

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

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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.



The Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 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

(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

The Ascension of the Lord, May 24

5:30 People of Ascension Parish
7:30 Juan Redoblado
9:30 Ramon Abuedo
11:30 Jan Pagano, First Anniversary

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2020

8:30 Men & Women of our Armed Forces

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

7:00 Alta Milliken
8:30 Maria Mertola

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

7:00 Michael Patrick Barton
8:30 Ramon Abuedo

Thursday, May 28, 2020

7:00 Leonides Cajucom
8:30 Richard Giancole

Friday, May 29, 2020

7:00 Oscar Gerald Genuino
8:30 Thomas Seifert, 95 Birthday (L)

Saturday, May 30, 2020

8:30 Enrique Blanco, Birthday (L)
5:30 Encarnacion Fineza

Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 John M. Vo
11:30 Simplicio Lazaro

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

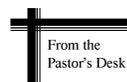
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

May 17, 2020 \$2,555.00
Catholic Home Missions: \$ 102.00

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

Readings for Sunday May 31, 2020

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
[cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
/Jn 20:19-23



Since 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope has been beaming back incredible pictures of the universe in unbelievable detail. It has transformed all of our prior knowledge including the age of the universe, now believed to be 13.5 billion years. As Hubble brings us knowledge also of realities beyond earth, we have to deal with how to think about this idea of life on other planets. And this reality is really staggering to human minds... because it's going to push the edges of what we believe about God.

God seated Jesus Christ "in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name...." This means, "Christ is Lord of the cosmos,"--not just our church, our country, or our corner of the world. So we get pulled in two directions: being in this world, yet knowing that our Creator, and we, are not OF this world. This can become a problem!

Today, on the Ascension, some of the apostles "hesitated" to give themselves over to the worship of Jesus, just before he ascended. It is not so unnatural to doubt. But when it comes to faith in God, openness and willingness are the keys. We have to allow ourselves to be "drawn up" into belief by letting the Spirit lead us to what is true. Remember, "Beam me up, Scotty?" Only God uses a different kind of "tractor beam"—radical love! As Jesus, who gave his life for that love, said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all things to myself."

Sin is the tendency to fight against love. But God's love is the fiercest cosmic force in the universe. So, we can either fight this force of love, or we can let ourselves be drawn into unity with the Lord of the entire cosmos — Jesus Christ. Salvation means letting ourselves be pulled toward Oneness and life — in the Trinity.

✠ Happy Feast Day of Ascension, everyone! This is a joyful celebration of who we are — people who are so grounded and rooted in our faith, that we bring the deepest part of ourselves, Jesus, to our jobs, our social life, and our community involvement.

Even though we are still distancing from each other, may our Liturgy be solemn and reverent—just as glorious as when we are next to each other in church! I hope you and your families will take the opportunity to enjoy some ice cream together to make this a delicious feast day!!

✠ On Friday, May 22nd, we began our **Novena for Pentecost**—nine days of prayer asking God to renew us, our parish, and our world with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will pray the Novena prayer, which has been emailed to all parishioners, at all daily and weekend Masses after the General Intercessions.

As we near Pentecost, may the Lord open our hearts to the power that Jesus offers us. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us and grant us wisdom and courage to follow Jesus. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT!**

✠ On Monday, May 25th, our nation celebrates **Memorial Day**. It is a special day to remember all those who sacrificed their lives that we may live in freedom. Although we are still social distancing, let us honor our fallen heroes, by displaying and waving our flags, by observing moments of silence, by gathering with family to enjoy barbeques with food and drink and fun being together. These are all part of our Memorial Day celebrations.

But our observance of Memorial Day must touch us more deeply. We remember, especially, our brothers and sisters who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and we continue to pray for the members of our Armed Forces around the globe who put their lives on the line for us.

Above all, on this day may we gather together — virtually, united around the Lord's table — as the grateful community of Ascension to remember and give thanks for all who gave their lives for us and our American way of life. Please join us on Facebook to celebrate Eucharist at 9am.

Let us join together and **REMEMBER**.

✠ May I ask that next Sunday, May 31st, we all **wear something RED** as we Facebook Mass together to remind each other of the power of the Holy Spirit we all share.

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
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

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!



MEMORIALS

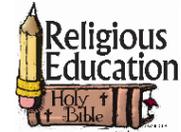
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call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

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

- MEMORIAL CANDLES: \$150/1 Year
- \$20/30 Days
- ALTAR BREAD AND WINE \$40 per week
- ALTAR FLOWERS \$50 (per basket/per week)
- SANCTUARY CANDLE \$15 per week

MEMORIAL FUND

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



Registration for 2020-2021:

Registration forms the 2020-2021 School year have been email to all families, please look for them in your regular and spam emails. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before July 30th. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form, please call before. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

First Communion Families and Confirmation Families as soon as we are able to reschedule these Sacraments you will receive an Email and a Phone call from Mrs. Carbone.

Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in need of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2020-2021 School year. Anyone interested, please call Mrs. 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 – In Rectory
Other times by appointment

**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
2020 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Our parish goal this year is \$37,834. and **100% of every dollar raised above goal will be returned to our parish.** As of this date we have received \$24,640.00 in pledges from 96 families.

Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. Brochures, which outline all areas of support, are available from the parish office. Please call, 201-836-8961, if you would like one.

Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless.

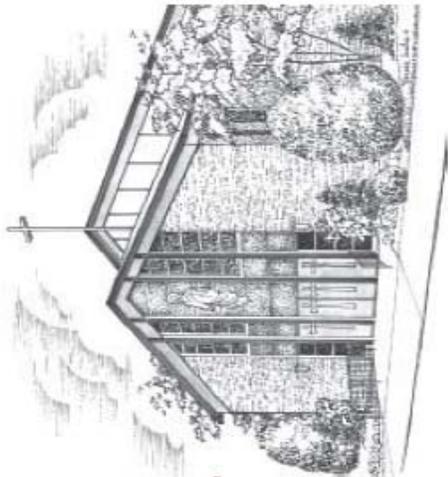
OFFICE CLOSED

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

Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

Invites You to Gather Together and Share...



Our Parish Feast Day

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

...10:00am Live-Streamed Feast Day

Eucharistic Liturgy

Please...Join Us !

(Facebook Church of the Ascension New Milford NJ)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



“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
Gerard Patrick Lee

BREAD and WINE this week
Donated in loving memory of
Ramon Abuedo



Altar Flowers for this week
Donated with love for
Fernandito & Velma Carnigal (L)



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FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



The Ascension of the Lord, Our Parish Feast day
Sunday, May 24, 2020

Mass at 10:00am livestreamed via Facebook



Monday, May 25, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Novena at 7:30pm livestreamed via Facebook

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Friday, May 29, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Mass at 10:00am livestreamed via Facebook

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

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 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!



MONDAY, MAY 25TH*MEMORIAL DAY
ALL PARISH OFFICES
WILL REMAIN CLOSED
WISHING YOU A
SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JUNE 15th**

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.

APPLE JUICE-GRAPE JUICE-ICED TEA-LEMONADE MIX
BAKED BEANS-PORK & BEANS-GRATED CHEESE-JELL-O
PUDDING-COOKIES-CRACKERS-TOMATO SAUCE-JAM
CANNED WHITE POTATOES-MIXED VEGETABLES
APPLE SAUCE-BEEF STEW-RAISIN BRAN-BEEF GRAVY
EGG NOODLES-TOMATO PASTE-WHITE RICE-SUGAR
BREAD CRUMBS-CHICKEN GRAVY-SALAD DRESSING
KETCHUP-BEEF BROTH-RAMEN SOUP-TISSUES-NAPKINS

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



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: _____

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 Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



Father's Day Cards are available at the parish office. All Masses will be offered for the Father's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Father's Day & throughout the month of June. If you would like a card please call the parish office, 201-836-8961, to make arrangement for pick up. Offering is \$10.00 per card/intention. **Father's Day Sunday, June 21st.**



“LEST WE FORGET”

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the lives and service
of our men and women in the Armed Forces.
Strengthen them and give them guidance
as they stand in harm's way to
protect our nation and way of life.
May they face each day of their service
the same way Your Son Jesus did;
with courage, dignity and faith.
And if it be Your will, when their
work is through, bring them safely home.

Lord, please also bless
the families of our troops.
Reward them generously for their sacrifices
which are known only to You.
May we never forget those who
have paid the ultimate price
for our freedom and safety:
those who have died in the service
of our county.

May they rest in peace forever
with You in Your kingdom.

Amen



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