

# Church of the Ascension

*Invites You to Share with us. . .*

## + *Our Pastoral Staff* +

### **Pastor**

Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

### **Pastor Emeritus**

Rev. David W. Milliken

### **Director of Music**

Glenn Gordon

### **Director of Maintenances**

Brendan Suter

### **Weekend Assistant**

Rev. Tim Graff

### **Parish Business Manager**

Serina Sharkey

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### **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 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 should 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 Body & Blood of Christ  
June 19, 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**

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022**

5:30 All Fathers  
7:30 Living &  
9:30 Deceased  
11:30 of Ascension Parish

**Monday, June 20, 2022**

8:00 Mary Blanco, Birthday (L)

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

8:00 Veronica Matibag

**Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

8:00 John Iuliano

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

**Friday, June 24, 2022**

No Mass

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**

8:30 Luis Mendoza  
5:30 Art Castronova

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 26, 2022**

7:30 John Montecullo  
9:30 Jessie & Thomas Brown  
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

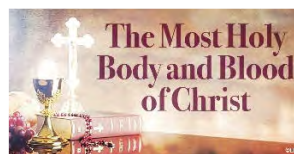
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

**Sunday, June 12, 2022: \$3,194.00**  
**Air Conditioning: \$1,062.00**

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

**Readings for  
June 26, 2022**

**1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2,  
5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/  
Lk 9:51-62**



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Jesus went to those most in need. He forgave the sinner, ate with the outcast, defended, and fed those who were poor and hungry. He worked for true justice, risked being unpopular, willingly accepted suffering and death, and always stayed connected with his Abba, Father. Jesus also consistently reminded folks that God's compassion, love, and mercy trump everything, even the law. This is the Christ that the Eucharist calls us to be. As we look around our churches, our towns and cities, and our world, there are many people who need to see the face and body of Christ. Some of those most in need may be right within our families. But it is always in the poorest of the poor and those most vulnerable that we find the greatest need. There are many who cannot function on their own. When the gift of the Eucharistic Christ takes root in our hearts, we can more readily see the face of Christ in others.

Many people are vulnerable. Highest on that list are the homeless. They show us the face of Christ. Whatever the cause, to have no place to go and no place to call home takes a toll on the human spirit. For Jesus when there were hungry people, they were fed. God asks us to do the same ... feed people. There are many who are hungry physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Gifted by the Eucharistic presence of Christ, we can bring them Christ. Who are the hungry around us and how can we feed them?

When someone is hurting, you comfort them. When someone is hungry, you feed them. When someone needs clothes, you provide them. When someone is cold, you warm them. When someone is in prison, you visit them. With over a million people who are homeless and over a quarter of them children, it is important to ask the question, "why?" and strategize for ways to lessen or alleviate the problem. Nevertheless, we are not off the hook for responding to the immediate needs that present themselves at our doors. Whether a person's current station in life is self-imposed or the result of being victimized, they are sacred vessels. We cannot lock the door and send them away and still believe we bear the Eucharistic presence of Christ. It doesn't work like that.

**St. Thomas More | June 22**

Sir Thomas More was a humanist and statesman in Tudor England. He is still widely known today as the author of *Utopia*. More was a prolific writer and theologian. A true martyr of the Church, he was beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1886, and canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 19, 1935.

More was born in London in 1478, the son of Sir John More, a lawyer and judge. He attended Oxford where he studied Latin and Greek, as well as formal logic. He left Oxford in 1494 to train as a lawyer in London. After attaining the Bar, he spent time discerning a call to the priesthood. Though attracted to the Franciscan order More remained a lay Christian, continuing to fast, pray, and wear a hair shirt. He was married twice, the loving father of three daughters, a stepdaughter by his second marriage, and one son. More wrote many letters to his children when he was away on business and his daughters were known for their academic abilities, as they received the same education as his son, an anomaly at the time.

More rose to the Privy Council in 1514. He became the good friend and advisor to Henry VIII, and in 1521 he was knighted. In 1529 he was made Lord Chancellor of England. However, this appointment was the beginning of the end for the saint. He could not support the break with the Church in Rome when Henry failed to receive from the Pope the annulment of his first marriage to Katherine of Aragon to wed Anne Boleyn. More resigned as Lord Chancellor and continued to refuse to accept Henry as the head of the Church in England. Eventually he was imprisoned, tried, and sentenced to a traitor's death, to be hanged, drawn, and quartered. Henry commuted the sentence of his former friend to the more humane beheading. More was executed at Tower Hill, on July 6, 1535, before his death he famously proclaimed that he was "the king's good servant, but God's first."



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

**"Be a sign of mercy"**

Next weekend, June 25-26, a special collection will be taken. Please see insert in today's bulletin for more information. Thank you.



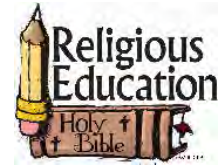
**NEW MILFORD 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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](http://New Milford 100th Anniversary)

New Milford 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee



**IMPORTANT:**

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 20<sup>th</sup>.

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR  
PARISH INFORMATION  
FLYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*BULLETINS  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)**



NEW MILFORD, NJ



## THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to Love...”

**Gabrielle Driscoll & Brandon Donnelly**

“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.

**and a time for every purpose under heaven”**

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Manuel Garcia**

**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.



**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

*“Don't like to shop-donate a ShopRite Gift Card-  
we'll do the shopping”*

**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.



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**HOW TO ORDER WITH AMAZON SMILE:**

Just go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select “Church of the Ascension, New Milford” as your charity; then make your purchases as you normally would on Amazon. Or use direct link on our parish website.

**Thank you!**





**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!

**Annual Appeal** <sup>the 2022</sup>

**WE HAVE PASSED OUR PARISH GOAL!**

Thank you to the 147 families/individuals who have made a pledge. Our parish goal is \$36,600. So far we have donor pledges amounting to **\$38,784.19**. 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!



**Bus Trip**

**PARISH TRIP**

PENNSYLVANIA'S AMISH HOLIDAY TOUR

NOV. 30-Dec.1<sup>st</sup>, 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.



**WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING**

**PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE**

**www.churchoftheascension.com**

**AND CLICK DONATE ONLINE**

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**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.



**Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!!** School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.

**HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!**



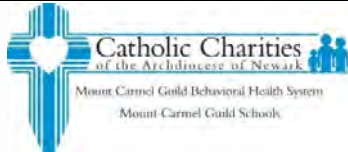
### A Father's Day Blessing

Blessed is the Father  
who lets the Lord be his guiding hand,  
whose faith brings his family courage,  
whose wisdom comes from God,  
and whose children still stand and honor him.

*Happy Father's Day to all Father's, Grand-Father's, God-Father's and those who are like Father's to us*



**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.**



June is traditionally the time for graduation. Each graduate represents an accomplishment in academic achievement. For many people, however, providing the next meal is an "achievement" due to living in poverty. Please donate any unwanted clothing small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books) to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on parish grounds. The proceeds help Catholic Charities in their work with the poor. Thank you.



**SUMMER BEGINS TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST**  
*"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."  
-St. Francis of Assisi*



### 2023 Mass Book Is Open Please visit the parish office for:

- MASS INTENTIONS
- SANCTUARY CANDLE
- BREAD & WINE
- ALTAR FLOWERS
- MEMORIAL CANDLES
- PLEASE SEE FORM
- (In vestibule of church or on Website)
- FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION



### MEMORIALS

- ALTAR BREAD AND WINE \$25 per week
- ALTAR FLOWERS \$50 (per basket/per week)
- SANCTUARY CANDLE \$15 per week

CANDLES:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ SACRED HEART \_\_\_\_\_ BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
 \$25/1 MONTH-\$45/2 MONTHS-\$65/3 MONTHS  
 \$85/4 MONTHS-\$100/5 MONTHS-\$120/6 MONTHS  
 \$200/ 1 YEAR

### MEMORIALS

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



### 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:  
Ascensionchruchurchnewmilfordnj**