

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.



The Most Holy Trinity

June 12, 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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Mass for the Intentions Week

The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, June 12, 2022

- 5:30 Donna Rossi
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Anne & Harry Sommo
- 11:30 Lilia Pineda

Monday, June 13, 2022

- 8:00 Juanita Santiago

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

- 8:00 Stephen Hellriegel

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

- 8:00 Lucy Joseph

Thursday, June 16, 2022

- 8:00 Fr. David Milliken, 45 Anniv.(L)

Friday, June 17, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, June 18, 2022

- 8:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli
- 5:30 All Fathers of Parish

Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022

- 7:30 All Fathers
- 9:30 Living & Deceased
- 11:30 of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, May 29, 2022:	\$3,615.00
Ascension WeShare:	\$ 185.00
May 2022 WeShare:	\$5,313.00
Sunday, June 5, 2022:	\$3,874.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$1,544.00
M&R WeShare:	\$ 937.50

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 Body & Blood of Christ
June 19, 2022**

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1
Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In creative celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, pray a rosary with creation. Find a quiet place outside or sit near a window. Contemplate the amazing Divine Gift that is before you. Admire it. Study it. Become one with it. Ask for the guidance of Brother St. Francis as you pray: *“You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth. You are three in one, God above all gods. You are good, all good, and supreme good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are joy. You are hope and happiness.”* Admire the wonder and majesty of God in all that is around you. Ask for wisdom and understanding.

Begin each decade with the Our Father and conclude with the Glory Be.

Decade one: Contemplate God the Father. As you pray each bead with a Hail Mary, get lost in the grandeur of all that you see. Imagine the thousands and thousands of years of history that is before you. Envision a time when nothing existed. What is nothing? Lift your eyes, heart, and soul to the power and magnificence of the universe, its expanse and its endlessness. You are one with it all. God’s creative power.

Decade two: Contemplate God the Son. Behold the squirrels, birds, and critters all conducting life’s business. They have heartbeats just like yours. Praying each bead, become one with the incarnate divine life that flows through you and flows with the smallest of creatures. It is holy innocence and blessed life. Tenderness. Compassion, Mercy. Reverence. All want to be held, have a home, and be loved. God in all things. Emmanuel.

Decade three: Contemplate God the Holy Spirit. The changing of times and seasons happens often without notice. It is all within God’s care and guided. We all belong. Behold the living, dying, and rising to new life. You are one with all time from beginning into eternity.

Decade Four: Contemplate God as One.

Decade Five: Contemplate God as three. All different while remaining one. The divine dance is being danced before you. Rest in what you see. Become what you see. We are all connected: God of the Holy Trinity, creation, our brothers and sisters, the animals, and the plants.

The rosary you have prayed celebrates the circle of connectedness and the intimate relationship we share with all things: a glimpse of the Trinity.

Saint Germaine Cousin | June 15

Saint Germaine was born in Pibrac, France in 1579 to poor parents. Her story is a heart wrenching one. She was born with a deformed right arm and hand, and her mother died when she was an infant. Her father remarried, but her stepmother brutally abused and neglected her.

As a child Germaine suffered from scrofula, a disfiguring form of tuberculosis which causes swelling and lesions on the side of the neck. Already sick, abused, and starving, she was forced to sleep in barn with sheep she tended.

Despite everything, Germaine lived each day tending her flock with joy and in prayer. Mary and Jesus became her friends. She shared what little she had and taught the children of the village about God’s love. A rosary made of string knots was her constant companion. She attended Mass every day, leaving her sheep in care of guardian angels. Her flock was never attacked by wolves and never wandered. Some claimed to see the waters of the flooded river part so she could get to Mass.

She is often portrayed with an apron full of flowers because one winter day her stepmother accused her of stealing bread from the house and hiding it her apron. But when she was seized and forced to open the apron an abundance of spring flowers tumbled forth. It was this incident that compelled the villagers and even her parents to recognize her holiness. Germaine died at 22, her poor body was found by her father, in the barn where she slept. She was buried in the village church. More than forty years later, her body was accidentally exhumed and found to be incorrupt. She was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867 and inscribed into the canon of virgins.



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: _____



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.

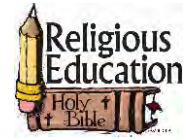
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- APPLE JUICE-GRAPE JUICE-TEA-ICED TEA-JELL-O
- HONEY NUT CHEERIOS-RAISIN BRAN-CHEERIOS
- RICE KRISPIES-PUDDING-CAKE MIX-BROWNIE MIX
- APPLE SAUCE-CANNED PINEAPPLE-TOMATO SAUCE
- LEMONADE MIX-TURKEY GRAVY-INSTANT RICE
- BROWN RICE-MAYONNAISE-SUGAR-GRATED CHEESE
- MANDARIN ORANGES-SALAD DRESSING-RAISINS
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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.



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



TUESDAY

FLAG DAY

JUNE 14, 2022

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.

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, Kaitlin Abreu 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...”

Robert Conti

and a time for every purpose under heaven” Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of Gregory & Anthony Poli



Altar Flowers for this week Donated in loving Memory of Lilia Pineda



PARISH TRIP

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.

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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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. A Lower Hall fund has been set 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!

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.



WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
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

2023 Mass Book Opens
Monday, June 13 at 1:00pm
MASS INTENTIONS
SANCTUARY CANDLE
BREAD & WINE
ALTAR FLOWERS
MEMORIAL CANDLES
PLEASE SEE FORM
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 is Next Sunday, June 19th.

NEW MILFORD 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Fireworks return to New Milford on **Saturday, July 2!** The day begins at 2 p.m. with a Food Truck Festival. The New Milford Elks are also sponsoring a Beer Garden. We will have games and activities for the entire family. The event takes place at the municipal complex. Fireworks will start around 9:15 pm. We're also planning a music festival for the fall and will be collecting items for a time capsule. For updated information about our activities, please visit the website: New Milford 100th Anniversary

New Milford 100th Anniversary Planning Committee



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: Ascensionchruchnewmilfordnj

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.