

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.

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 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 6, 2021

+ 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

One Daily Mass at 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 7:45 a.m.



PARISH CENTER

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER/RECTORY

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(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021

5:30pm William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 Lillian Person
9:30 Sally Mottola
11:30 Mary & Gloria Buckley

Monday, June 7, 2021

8:30 People of Ascension Parish
8:30 Rosa Santos Carreon

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

8:30 Margaret Leaman
8:30 Roberto R. Caparas, Sr. 4th Anniv.

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

8:30 Patrick Mallon
8:30 Gloria Redoblado

Thursday, June 10, 2021

8:30 Rev. John A. Merity
8:30 Robert Carucci

Friday, June 11, 2021

8:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis
8:30 Robert Carucci

Saturday, June 12, 2021

8:30 Lilia Pineda, First Anniversary
5:30pm Donna Rossi

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 13, 2021

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Anne & Harry Sommo
11:30 Stephen Hellriegel

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

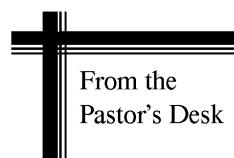
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

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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 The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 13, 2021

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
[cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



What do you think about these TV shows that specialize in major transformations? There's Dancing With The Stars which turns famous people with two left feet into pretty decent dancers. Home renovation reality shows help families who are in dire straits from poverty or illness, and give them the dignity and joy of a renovated home. The Biggest Loser gives personal trainers to people who are obese; they work in teams, support each other, and tell stories of how their self-respect, gratitude, and love for their own bodies increases daily.

What is fascinating to us is to see the miracles of "what was" become "what can be", right in front of our eyes. Today, Jesus reveals the deepest transformation imaginable: the very cells of our bodies become transformed when we take into ourselves the "real food" of Jesus' body, and the "real drink" of Jesus' blood. Jesus then remains in us, and we have his eternal life. At first thought, it's unbelievable, isn't it? But food is our most basic requirement for life—from the moment of conception. All creatures must eat and drink, or die.

However, in the case of Jesus, food is more than mere survival. When we take in Jesus' body and blood, we're not just "takers"—we become givers. Some people have a spirituality that is so pre-occupied with taking the host, they miss the transformation into "givers." We can't mess around with this: we do not dare ask for Jesus in the Eucharist unless we are ready to do his work in the world. As one priest said, "If your Communion only happens in a church, then it is not Communion with our Lord Jesus Christ."

- The Cardinal has given new directives to be followed during the pandemic. Please read page 4 in this weekend's bulletin.
Ascension Ministers--Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors--We can now resume full ministry at the Lord's Table. Please let us know at which Mass you can be scheduled. Please call the Parish Office at 201-836-3085.
Father's Day is June 20th. For those who wish to remember our fathers, living or deceased, on this special day and throughout the month, our Father's Day Novena Mass Cards are available in the vestibule of the church and in the Parish Office.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too. God Love You!

Handwritten signature of Rev. David

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

With the recent adjustments to pandemic protocols, we would like to resume collections taken by our ushers. So that we might have an accurate list of those ushers who are willing to resume this ministry in the coming weeks, or other parishioners who are willing to help in this ministry, please see Fr. David or call the Parish Office with your name, phone number, email address and Mass time at which you are willing to serve each week. **Thank you.**

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: _____

Returning to Grace:

**A Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist
 By Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin,
 Archbishop of Newark**

**Booklets available in the vestibule of church
 or in the parish center office.**



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Registration:

The 2021/2022 Registration Forms were emailed to everyone on March 31st. Please fill them out and return before June 30th. After June 30, 2021 there will be a late fee of \$10 per student. Remember that one form for each student and please make sure that you update your email address and phone numbers. If you know anyone who would like to enroll their child (ren) in our program please have them call me in the office. Forms can be found on the parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com, or by stopping by the Parish Center during business hours and picking up a form.

Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 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 sharing their faith and working 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 Parish Center
 Other times by appointment



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 20th.**

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.

JUNE 6, 2021

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

UP-DATED Directives for Parish Liturgical Celebrations during the Covid 19 Pandemic

Mass Attendance

Cardinal Tobin and the Bishops of New Jersey are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation effective June 5/6, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. To read the official statement, please visit: <https://www.rcan.org/>

- Churches and parish facilities may return to 100 per cent capacity with no social distancing for both indoor and outdoor services and activities, as of June 4, 2021.
- Parishioners, if they are vaccinated, are no longer required to wear a mask. It is not required for parishioners to show proof of vaccination.
- Anyone not fully vaccinated should wear a mask. Any vaccinated person preferring to wear a mask should feel free to do so.
- Churches and meeting spaces should continue to be sanitized after each liturgy, event or meeting.

The Communion Rite

- The Sign of Peace should be offered but continue to be made without physical contact.
- Communicants will continue to receive Communion in the hand. If not fully vaccinated, they lower their masks to consume the host, then replace their masks. The chalice is still prohibited for the assembly.

Music

- Choirs are not required to wear masks or social distance.

Hymnals and Bulletins

- Hymnals and reusable booklets are permitted for use.
- Parishes may continue to use electronic media, e.g., projector and screen, for the people's participation.
- Bulletins and other handouts may be left for parishioners to pick up or they may be handed out by ushers/greeters.

Lectors and Cantors

- Lectors and cantors who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- All Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (and clergy) must sanitize their hands AFTER they themselves consume Communion and BEFORE they distribute to the assembly.
- Fully vaccinated ministers are only required to wear a mask when distributing Communion.

Livestreaming Mass

- Livestreaming may continue for those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility and those with serious underlying health conditions.



“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, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, Neil Magbanua, Vincent Guido, John Person, Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Danny Allen, Jerry Speciale, 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, 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...”

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 William & Elizabeth Morris



Bread and Wine this week offered in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week donated in loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

Sunday Mass in Church only is not livestreamed

Monday, June 7, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Saturday, June 12, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church & livestream via FB

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

Sunday Mass in Church only is not livestreamed



Thank you to all who have continued making their weekly donations, it is truly appreciated.

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

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Please remember that during this crisis our monthly financial responsibilities continue.

If you are unable to come to church for Mass Please mail in or drop off (in door slot of parish center not black box) your weekly contributions.

Thank you & God Bless!



HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JUNE 21st

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.

- CLAM CHOWDER-BEEF GRAVY-CHICKEN GRAVY
- PANCAKE MIX-HOT COCOA-COOKIES-CRACKERS
- APPLE SAUCE-INSTANT RICE-CANNED MUSHROOMS
- CANNED PINEAPPLE-EGG NOODLES-CANNED PEARS
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-TOOTHPASTE-PAPER TOWELS
- NAPKINS-TISSUES-WOMENS/MENS DEODORANT
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM-DISH SOAP

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

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

**Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph and Ascension Council
2021 Scholarship Program**

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph and Ascension Council #3814 in Oradell/New Milford will award \$1,000 Scholarships to two current 8th graders planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2021. Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell or Ascension Parish in New Milford. Selection will be based on criteria focusing on service to the church, school, and community, and an essay on the value of the Knights of Columbus principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Completed applications must be returned to St. Joseph and Ascension Council, 199 River Road, NJ 07646, postmarked no later than Friday June 18, 2021. Winners will be notified in July. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.kofcstjoseph.org. For additional information contact Jeff Walters at 201-925-7174.

Please Notice This



OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.



On Sunday, June 27, 2021, Father David will celebrate his farewell mass at 11:30am here at Ascension.

After mass all are invited to the Father Benedict Center where you may extend your warm wishes and appreciation to your Pastor for his twenty years of ministry and service to your parish.

QUEEN ESTHER

Ascension Parish will sponsor a trip to Pennsylvania's Amish Country for 3 days/2 nights, November 17-19, 2021. The price of the trip is \$439 for double occ./\$539 single occ. This includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, live performance of "Queen Esther" at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Spectacular musical "Winter Wonderland" at the American Musical Theatre, Holiday Chalk Talk with Elva Hurst, visit Byers Choice LTD Visitors Center, Christmas Museum & CrecheCollection, motorcoach transportation, baggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. **A \$100 deposit per person will hold your reservation which is due July 31st.** Balance due September 15th. All checks must be made payable to Ascension Church. For info. or questions, please call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Please fill out the coupon below and drop off at the parish center with your deposit enclosed. Please indicate on outside of envelope "Pennsylvania Trip"

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**Catholic Stewardship in Action
2021 ANNUAL APPEAL**

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Thank you to the 168 families/individuals who have made a pledge. To date we have \$48,580.00 in pledges. We have reached our parish goal of \$36,642.00. If you haven't done so, please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. There is also a direct link on our website. Thank you for your support.

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