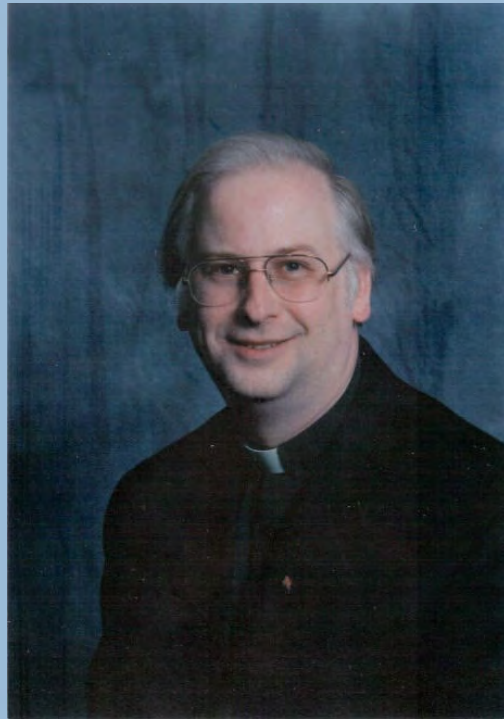




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**WISHING OUR PASTOR, FATHER JIM
A VERY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
May God Bless You Always!**



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Jesus tells his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: *“May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us.”*

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God’s presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God’s presence and promise. The elegance of God’s Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God’s life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.

St. Rita of Cascia | May 22

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ’s passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Please note the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday, May 29, 2022

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22

- 5:30 John Carbone
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Clemencia Cabacoy
- 11:30 Thomas & Jessie Brown

Monday, May 23, 2022

- 8:00 John Foran

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

- 8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

- 8:00 Anne & Harry Sommo

Thursday, May 26, 2022

- 8:00 People of Ascension Parish

Friday, May 27, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, May 28, 2022

- 8:30 Patricia Fineza
- 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

The Ascension of the Lord, May 29

- 7:30 Timothy & Janet Cronin
- 9:30 Enrique Blanco, B’d day (L)
- 11:30 Simplicio Lazaro

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, May 15, 2022:	\$4,313.00
April WeShare (online giving):	\$4,840.00
April M&R WeShare:	\$1,017.50
Catholic Home Missions:	\$ 970.00

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

Readings for Sunday, May 29, 2022

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53



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.

Altar Servers

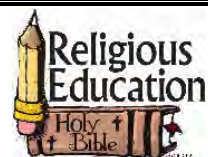
We are in need of Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the parish office (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.



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All PACKETS AND ON-LINE WORK SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED. If you have not done so please return ASAP. As they were due by MAY 20th.

New Registration forms for the 2022-2023 School year have been emailed out to all families already in the program. All registration MUST be in by June 30th or a Late Fee of \$10 per student will be added. If you wish to register your child or know anyone who wishes to register in our program and have not received the email please call 201-836-3085 or stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish center during office hours- 9am to 4 pm daily.

All families are encouraged to come to Mass and to come on a weekly basis, the Church is open and is a safe place as we follow all safety guidelines.

VOLUNTEER



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 – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center
Other times by appointment



Come Celebrate!

Father Jim's

25
YEARS
Anniversary

of Priestly Ordination

This Sunday

May 22, 2022

After the 11:30am 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



“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 **Vincent Guido**



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** Donated to Congratulate **Rev. James T. Brown** On the Occasion of his 25th Ordination Anniversary



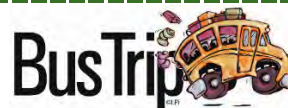
ALTAR FLOWERS Donated in loving Memory of **Jessie Brown**



Congratulation & God Bless our Confirmation Class of 2022

- Jinelle Clare Bacani, Jason Nino Cepeda, Merinrose Kateri Cheriyan, Jason Lorenzo Galang, Cedric Lorenzo Gui, Lyndon Francis Maclang, Emma Elizabeth Marroquin, Sheila Monica Omondi, Ezabella Joan Ompang, Dolly Mary Reyes, Kian Tolentino, Asher Joseph Yu, Emilia Rose Zelasco.

**OPEN HOUSE
GREATER BERGEN COUNTY YMCA
ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED
SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH
AFTER THE 9:30 & 11:30 MASS**



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



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

To Roseann & Robert Sofia who were honored this past weekend at a special anniversary liturgy celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. The Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

“The presence of these couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today’s society.”

Congratulations & God Bless!

Annual Appeal the 2022

WE HAVE PASSED OUR PARISH GOAL!

Thank you to the 146 families/individuals who have made a pledge. Our parish goal is \$36,600. So far we have donor pledges amounting to **\$37,984.19**. 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 again for your support!



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FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JUNE 20TH

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.

- COOKIES-CRACKERS-CRANBERRY JUICE-COFFEE
- APPLE JUICE-GRAPE JUICE-TEA-ICED TEA-JELL-O
- HONEY NUT CHEERIOS-RAISIN BRAN-CHEERIOS
- RICE KRISPIES-PUDDING-CAKE MIX-BROWNIE MIX
- APPLE SAUCE-CANNED PINEAPPLE-TOMATO SAUCE
- LEMONADE MIX-TURKEY GRAVY-INSTANT RICE
- BROWN RICE-MAYONNAISE-SUGAR-GRATED CHEESE
- MANDARIN ORANGES-SALAD DRESSING-RAISINS
- MENS/WOMENS SHAVE CREAM-WOMENS DEODORANT
- CONDITIONER-NAPKINS-LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

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

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.



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

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