

Church of the Ascension

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+ 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 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.



Pentecost Sunday
June 5, 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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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God’s transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. *“O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams.”* (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

St. Norbert | June 6

Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten, was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope’s request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded women’s branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament.

Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022

- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Anne & Harry Sommo
- 11:30 Gene Golingan

Monday, June 6, 2022

- 8:00 Ari Weisbrot

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

- 8:00 Gloria Redoblado

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

- 8:00 Roberto R. Caparas Sr., 5th Anniv.

Thursday, June 9, 2022

- 8:00 Rev. John A. Merity

Friday, June 10, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, June 11, 2022

- 8:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis
- 5:30 Donna Rossi

The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, June 12, 2022

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Anne & Harry Sommo
- 11:30 Lilia Pineda

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

NO FIGURES
AT TIME OF PRINTING

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

Readings for The Most Holy Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/
Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15



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: _____

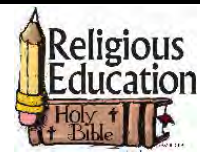
Altar Servers

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.

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.

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.



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.



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



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

NEW MILFORD, NJ





“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Al Suter, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Marie Oberst, Mary Anne Meyer, 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.

“a time to die...”

Margaret Mennella, Deacon Harold L. Bates, Jr.

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 for this week
Donated in loving Memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**

Annual Appeal the 2022

WE HAVE PASSED OUR PARISH GOAL!

Thank you to the 148 families/individuals who have made a pledge. Our parish goal is \$36,600. So far we have donor pledges amounting to **\$38,634.19**. 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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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.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS**

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

OPEN HOUSE

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

LOWER HALL ROOF FUND

The roof on the Lower Hall of the School building has long past it's life expectancy. We are hoping that we would get at least a couple of more years out of it. Unfortunately during the recent rains several leaks have appeared. Since we just redid the entire interior, new floors and total repainting, due to Ida, to allow the leaks to continue means that we risk ruining the work just completed on the inside, and to patch is just wasting money.

The cost to replace the roof is \$53,000. We do not have this laying around. Our roofer has offered to carry the balance for 24 months. We need to raise \$2,400. per month to cover this. On June 1st a Lower Hall fund will go up on We Share for anyone who would like to contribute to this fund. If you do not use We Share please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Roof Fund" and put in the collection.

Once we cover the cost of the roof that fund will be removed. This is a restricted fund and any monies collected through this fund can only go to this purpose. Thank you for your continued support of our great parish.



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PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
www.churchoftheascension.com
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Monday, June 13 at 1:00pm**

**MASS INTENTIONS
SANCTUARY CANDLE
BREAD & WINE
ALTAR FLOWERS
MEMORIAL CANDLES
PLEASE SEE FLYER
IN TODAY'S BULLETIN
FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION**



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.**



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 DROPPED OFF
INSIDE THE PARISH CENTER**

Please do not leave donations outside

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