

# Church of the Ascension

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## + 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

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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.



**Mother's Day**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 8, 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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GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God’s pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day’s end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.

St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka’I | May 10

People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka’I (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government’s leper colony on the island of Moloka’I, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen’s disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next weekend, May 14-15. Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Mothers Day, Sunday, May 8, 2022

- 5:30 All Mother’s
7:30 of Ascension Parish
9:30 Living &
11:30 Deceased

Monday, May 9, 2022

- 8:00 Anne & Harry Sommo

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

- 8:00 Sarah & Christopher McKenna

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

- 8:00 Rose & Nicholas Lanza

Thursday, May 12, 2022

- 8:00 Rolando & Dona Viduya
Wedding Anniversary (L)

Friday, May 13, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, May 14, 2022

- 8:30 Encarnacion Fineza
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15, 2022

- 7:30 James & Mary Zadroga
9:30 Jerome Guce
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

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

Readings for
Sunday, May 15, 2022

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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

**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

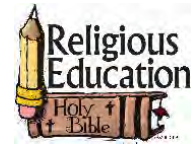
**Altar Servers**

We are in need of Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the parish office (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.

**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](http://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:**

- 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 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.

**and a time for every purpose under heaven”**

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*



**The SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
burns this week in loving memory of  
**Pauline Figalora**



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



**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
Donated in loving Memory of  
**Camille Zampino**



## 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

### 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.**

### 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 or Deacon John Sylvester or deaconjohn@stmarysdumont.org for further details.

### 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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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**



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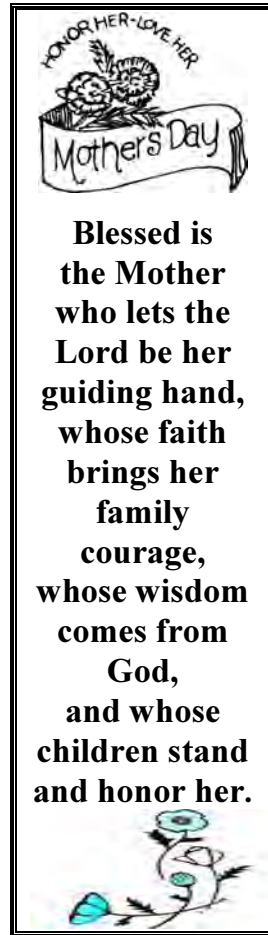
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**Blessed is the Mother who lets the Lord be her guiding hand, whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from God, and whose children stand and honor her.**



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**PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE**  
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**AND CLICK DONATE ONLINE**  
**OR CONTACT DIRECTLY**  
**WeShare Donor Customer Service**  
**Phone Number: 877-316-0260**



**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.



**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://ascensionchurchnewmilfordnj)**

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