

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .



+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 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

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E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020

5:30 Encarnacion Fineza
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 John M. Vo
11:30 Simplicio Lazaro

Monday, June 1, 2020

7:00 People of the Parish
8:30 Lucy Smithward

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

7:00 People of the Parish
8:30 Dottie & Mary Williams

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 People of the Parish

Thursday, June 4, 2020

7:00 People of the Parish
8:30 People of the Parish

Friday, June 5, 2020

7:00 People of the Parish
8:30 Bolivar Aponte

Saturday, June 6, 2020

8:30 People of the Parish
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

The Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Giuseppe DePalo
11:30 Eleanor Parow

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

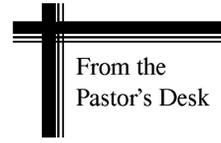
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Thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

Readings for Sunday June 7, 2020

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
[52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



From the
Pastor's Desk

PENTECOST is called the birthday of the Church because before Pentecost, there really was no Church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptize people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit—the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into Church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was a change. There was courage, knowledge, direction, and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gave them the gifts they needed to go forth and be Church. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

The wind and fire of the Spirit were not to be shared only by the small band of Jesus' followers huddled in the Upper Room. Rather, these signs of the Spirit's power were unleashed for all disciples of Jesus for all time. The Spirit's power—wind and fire—is still all around us. Though sometimes the doors of our personal upper rooms are locked so tightly that we cannot notice it or will not acknowledge it, the Spirit breaks through and empowers us with incredible gifts and blessings.

This Pentecost weekend is so charged with the Spirit's wind and fire, especially as we celebrate our unity in diversity in Ascension Parish. May God continue to bless us as we witness to the power of the Spirit in our lives through the faith we live and share.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

- ✠ Our church is re-opened, but, please follow the directives from Cardinal Tobin and any further directives from Fr. David. Cardinal Tobin asks that these be followed by all parishioners without exception.
- ✠ Today we extinguish our Paschal Candle. Remember, that the greatest gift you can ever give God is the gift of yourself. Be the light that God has created you to be so that others will be touched by the flame of the Spirit and will, in turn, go out and share it with others.
- ✠ Just a reminder...On Sunday, June 14th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. Pope Francis has asked all of us to make the celebration of Corpus Christi truly special. We will live stream at 10am Mass, after which we will expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration and conclude with Benediction. Please, plan to join us for this beautiful day of Eucharistic Blessing for Ascension!

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

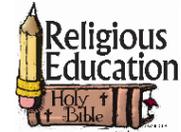
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call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



OFFICE CLOSED

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

MAY 31, 2020



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Directives for Re-Opening Churches

The guidelines below, given by Cardinal Tobin, apply to all churches and must be observed without exception.

1. Cardinal Tobin continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday as well as from “Easter duty” (the obligation to receive Holy Communion during the season of Easter).
2. Churches may be opened solely for personal prayer during limited and designated hours. Individuals and families enter the church for quiet prayer only. During opening hours, a parish staff member must be physically present in the church to ensure social distancing and sanitizing. No gatherings are permitted.
3. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days.
4. Holy water fonts must remain empty until further notice.
5. Hand sanitizer should be made available throughout the church.
6. Public celebrations of liturgies, devotions, or other group prayer are not permitted at this time.
7. Masks must be worn by all individuals while in the church.
8. Individuals and families must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.
9. The pastor will ensure that there is prominent notification within the church regarding the requirement of masks and social distancing.
10. Pews, door handles and knobs, restrooms and high traffic areas of the church should be wiped down and sanitized at regular intervals with the removal of trash and other items from the pews.
11. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be offered at specified and limited times.
 - a. Confessionals are not to be used.
 - b. Social distancing must be maintained by those waiting for the sacrament and attention be given to maintaining the seal.
 - c. Masks must be worn by confessor and penitent.

In addition, here at Ascension until further notice these additional directives must be followed for your safety:

- Church will be open from 12 noon to 3:00pm daily
- Enter side door near rectory
- All visitors, including children, must wear masks, have and use their own hand sanitizer and wipes.
- Practice social distancing (6 feet apart). We have roped off pews not to be used.
- You may light candles, please refrain from touching other areas in church.
- Holy Water will not be accessible
- Children must remain with adults at all times
- Bathrooms will not be open
- Please No gathering or socializing in church

Confessions, please call the parish office, 201-836-8961, to make an appointment.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these difficult times.

God Bless

PENTECOST SUNDAY



“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 Kloebler, 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.

“a time to die...”

James E. Crowley

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**



Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020

Mass at 10:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Monday, June 1, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Novena at 7:30pm livestreamed via Facebook

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Friday, June 5, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Saturday, June 6, 2020

Mass at 9:00am livestreamed via Facebook

Sunday, June 7, 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!



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

**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: _____



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.**



**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.

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.



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