

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 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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Mass  for the Intentions *Week*

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15, 2022

- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
- 7:30 James & Mary Zadroga
- 9:30 Jerome Guce
- 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, May 16, 2022

- 8:00 David G. Lee

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

- 8:00 Angelina & Joseph Coringrato

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

- 8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Thursday, May 19, 2022

- 8:00 John M. Vo

Friday, May 20, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, May 21, 2022

- 8:30 Gregario Redablado
- 5:30 John Carbone

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Clementcia Cabacoy
- 11:30 Thomas & Jessie Brown

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, May 1, 2022:	\$3,646.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$1,590.00
Sunday, May 8, 2022:	\$4,262.00

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

Readings for Sunday, May 22, 2022

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



GOSPEL MEDITATION

“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

St. Margaret of Cortona | May 16

Though St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 – 1297) is today known as being an incredibly pious Catholic, she didn’t start out that way. Born into a farming family in Laviano, Tuscany, her mother died when St. Margaret was seven. Her father remarried, but life with her stepmother was so difficult that St. Margaret moved out of the home and instead chose to live with a man named Arsenio, though they weren’t married. They had been living together for nine years when she gave birth to a son. Knowing in her heart that this wasn’t the life that God intended for her to have, she prayed for purity.

One day while waiting for Arsenio, his dog led her into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. So shocked was St. Margaret that she fell into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, but still found her stepmother to be as unwelcoming as ever. They then went to Cortona, and eventually her son became a friar.

Three years after her conversion, St. Margaret followed in her son’s footsteps and became a Franciscan tertiary. During her life, St. Margaret established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. She was canonized in 1728.



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: _____

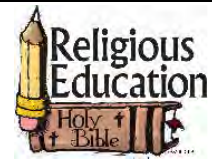
OFFERTORY GIFTS

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 17th 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.



Calendar:

- Tuesday, May 10th- Confirmation Rehearsal – Candidates only - Mandatory– 6:55 pm in Church
- Friday, May 13th – Confirmation Rehearsal- Candidates & Sponsors- Mandatory – 6:55pm in Church
- Sunday, May 15th – 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 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 201-836-3085 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 8th

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 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

Next 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*

**PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH OFFICE (201-836-8961)
IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THIS EVENT
NO LATER THAN MAY 16**



“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 William & Elizabeth Morris



BREAD and WINE this week Donated in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



ALTAR FLOWERS Donated in loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



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.



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

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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Annual Appeal ^{the 2022}

WE HAVE PASSED OUR PARISH GOAL!

Thank you to the 143 families/individuals who have made a pledge. Our parish goal is \$36,600. So far we have donor pledges amounting to \$37,584.19. If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. There is a direct link on our website. Thank you for your support.



PARISH EVENTS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 17

7:30PM - IN THE PARISH CENTER
GATHERING ROOM



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Now you can shop on Amazon with "Amazon Smile" and benefit your parish (AT NO COST TO YOU!)

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Just go to smile.amazon.com and select "Church of the Ascension, New Milford" as your charity; then make your purchases as you normally would on Amazon. Or use direct link on our parish website. Thank you!



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PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE

www.churchoftheascension.com

AND CLICK DONATE ONLINE

OR CONTACT DIRECTLY

WeShare Donor Customer Service

Phone Number: 877-316-0260



FEED THE HUNGRY

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.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

This weekend, 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.



**ASCENSION PARISH YouTube CHANNEL
IS UP AND RUNNING**

**You can view our Sunday 5:30pm Vigil Mass
celebration.**

Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and sign into:
[ascensionchurchnewmilfordnj](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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