

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Theresa Carbone, Coordinator of Religious Education

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Dena Sedlak, Coordinator of First Penance and

First Holy Communion



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 seasonally on Sunday 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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2023

+ 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  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2023**

5:30 Daniella & Luis Gutierrez (L)
7:30 Conrad & Eleanor Sedlak, Anniv.
9:30 Joseph Gorgone
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, July 10, 2023

8:00 Alice M. Stevens

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

8:00 Rocco Figalora

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

8:00 Lilia Blanco

Thursday, July 13, 2023

8:00 Garcia Munoz Family

Friday, July 14, 2023

No Mass

Saturday, July 15, 2023

8:30 Jerome Guce
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2023**

7:30 Thomas Brown
9:30 Dona Viduya (L)Thanksgiving
11:30 Juanita Santiago

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
Ascension Parish is supported by people
who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, July 2, 2023: \$3,865.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,498.00
M&R WeShare: \$1,132.30

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

**Readings for
Sunday July 16, 2023**

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14
(Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23
or 13:1-9

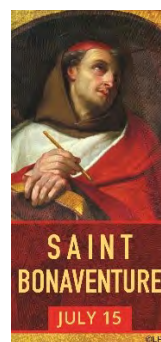
GOSPEL MEDITATION

Do you ever feel restless? I certainly do. Daily tasks and challenges, but also the more basic demand of simply existing — sooner or later, this can all feel crushing and tire us out.

Which is why Jesus' words are such stunningly good news: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). How vastly weird that this man speaks as though he is capable of giving us the deep repose we desire. Is his claim the height of absurd grandiosity? No, because next he immediately proclaims that he is "meek and humble of heart." We here touch a mystery: Jesus is capable of giving us rest because he is the one who forever reposes in the heart of God the Father. He is "yoked" to the Father in his divinity. But he is humbly "yoked" to us, sharing in our humanity.

The good news, my fellow tired-out friends: we don't have to despair in our burdens and exhaustion, no matter how heavy they feel. This week, join me in opening our hearts to hear him say to us, "Come! I will give you rest." We come to him in the Church, Eucharist, the Scriptures, prayer, in the poor. There he will give us rest.

— *Father John Muir*



Do you ever get stuck with the tough jobs? It's well known that the Franciscan Order was incredibly influential throughout history. But one of the most challenging times for a new movement is surviving the death of the founder. Bonaventure joined the Franciscan Order almost two decades after the passing of St. Francis. Initially, the young man's theological insights earned him a prime faculty position at the University of Paris. More than his academic skill, however, he was known for his deep devotion to Christ. He was elected the General Minister of the Franciscan Order, right in the thick of controversies. Some friars had conflicting views of how to interpret St. Francis' poverty as the order grew. Others started a new heresy, saying that the Franciscan Order began a new era of the Holy Spirit, replacing the era of Jesus and the authority of the Church. St. Bonaventure weathered these crises with grace, restructuring the order when necessary and offering a more organized perspective on the insights of St. Francis.

**50th ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE
ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception,
Washington, DC



50th
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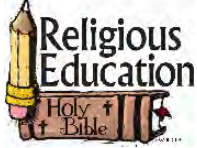
Included at the Shrine:
Concert of Sacred Music
Confessions (in multiple languages)
The Holy Rosary
Procession of Parish Banners
Holy Mass in the Great Upper Church



Pilgrimage led by
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.




**Mark Your Calendars!
More information to follow**



Religious Education
Holy Bible

Important:
New Registration forms for the 2023-2024 School year have given 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 are in need of a registration form, please call 201-836-3085 or stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish center during office hours- 9am to 4 pm daily. Forms can also be found on the parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com.

All families are encouraged to come to Mass each week and parents as also asked to review **ALL PRAYERS** with your child, they can be found in the back of each book.



**CHILDREN'S
Liturgy of the Word**

Volunteers Needed:
We in need of help for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 am Mass, which will restart in the Fall, for all children in in the Parish. If you would like to help **PLEASE** call Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center. 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.

We are in need of Substitutes for our Religious Education Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

Religious Education Office Hours:
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Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center



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 update my contact information

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: _____



HELP WANTED

St. Mary's Church, Dumont, is seeking to hire a part-time custodian. Duties include opening the Church each morning and providing general custodial services throughout the building. Hours are Mon-Fri, 6-10:30am. Interested candidates should call the Rectory, 201-384-0557.

Emergency Operations Plan Development

A new law recently went into effect in New Jersey that requires all houses of worship with a seating capacity over 500 to have an Emergency Operations Plan. The Archdiocese is requiring ALL parishes to comply with this new law.

In order for us to create this plan for our parish I need the help of a few people with specific abilities. If you are willing to help us create this plan, there is a template to follow, please fill out the information below and return it to the office.

Thank you for your willingness to help keep everyone safe.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My area of expertise is:

Fire fighter _____ EMT _____

Police _____ Medical _____

Other (please explain) _____



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Al Suter, Marguerite Morris, Mary Anne Meyer, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu, Marie Oberst, Honesto Arel, Gerard Lee, Gordon Lockwood, Louis Vallis 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

Next renewal date August 7, 2023

Please call office to renew or remove name

“a time to serve...”

Staff Sgt. James Penser, Langley AFB, VA 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 **Gerard Patrick Lee**



Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Now that the cup has returned at Mass we are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers for all Masses.

If you might be interested in being a member of this ministry please contact Theresa Carbone with your name and contact information.

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE, AND ALTAR FLOWERS for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Weddings Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.

2024 Mass Book Is Open

Mass requests taken between 11:00-12:00 daily

- MASS INTENTIONS**
- SANCTUARY CANDLE**
- BREAD & WINE**
- ALTAR FLOWERS**
- MEMORIAL CANDLES**

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WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



As we continue planning for the ASCENSION FAMILY OCTOBERFEST on October 1, 2023, HELP IS NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- GRILLING-SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- SELLING TICKETS FOR EVENT-SELLING 50/50S
- SETUP-CLEANUP-RECREATIONAL

If you are interested in helping in any of the above areas please complete the following & return in collection basket.

OCTOBERFEST VOLUNTEER

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____

Willing to help in:

GRILLING: _____
 SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: _____
 SELLING TICKETS FOR EVENT: _____
 SELLING 50/50S: _____
 SETUP: _____
 CLEANUP: _____
 RECREATIONAL: _____

DOOR COLLECTION

The Little Sisters of the Poor are committed to preserving the original Charism of their Foundress St. Jeanne Jugan, by giving happiness to the Elderly poor and meeting their needs at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa, NJ. Challenged during these past two years they ask for any support you can give according to your means. They will be at our Parish the weekend of July 15-16, 2023.

www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org



**ALL DONATIONS MADE
TO SHOP RITE IN THE MONTH OF
JULY
WILL BE GIVEN
TO THE ASCENSION FOOD PANTRY**



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!



Our pantry is particularly in need of the following items for the upcoming distribution to our clients:

- Canned Spinach*Canned Beets
- Canned Potatoes*Pork & Beans
- Baked Beans*Apple Sauce
- Mandarin Oranges*Fruit Cocktail
- Grated Cheese*Jell-O*Pudding
- Tissues* Paper Towels

Please note there is now a "drop-box" outside of the pantry (around the back of the YMCA) where you can leave your donated items.

Your continued support of our Ministry is greatly appreciated.



**WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
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