

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

Religious Education

Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education

Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7 & 8

Dena Sedlak, Coordinator of First Penance and

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.



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 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, June 28-August 3, 2021

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

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896

E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

5:30pm Donna Rossi
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Anne & Harry Sommo
11:30 Stephen Hellriegel

Monday, June 14, 2021

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Dottie Meyer

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

8:30 Bob Carucci
8:30 Bella & Frank Pace

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

8:30 Margie McNulty
8:30 Robert Carucci

Thursday, June 17, 2021

8:30 Aldo Guerra
8:30 Luis Mendoza

Friday, June 18, 2021

8:30 Rosa Santos Carreon
8:30 Anthony Poli

Saturday, June 19, 2021

8:30 Mary Blanco, Birthday (L)
5:30pm All Fathers of Ascension Parish

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 2021

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

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

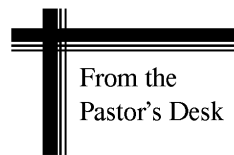
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

May 30, 2021: \$3,674.00
June 6, 2021: \$3,825.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$2,503.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
June 20, 2021**

Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells two parables designed to help us in our understanding of the "kingdom of God." In the first parable, Jesus says "this is how it is with the kingdom of God." Then he speaks about seed that sprouts, grows, and yields a harvest without the farmer understanding how it happens. The parable proclaims that God acts in our world as God chooses to act. We cannot control the action of God nor can we always understand or recognize what God is doing. God acts according to his own design.

In the second parable, Jesus says "to what shall we compare the kingdom of God?" He then speaks of a mustard seed "that springs up to become the largest of plants." Its growth is unstoppable. So it is with God. In the end, the dream God has for his creation will come to pass.

God is acting in the world. That action of God reached a definitive stage when the Son of God took on flesh and walked among us. That action of God continues. The fact we believe; the fact the Church continues, despite the sins of its members; the fact that good people sacrifice for the sake of the hungry and the hurting and work for justice and peace are signs that God is acting, signs that the kingdom of God is growing. As we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come."

✠ Thank you to **ALL** who worked and participated in our Parish's Corpus Christi Celebration. The Mass, the music, the procession and the benedictions were beautiful and so reverent. Let us continue to show how we — the Body of Christ — extend the Eucharist into our parish and family life.

✠ This weekend we are happy to welcome Bishop Michael Saporito. He will celebrate the 9:30am Mass with us. Let us give him a warm Ascension welcome!

✠ 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!

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: _____

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.



ADT-MONITORED HOME SECURITY
1-855-225-4251

Please remember to patronize, who help make this bulletin possible



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.**

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.

JUNE 13, 2021

Archdiocese of Newark
Office of the Archbishop

July 1, 2021

“My Dear Parishioners:

I announce to you today that I have appointed the Reverend James T. Brown, Pastor of Ascension Parish, New Milford, New Jersey.

Father Brown comes to you with many years of fine priestly experience. In all his assignments, he has been a faithful representative of Our Lord, ministering to the needs of people with tremendous dedication and zeal.

A Pastor is to care for his people, preach the good news of Jesus Christ, and make them holy by celebrating the Sacraments. He works in harmony with his Bishop, “to bring the faithful together like a unified family so that they may be led effectively through Christ in the Holy Spirit to the Father.” (Instruction in the Rite of Ordination to the Priesthood.)

As a true leader, he should listen to his people and discover their needs. He will often consult with the Pastoral Council and work with them to accomplish the mission of Christ in his parish. “All pastors should remember, too, that by their daily conduct and concern, they are reflecting the face of the Church to the World.” (Document of Vatican II, “The Church Today.” No. 43.)

I ask you to receive Father Brown warmly, cooperating with him in every way in his new role as pastor. Continue to offer him your assistance and support as you have for pastors before him. Pray for him so that the Lord may give him the holiness and strength he needs to carry out the responsibilities of his office.

I send my prayers and my blessings to all the members of Ascension Parish on this very happy occasion.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark”

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, 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.

“a time to die...”

Elnora Cristi-Gordon

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of **Ramon Abuedo**



Bread and Wine this week offered in loving memory of **Bob Carucci**



Altar Flowers for this week donated in loving Memory of **Lilia Pineda**



Sunday, June 13, 2021

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

Sunday Mass in Church only is not livestreamed



Monday, June 14, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Friday, June 18, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

Saturday, June 19, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church & livestream via Facebook

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



Sunday, June 20, 2021

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

Sunday Mass in Church only is not livestreamed



Thank you to all who continue 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

WeShare Donor FAQ: [WeShare Donor Support](#)

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!



FEED THE HUNGRY

**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.

**BUS TRIP TO RESORTS WORLD
CATSKILL CASINO**

Our parish will sponsor a trip to Resorts World Catskill Casino, Monticello, NY on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. The cost is \$35. Per person includes \$25. Free play and \$10. Food voucher.

The bus will leave Ascension Church parking lot at 9:30am. You must have ID to get a promotions card or bonus money. Please make check payable to "Ascension Church". Fill in the form below and drop off with check at the Parish Center. Indicate on outside of envelope "RESORTS TRIP". For further info. Call Josie 201-265-0485 or Anna 201-387-2632.

NAME: _____ #OF PEOPLE _____
PHONE # _____ AMT. ENCL. _____

**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.



**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. **\$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"

NAME _____
PHONE _____
NAME OF PERSON YOU ARE ROOMING WITH _____
OF PEOPLE _____
EMAIL _____ AMT. ENCL. _____

**Catholic Stewardship in Action
2021 ANNUAL APPEAL**

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Thank you to the 172 families/individuals who have made a pledge. To date we have \$50,305.00 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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WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**