

# 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

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### 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.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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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E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

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# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2020

5:30 All Mothers  
7:30 of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Living &  
11:30 Deceased

### Monday, May 11, 2020

7:00 Lydia Ngo  
8:30 Faustino Raguindin

### Tuesday, May 12, 2020

7:00 People of Ascension Parish  
8:30 Gary Baptist

### Wednesday, May 13, 2020

7:00 Juanita Santiago  
8:30 People of Ascension Parish

### Thursday, May 14, 2020

7:00 Mary Rose Mallon  
8:30 Sturdy Family

### Friday, May 15, 2020

7:00 People of Ascension Parish  
8:30 Santiago Sunga

### Saturday, May 16, 2020

8:30 May Stephens  
5:30 John Carbone

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Joan Polis, First Anniversary  
11:30 Margaret McEwan Bitetti

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### **WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

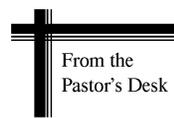
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

**Easter WeShare: \$1,455.00**

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

### Readings for Sunday May 17, 2020

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7,  
16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



When Jesus says today, “Do not let your hearts be troubled,” he means realistic comfort and security. Count up the number of hours you spend texting or calling friends about your fears and worries. Jesus has to repeatedly tell, urge, and instruct his own disciples to be at peace. “Have faith in God, and faith in me.”

Faith does not always mean only believing in doctrine and religious teachings. We will always have doubts and questions about beliefs, just as the apostles do in today’s gospel. Faith is also a wordless trust at a deep level in our hearts, because we know we are loved.

Remember how your mother used to say, “I’ve got eyes in the back of my head”? One reason we can trust God is because, as Psalm 33 says, “the eyes of the Lord” are always upon us. You know how the eyes of moms and dads never leave their child at the park or beach and now especially in these dangerous times of Coronavirus.

This is the vigilant love we can trust, even when death breaks our hearts, even when we lose our health, our home, or our memories. In these days of the Coronavirus, people seem short-tempered and hostile due to all the stressors of life. But Catholics should not simply tolerate chronic anger and fear in our daily lives.

Instead, when we feel the least at peace ourselves might be the best time to use our will to bring peace to someone who is also afraid and losing hope - a clerk who is rude, a driver who cuts you off, or a pessimistic friend. Instead of lashing back, act out in Easter faith, hope and love. Be the peace of Jesus to a shattered situation near you. “Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God and also in Me”

✘ This weekend we recognize a great gift of God's special love in our lives—**our Mothers**. On this Mother's Day, as we honor our Blessed Mother by crowning her Queen of Heaven and earth, may we take this opportunity to thank and pray, especially for our mothers, living and deceased, for the many ways they have sacrificed themselves for us. May God bless all our mothers. Motherhood takes on so many forms today. Let us affirm and remember in our prayers all women who take on a mothering role in our lives—religious sisters, teachers, aunts, sisters, best friends, counselors, advisors, mentors, neighbors. **Mother’s Day Mass Cards** are available to remember our mothers for the month of May. **Happy Mother's Day to all of you!**

✘ Due to the Coronavirus we have had to postpone our parish celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. I would like to ask the parents of our second graders and ninth graders for a favor. Could you gather your family, get your child who would be receiving Holy Communion or Confirmation to dress up in what they would wear for the sacramental celebration, and take a picture. Send me the pictures and I will post them on our parish website and Facebook page so that our parishioners can continue to pray for them as they prepare for their upcoming sacraments. It will be a wonderful sign to your children that we of Ascension care about them. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

✘ Thank you so much for your contributions to the parish. In these difficult times I really appreciate your generosity. My special thanks to our parish staff who have been very busy during these times. I have no idea when our church will reopen, but we will surely notify you when we hear anything. I miss you all so much, but am so grateful for the gift of live-streaming, Please be safe and remain healthy.

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/ascension-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 **not black box**) your weekly contributions.

Thank you & God Bless!

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



**MEMORIALS**

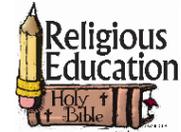
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call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

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <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>                  |
|                             | <b>(per basket/per week)</b> |
| <b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>     | <b>\$15 per week</b>         |

**MEMORIAL FUND**

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



*Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, and Aunts in our Parish.*



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.

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

**Confirmation:** At this time the celebration of Confirmation is on hold. We will email you when it is rescheduled.

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.

If you know of anyone who will be entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade for the 2020-2021 school year and would like to register their child for Religious Education please have them contact Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085 or email at [ascensionreled@opronline.net](mailto:ascensionreled@opronline.net)

**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 – Friday: 9 am to 4:00 pm – In the Parish Center  
Other times by appointment

***OFFICE CLOSED***  
The Parish Center Offices  
Will Remain Closed To The Public  
Until Further Notice. Stay Safe!

MAY 10, 2020

*Dearest mothers,  
Thank you, ... thank you for what  
you are in your family and for what  
you give to the Church and the  
world. And to you, beloved Church,  
thank you, thank you for being  
our mother.*

*And to you, Mary, Mother of God,  
thank you for letting us see Jesus.  
And thank you for all the mammas.  
Let us salute them!*

*Pope Francis*

*Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother,  
may God bless you abundantly on this special day  
and always.*

*May his creative love be the sustenance from  
which you draw the strength to be the gift God has  
made you.*

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**FIFTH 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 Obera, Marie Oberst, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Eileen Kloeblen, 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.

*and a time for every purpose under heaven”*

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of **Luisa Garcia**



**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

**Donated By**

The Lee Family

**In Memory of**

Gerard Patrick Lee

**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.**



**Sunday, May 10, 2020**

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

**Monday, May 11, 2020**

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

**Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

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

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

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

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**Friday, May 15, 2020**

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

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**Mother's Day Mass Remembrance**

**Requested By**

Marylou Fineza  
Theresa Macaluso  
Theresa Macaluso  
Hedy Lazaro  
Hedy Lazaro  
Mr & Mrs P. Klocek  
Mr & Mrs P. Klocek  
Mr & Mrs Conrado Cruz  
Mr & Mrs Conrado Cruz  
Gerardo Miniz  
Mary & Enrique Blanco  
Luz Fabila  
Catherine Zadroga  
Isabel Barratt  
Mary & Chris Cudina  
Mary & Chris Cudina  
Pauline Alfis  
Laura O'Connor  
Laura O'Connor  
Janet Orquiza  
Serina Sharkey  
Serina Sharkey  
Serina Sharkey  
Mr & Mrs James Connors  
Mr Frank Aita

**In Memory of**

Encarnacion Fineza  
Mary Macaluso  
Angelina Ventura  
Remedios Estillore  
Eufrosina Lazaro  
Victoria Klocek  
Pearl Shema  
Praxedes Cruz & Ruby Szewc (Living)  
Macaria Antolin & Lourdes Cruz  
Donna Miniz (L) Crisanta Lopez (D)  
Lilia Blanco & Consuelo Calleja  
Remedios L. Estillore  
Mary Zadroga  
Luisa Garcia  
Joy Cudina  
Elise Boylan  
Helen, Marie, Marion Patterson  
Margaret Vicere  
Elinor O'Connor  
Paz Alburo  
Sue, Shannon, Joyce (Living)  
Pauline & Serina Figalora  
Lillian Byrnes



Blessed be all mothers  
Who have come into our lives  
Whose kindness, care and loving  
Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us  
Made us strive in every way  
Especially to remember  
Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute  
Flows directly from my heart  
You are so loved and cherished  
Invaluable, one and all, you are.

**Catholic Charities Bins To Open Again**

Sentinel Management has notified Catholic Charities that our Donation Bins are anticipated to be open as of May 18th. We are grateful for your patience and look forward to your continued support. We need clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, knickknacks, and children's books.

We pray for an end of this virus in our society and throughout the world. Thank you with all our heart.



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

**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!

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

**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.



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