

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

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Rev. Tim Graff

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Director of Music

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Jeanette MacNish, Coordinator for Grades 7 & 8

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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 14, 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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
June 14, 2020**

5:30 John Iuliano
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Donna Rossi
11:30 Mary Buckley, 14th Anniversary

Monday, June 15, 2020

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

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

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

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

7:00 People of Parish
8:30 Leonides Cajucom

Thursday, June 18, 2020

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

Friday, June 19, 2020

7:00 People of Parish
8:30 Luis Mendoza

Saturday, June 20, 2020

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

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21, 2020**

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

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

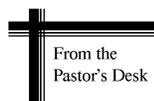
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, May 31, 2020: \$2,767.00
Sunday, June 7, 2020: \$4,624.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,371.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
June 21, 2020**

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
[14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



Today, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ—what used to be called “Corpus Christi”—is the perfect time to think about what the bread and wine we receive really means to us. The Israelites were hungry, so they cried out for proof that God was with them in the desert. God sent the manna to feed them, symbolic of the Body of Christ we receive today. But the Israelites didn’t recognize the manna when it appeared. It didn’t look like food to them.

God is constantly feeding us and sustaining us in so many ways today that we don’t recognize, either. For example, when was the last time something you thought was a curse turned out to be a blessing? Perhaps that is because too much of the time, we don’t recognize the “Real Presence” working in our lives every day. So we automatically groan, curse, gripe or despair when something that seems bad happens—instead of saying, “God is at work here, too.”

If, during the week, we never pray or thank God for the gifts we are always receiving at God’s hands, then our awareness of God’s presence in our lives will probably not be very high as we enter the church doors. But if talking to God becomes a natural part of our lives, then our Sunday celebration will be a real conclusion to what’s been going on all week.

If Mass feels more like an obligation than a celebration, try to increase your awareness that God IS in every moment of your every day. Then as we stand together at Mass, we will feel more like One Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

✠ Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus (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!

✠ Next weekend we recognize a special sign of God’s care for us, his special voice in our lives — our Fathers. May we take this opportunity to thank our fathers, living and deceased, for the many ways they have sacrificed themselves for us. **Father’s Day Mass Cards** are available in the Parish Center Office. May God bless all our fathers. **Happy Father's Day!**

✠ Our nation’s bishops have again requested that we celebrate "**Fortnight for Freedom**" from Sunday, June 21st to Saturday, July 4th. This is a special time of prayer, fasting, education, and witness to address many current challenges to religious liberty. It is a time for a new birth of religious freedom in our beloved country. "Religious freedom protects more than the freedom to worship on Sunday; it also protects our ability to live out our faith the other six days of the week." Let us join together to celebrate and pray for our freedom!

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

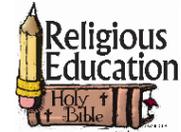
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call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

JUNE 14, 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. 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.
3. Masks must be worn by all individuals while in the church.
4. Individuals must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.
5. A household may be seated together and not observe social distancing.

A household is defined as those people who have been living together under the same roof in close proximity throughout the quarantine. It does not include relative from other addressed or other extended family.

Note: There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the coronavirus.

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

Our Summer Daily Mass Schedule will begin on Monday, June 15, 2020

- Mass will be celebrated at **8:00am** in the Church (Monday-Friday)
 - No one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked)
- There will be a limited capacity of 50 people
- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. **Please call** (no email, text, voicemail requests will be taken) the parish office, 201-836-8961.
- Mass will also continue Livestream via Facebook at **8:00am**
 - **Note:** Saturday Mass will be celebrated & Livestreamed at **8:30am** in the Church. **Same rules apply regarding reservations & admittance**
- Wednesday evening Novena will continue to be Livestream **only at 7:30pm**
- Sunday Mass will be celebrated at **10:00am** Livestream via Facebook
Sunday Mass will not be celebrated in the Church at this time.

-Enter side door near rectory

-All visitors, including children, must wear masks, have and use their own hand sanitizer and wipes. Please wipe down area you have used and take with you any items you use with you.

-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.

-Children must remain with adults at all times

-Bathrooms will not be open

-**Please** No gathering or socializing in church or on church property

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



“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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Corpus Christi, June 14, 2020

Mass at 10:00am livestreamed via Facebook

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Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Father’s Day, Sunday, June 21, 2020

Mass at 10:00am livestreamed via Facebook

ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY FATHER DAVID AT HIS DAILY & SUNDAY MASS CELEBRATIONS

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

St. Joseph Council No. 3814 of the Knights of Columbus 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 2020. Eligible scholarship applicants must be registered with St. Joseph Parish in Oradell, NJ or Ascension Parish in New Milford, NJ. 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 Council and postmarked no later than **Tuesday, June 30, 2020**. 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.

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.

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

