

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ 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 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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 26, 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 Intentions for the Week



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

- 5:30 Art Castronova
- 7:30 John Montecuoello
- 9:30 Jessie & Thomas Brown
- 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, June 27, 2022

- 8:00 Bolivar Aponte

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

- 8:00 Andres Villaluna, Jr. (L)

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

- 8:00 Patrick (Paddy) Moore

Thursday, June 30, 2022

- 8:00 Eileen, Brian, Regina McCann

Friday, July 1, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, July 2, 2022

Memorial

- 8:30 Sandy Blanco, Joseph Meyer,
Nancy Elizabeth Raich,
Jovencita Rapadas
- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2022**

- 7:30 Angelito Barredo
- 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 11:30 Marcus & Richard Cudina

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, June 19, 2022: \$3,454.00
Social Concerns: \$ 946.00

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

Readings for July 3, 2022

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
[1]/Gal 6:14-18/
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

GOSPEL MEDITATION

And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to his invitation, we must stay focused and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry. Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ. Hearing his call, we either trust him or we don't.

Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what he can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives.

St. Oliver Plunkett | July 1

Saint Oliver Plunkett was the last Roman Catholic Martyr to die in England. He was canonized in 1975, the first new Irish saint in almost 700 years.

Oliver was born in Loughcrew, Oldcastle, County Meath in November 1625, the son of the Baron of Loughcrew. As a young man, he wanted to become a priest, but it was illegal to travel to the continent to enter seminary. Even so, he undertook the dangerous journey with four other young men and a Papal Envoy. They were pursued by English privateers, storms at sea, and robbers on land. However, Oliver entered Rome in 1647, and was admitted to the Irish College. He was an excellent student and was ordained on January 1, 1654. Oliver remained in Rome, studied law and served as chaplain at Spienza University, ministered at Santo Spirito hospital, and cared for the poor and ill. By 1657 he was a professor of Theology and later of Apologetics or Controversies at Propaganda College.

The 1650s were a difficult time in for Catholics in Ireland, the majority of population, as Cromwell passed many penal laws against them, and the practice of Catholicism was banned. During this time Oliver was appointed by Irish bishops to be their agent in Rome. Following the Restoration of Monarchy, Pope Clement IX appointed Oliver Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland 1669. Oliver returned to a country where the Catholic Church was in disarray and divided. He had to travel largely incognito and perform his duties in makeshift locations. He is credited with unifying the Church and in traveling across the eleven dioceses under his purview, confirming thousands, and ordaining several priests.

In 1673 persecution of Catholics was again on the rise and bishops were banned. Oliver went into hiding, but in 1679 he was arrested and charged with treason. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn in July 1681. Before his death he publicly forgave those responsible.

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

“Be a sign of mercy”

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be as generous as your means allow. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



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



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: _____

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.



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 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

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.

Thank you!





“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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Corazon Abalos



Altar Flowers for this week
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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

LET US HELP UKRAINE PREPARE FOR WINTER

Calling all knitters, crocheters, seamstress, and tailors to make blankets, beanies, scarves or gloves for the Ukrainian people. Kindly do this during the month of July. There will be a bin in the vestibule of church the last week of July for all to give something. Either handmade or donations of new items will be accepted. All donations will be collected and given to the Ukrainian church to send to the Ukraine.



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!

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 **\$39,284.19**. 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!



**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**



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!



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



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.

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

WELCOME BACK FATHER HILARY!

We are so happy to have Father Hilary return to Ascension Parish. He will be with us for the months of July and August.

Let's all give him a warm welcome home!

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JULY 18TH

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-CRANBERRY JUICE-APPLE JUICE
- GRAPE JUICE-LEMONADE MIX-COFFEE
- RAISIN BRAN-RICE KRISPIES-RAISINS
- CAKE MIX-BROWNIE MIX-BREAD CRUMBS
- APPLE SAUCE-CANNED PINEAPPLE-SUGAR
- MANDARIN ORANGES-PEAS & CARROTS
- BEEF GRAVY-TURKEY GRAVY-INSTANT RICE
- MAYONNAISE-GRATED CHEESE-BROWN RICE
- PORK & BEANS-SALAD DRESSING-NAPKINS
- MENS/WOMENS SHAVE CREAM-CONDITIONER
- MENS/WOMENS DEODORANT

"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.

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.



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