

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

- 5:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 7:30 Timothy & Janet Cronin
- 9:30 Enrique Blanco, B'day (L)
- 11:30 Simplicio Lazaro

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 30**

- 8:00 All who have died in service  
of our countries Armed Forces

**Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

- 8:00 Eric & Kelli Blanco Anniv. (L)

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

- 8:00 Elnora Gordon, First Anniv.

**Thursday, June 2, 2022**

- 8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

**Friday, June 3, 2022**

No Mass

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**

**Memorial**

- 8:30 Ramon Abuedo,  
Joseph Meyer, Jim Gillen
- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

**Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022**

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Anne & Harry Sommo
- 11:30 Gene Golingan

**PARISH \$TEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

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

Sunday, May 22, 2022: \$3,030.00  
Social Concerns & WeShare: \$ 979.00

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

**Readings for Pentecost Sunday  
June 5, 2022**

*Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/  
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

We have the ability to walk with joyful hope! Jesus, during his earthly ministry, pointed the way to God's kingdom. What is finally understood about God's kingdom is that it is filled with the glory of Christ! We are all in the process of being emptied into and becoming one with Christ. We are new creations, clothed in Christ, made in God's very image and likeness, and on this incredible journey of glory. The Ascension allows us to see this truth about ourselves and it enlightens our hearts. Christ who was most perfectly, vividly, and brilliantly transfigured before the very eyes of the disciples will be our destiny. Seeing only imperfectly now, we will see perfectly then. We will bask in the brilliance of understanding and truth. Christ is our destiny and our hope. Alleluia!

Believing this with our whole heart allows us to walk proudly through life's darkness. There is so much that can upset us and weigh us down. Sometimes, life's news can not only be challenging but downright discouraging. Our own lives can easily become unsettled and empty. We rely too much on the things of this world to please us and wonder how we lost our excitement, enthusiasm, wonder, and joy. Getting so caught up in superficialities and unnecessary dependencies, we lose our axis, anchor, and center. Today, we can claim it back again! We are reminded that it is not here that we find fulfillment but in the world of Christ yet to come. Jesus sent this promise of his Father upon his disciples, and he sends it to us as well.

Faith in God really has power to change things. In essence, all we have to do is believe in what God promises. God is ever close to us. He can even use what we see as the "useless scraps of life" to create "God moments" of inspiration and invitation. Then, even what is perceived as unpleasant, distasteful, or even hurtful can be transformed into an experience of joy. The Ascension of Christ becomes our reference point for self-knowledge. This firm anchor allows us to work through whatever comes our way and never be robbed of joy!



**"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**



**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!

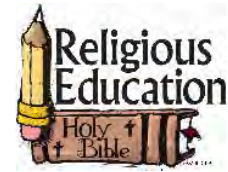
**I would like....**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**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 20<sup>th</sup>.

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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

**OPEN HOUSE**

**GREATER BERGEN COUNTY YMCA  
ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED  
SUNDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
AFTER THE 9:30 & 11:30 MASS**

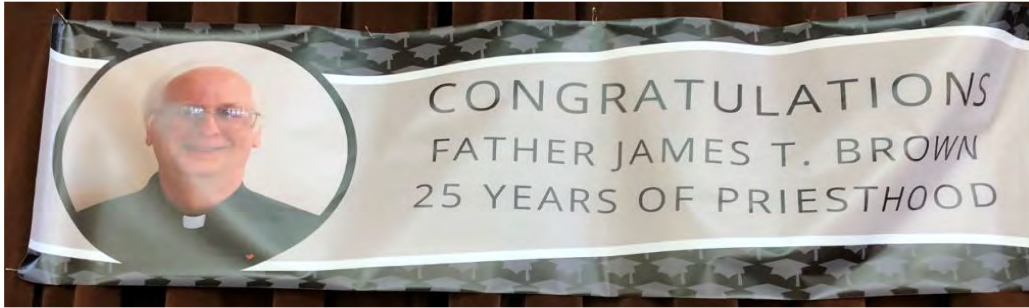
**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

**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.**

NEW MILFORD, NJ



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



**“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*

**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**



“I would like to thank the Parish Events Committee and others who came to help, for working so hard and amicably on Fr. Jim’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We received nothing but accolades for our efforts. Many thanks to those who donated, The Filipino Community, The Sedlaks, West New York Florist, John Lacey (Coca-Cola) and others. The Lord’s presence was truly with us.”  
Josie McEwan



**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



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Father's Day Cards are available at the parish office or in the vestibule of church. All Masses will be offered for the Father's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Father's Day & throughout the month of June. Offering is \$10.00 per card/intention. Father's Day Sunday, June 19th.

### Annual Appeal <sup>the 2022</sup>

#### WE HAVE PASSED OUR PARISH GOAL!

Thank you to the 147 families/individuals who have made a pledge. Our parish goal is \$36,600. So far we have donor pledges amounting to \$38,484.19. 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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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



#### Holiday Office Hours

MONDAY, MAY 30th\*MEMORIAL DAY  
ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
WISHING YOU A  
SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND



#### 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

*"Don't like to shop-donate a ShopRite Gift Card- we'll do the shopping"*

#### DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

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