Mass all are invited to a reception in the  
Father Benedict Center  
where you may extend your warm wishes  
and appreciation to your Pastor  
on this momentous occasion*

**For planning purposes please complete the form below and return  
in the collection basket or to the parish office no later than Sunday, May 8th**

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**Father Jim's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception**

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

**PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER ATTENDING RECEPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be born...”  
Lucas Santos

“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.

**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\*  
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.

“a time to die...”  
Michael Porzl, Frances Lanzilotti  
and a time for every purpose under heaven”  
Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE  
burns this week in loving memory of  
Eugenia & Teresa Vazzano



BREAD and WINE this week  
Donated in loving memory of  
Eugenia & Teresa Vazzano



**FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION-MAY 16TH**

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
- APPLE JUICE-GRape JUICE-COFFEE-TEA-ICED TEA
- HONEY NUT CHEERIOS-FROSTED FLAKES-RAISIN BRAN
- RICE KRISPIES-MUFFIN MIX-CAKE ICING-SAUERKRAUT
- INSTANT OATMEAL-FLAVORED RICE-EGG NOODLES
- CANNED YAMS-BROWN RICE-MAYONNAISE-SUGAR
- MENS/WOMENS SHAVE CREAM-NAPKINS-DISH SOAP

*“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.

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

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

**HOLY TRINITY CARNIVAL**  
34 Maple Avenue, HACKENSACK  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 TO SUNDAY, MAY 29  
4:00 TO 11:00PM

**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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**MAY CROWNING OF  
OUR BLESSED MOTHER  
SUNDAY, MAY 1 AT 11:30 MASS**



**Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available at the Parish Center Office or Church Vestibule.**

As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Mother's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Mother's Day & remembered throughout the month of May. If you would like a card for your mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Mother-In-Law, Wife, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, Friend or anyone who has been like a mother to you.

**Offering for each card is \$10.00**



**CONGRATULATIONS & GOD BLESS OUR PARISH CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LAST WEEKEND**

Donato Calamusa, Andrea Catibog, Aiden Cobb, Annalise Doydora, Adrian Lagos, Emily LaGrenade, Ayden Madamba, Ryan Marks, Jarred Matos, Ethan Omondi, Alan Polanco, Gabriella Roldan, Destiny Santos.



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**WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE**

[www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

**AND CLICK DONATE ONLINE**

**OR CONTACT DIRECTLY**

WeShare Donor Customer Service

Phone Number: 877-316-0260



**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.1<sup>st</sup>, 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

**BRIDGE MAKERS**

**Tuesday, May 17**

Bridge Makers, a joint ministry of St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge and St. Mary's Church, Dumont, is a faith sharing community of LGBTQ, family, and friends. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at St. Mary's, 280 Washington Avenue, Dumont in the school. Use the parking lot entrance nearest Park Avenue. Please contact Deacon Paul Kazanecki at [pkazanecki@saint-peter.org](mailto:pkazanecki@saint-peter.org) or Deacon John Sylvester or [deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org](mailto:deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org) for further details.



**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/UCascensionchurchnewmilfordnj)**