

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .



+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

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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 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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021

+ 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 8:00am-No daily Mass on Friday

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 7:45 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

E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2021

5:30pm Dong T. Vo
7:30 Janet Cronin
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Felix Asuncion

Monday, July 19, 2021

8:00 Francesca Canadille

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

8:00 Diane Hontanosas Go

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

8:00 Janet Cronin

Thursday, July 22, 2021

8:00 Nilda Redoblado

Friday, July 23, 2021

Angelina Iuliano

Saturday, July 24, 2021

8:30 People of Ascension Parish
5:30pm Joaquin & Rafaela Miniz

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021

7:30 Justo & Adelaida Barredo
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Alphonse Giella, Fifth Anniv.

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

**NO FIGURES
AT TIME OF PRINTING**

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

**Readings for Sunday
July 25, 2021**

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

GOSPEL MEDITATION

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.



MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the parish center with the coupon below. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961. Please 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: _____



WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
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 FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
 INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS
www.churchoftheascension.net
 OR CONTACT DIRECTLY

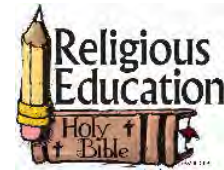
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Registration:

The 2021/2022 Registration Forms were emailed to everyone on March 31st. Please fill them out and return before June 30th. After June 30, 2021 there will be a late fee of \$10 per student. Remember that one form for each student and please make sure that you update your email address and phone numbers. If you know anyone who would like to enroll their child(ren) in our program please have them call me in the office. Forms can be found on the parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com, or by stopping by the Parish Center during business hours and picking up a form.



Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 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 sharing their faith and working 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 Parish Center
 Other times by appointment

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

JULY 18, 2021

QUEEN ESTHER

Ascension Parish will sponsor a trip to Pennsylvania's Amish Country for 3 days/2 nights, November 17-19, 2021. The price of the trip is \$439 for double occ./\$539 single occ. This includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, live performance of "Queen Esther" at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Spectacular musical "Winter Wonderland" at the American Musical Theatre, Holiday Chalk Talk with Elva Hurst, visit Byers Choice LTD Visitors Center, Christmas Museum & Creche Collection, motor-coach transportation, baggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. **A \$100 deposit per person will hold your reservation which is due July 31st.** Balance due September 15th. All checks must be made payable to Ascension Church. For info. or questions, please call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Please fill out the coupon below and drop off at the parish center with your deposit enclosed. Please indicate on outside of envelope "Pennsylvania Trip"

NAME _____
PHONE _____
NAME OF PERSON YOU ARE ROOMING WITH _____
OF PEOPLE _____
EMAIL _____
AMT. ENCL. _____



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Al Suter, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abburzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Eileen Kloeblen, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, Peggy Evans, Neil Magbanua, Vincent Guido, John Person, Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Danny Allen, Jerry Speciale, 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, Staff Sgt. James Penser, Beale AFB, CA and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

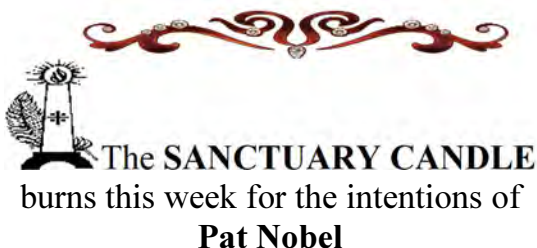
For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.

“a time for peace...”

All of our National and World Leaders.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Sunday, July 18, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church

Summer Mass Schedule

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, July 23, 2021

NO MASS

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church

A Time to Relax



Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? We also need small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, tools, novels, and children’s books. Please donate them to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) located on the Church ground. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

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.



**OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY-THURSDAY**

8:00AM

**INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY MASS WILL
BE SAID PRIVATELY
BY FATHER JIM**

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

We would like to resume collections taken by our ushers. So that we might have an accurate list of those ushers who are willing to resume this ministry, or other parishioners who are willing to help in this ministry, please see Fr. Jim or call 201-836-8961, or email ascension@optonline.net, the Parish Office with your name, phone number, email address and Mass time at which you are willing to serve each week. **Thank you.**



**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: _____



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JULY 19th**

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.

- CLAM CHOWDER-BEEF GRAVY-CHICKEN GRAVY
- APPLE SAUCE-INSTANT RICE-CANNED MUSHROOMS
- EGG NOODLES-CANNED PEARS-FLAVORED RICE
- BEEF BROTH-CHICKEN BROTH-BREAD CRUMBS
- RAISINS-FLOUR-SUGAR-CORNEB BEEF
- PAPER TOWELS-NAPKINS-TISSUES-DISH SOAP
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

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



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!

Please Notice This



**OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE
LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER.
THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO
THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS
BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US
HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM
MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY
APPOINTMENT.**