

# 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

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Brendan Suter

### Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

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Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

### Religious Education Center

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.



## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 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

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Website: [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

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

### Monday, June 22, 2020

7:00 Elisa Caparas, 92 Birthday (L)  
8:30 John Kelly

### Tuesday, June 23, 2020

7:00 Eileen O'Sullivan  
8:30 Francisco Verrett

### Wednesday, June 24, 2020

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
8:30 Thomas Meyer

### Thursday, June 25, 2020

7:00 Reynaldo Caparas, First Anniv.  
8:30 Nilda M. Redoblado

### Friday, June 26, 2020

7:00 Dewitt Ellis  
8:30 Prisco Cinelli

### Saturday, June 27, 2020

8:30 Joseph & Dorothy Meyer  
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

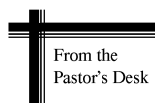
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

**Sunday, June 14, 2020: \$1,710.00**  
**Air Conditioning: \$ 218.00**

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

### Readings for Sunday June 28, 2020

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17,  
18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Jesus says to us: Fear no one. That almost sounds like a command doesn't it? Fear no one. Imagine if each of us could follow that advice — that command — of Jesus. If we gave up fear of anyone, we would find ourselves free of so much oppression. We would realize that no one can control us in a negative way. Jesus says that the reason we don't need to be afraid is that God is taking care of us. We are worth more than many sparrows; every hair on our head is numbered.

The God who cares for a small bird also cares about the little things in our lives — even the number of hairs on our head. We are reminded of the new mother whose baby is so precious that everything about it seems wonderful — each finger and toe seems like a separate miracle. God loves us in that kind of detail.

In other words, God loves us absolutely and completely. If we believe this, then the logical conclusion is obvious: there really is nothing to fear. If the God of the Universe loves me more than I love myself, what could possibly go wrong?

Of course, in the short term, lots of things can and do go wrong. But from the eternal perspective of a God, who is watching over us and keeping track of every hair on our head, nothing can really go wrong. Even death is not to be feared. God is bigger and stronger than death. After all, didn't God also create death? So God has power over death. Our peace must rest in our trust that God's love goes beyond our wildest imaginings.

✠ This weekend we return to celebrating Mass in our church. So many parishioners have told me how happy they are to be back for week day Mass and being able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. You never know how wonderful something is until you lose it. May we never take this amazing Gift from God for granted !

✠ This weekend we recognize a special sign of God's care for us, his special voice in our lives — our Fathers. On this **Father's Day** may we take this opportunity to thank our fathers, living and deceased, for the many ways they have sacrificed themselves for us. 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 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### ✠ IS YOUR MARRIAGE VALID?

If you were married civilly, that is, not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.)

Make an appointment to speak with Fr. David if there are any questions or, if indeed, you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.

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

*Fr. David*

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

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!



**MEMORIALS**

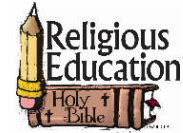
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Parish Office (201)836-8961.

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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



**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST  
 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Our parish goal this year is \$37,834. and **100% of every dollar raised above goal will be returned to our parish.** As of this date we have received \$31,750.00 in pledges from 114 families.

Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. Brochures, which outline all areas of support, are available from the parish office. Please call, 201-836-8961, if you would like one.

Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless.

*JUNE 21, 2020*

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## 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 & Holy Days.
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:**

#### **Daily Mass and Week-End Mass Schedule and directives are as follows**

- Mass will be celebrated at **8:00am** in the Church (Monday-Friday). Mass will also continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook.
  - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked)
  - There will be a limited capacity of 50 people
- Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated & Livestreamed at **8:30am** in the Church. **Same rules apply regarding reservations & admittance**
- Wednesday evening Novena will continue to be **Livestreamed only at 7:30pm**
- **Saturday Evening Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 5:30pm and on Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Mass will also continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook**
  - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked)
  - There will be a limited capacity of 80 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.

-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.

-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

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**“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.

**“a time to die...”**

**Lilia Pineda**

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

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*



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



**Sunday, June 21, 2020**

**Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church & livestreamed via Facebook**

**Monday, June 22, 2020**

**Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

**Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

**Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed**

**Novena at 7:30pm livestreamed via Facebook**

**Thursday, June 25, 2020**

**Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed**

**Friday, June 26, 2020**

**Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed**

**Saturday, June 27, 2020**

**Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed**

**Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed**

**Sunday, June 28, 2020**

**Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church & livestreamed via Facebook**

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY**

**FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – July 20<sup>th</sup>**

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.

- APPLE JUICE-GRAPE JUICE-ICED TEA-LEMONADE MIX
- CRANBERRY JUICE-GRATED CHEESE-BEEF BROTH
- COOKIES-CRACKERS-JAM-RAISINS-CHICKEN GRAVY
- CANNED BEETS-CANNED SPINACH-CANNED PEACHES
- RAISIN BRAN-BEEF GRAVY-EGG NOODLES-WHITE RICE
- SUGAR-FLOUR-CAKE ICING-MAYONNAISE-BEEF STEW
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-WOMENS/MENS DEODORANT
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM-LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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

**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.**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish Center Offices  
Will Remain Closed To The Public  
Until Further Notice.  
Stay Safe!



**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*



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

**FATHER'S DAY  
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

**Requested By**

- Erlinda Habana
- Erlinda Habana
- Judith Domanski
- Judith Domanski
- Roseann & Bob Sofia
- Roseann & Bob Sofia
- Anna & Joseph Gorgone
- Anna & Joseph Gorgone
- Ms Lorraine F. Monk
- Laura O'Connor
- Laura O'Connor
- Laura O'Connor
- Mr & Mrs Felipe Toriano
- Mr & Mrs Felipe Toriano
- P. Santore
- P. Santore
- Marguerite Raptopoulos
- Angelo, Lynn Marie & Sarah Lynn
- Theresa Macaluso
- Catherine Zadroga
- Carole & Ron Monti
- Dena & Ronald Sedlak
- Enrique & Mary Blanco
- Donna Miniz
- Isabel Barratt
- Chris & Mary Cudina
- Chris & Mary Cudina
- Ms Alejandrina Lora
- Marylou Fineza
- Ann Guillory
- Ann Guillory
- Hedy Lazaro
- Hedy Lazaro
- Ed & Sophie Flores
- Ed & Sophie Flores
- Marguerite M. Morris
- Marguerite M. Morris
- Marguerite M. Morris
- Marguerite M. Morris
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**In Memory of**

- Percy Habana (L)
- Mark Habana (L)
- Kyle & Brandon Hatler (L)
- Robert Hatler (L)
- John Carbone
- Arthur Sofia
- Marino Balducci (L)
- Salvatore Gorgone
- George Arnold
- Dominic Vicere
- Charles O'Connor
- Frank O'Connor
- Toriano/Maktal (L)
- Roces/Toriano
- Albert Ginocchio, Al Santore
- Phil Santore, (L)
- Kent Raptopoulos
- Angelo DeCarlo, Sr.
- Frank Macaluso
- James Zadroga
- Edward Schrull & Sassio Monti
- Conrad Sedlak & Ben Lombardelli
- Enrique Blanco, Sr. & Andres Calleja
- Danilo Lopez & Gerardo Miniz (L)
- Manuel Garcia
- Anthony Cudina
- John Boylan
- Jose Lora
- Primo Fineza
- Wilbert Verrett
- Sam Guillory (L)
- Salvador Estillore
- Enrique Lazaro
- Santincos Sunga
- Alfonso Flores
- William L. Morris
- Arthur Milliken
- Father David Milliken (L)
- William P. Morris (L)
- Thomas E. Morris (L)



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