

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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Glenn Gordon

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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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25, 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

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-3085 • Fax (201) 836-5896

E-mail: ascensionreled@optonline.net

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25, 2021**

- 5:30pm Joaquin & Rafaela Miniz
- 7:30 Justo & Adelaida Barredo
- 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 11:30 Alphonse Giella, Fifth Anniv.

Monday, July 26, 2021

- 8:00 Garcia Munoz Family

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

- 8:00 Gener & Vernetta Guce

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

- 8:00 Paul F. Figalora, 13 Year Anniv.

Thursday, July 29, 2021

- 8:00 Constanza Zuniga

Friday, July 30, 2021

- Asuncion Family

Saturday, July 31, 2021

- 8:30 Fermin Pineda
- 5:30pm Thomas Meyer

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 1, 2021**

- 7:30 Lillian Person
- 9:30 Consuelo Mendoza
- 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, July 11, 2021:	\$4,247.00
Archdiocesan Retired Priest:	\$ 567.00
Sunday, July 18, 2021:	\$4,706.00
Social Concerns:	\$ 950.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
August 1, 2021**

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
[24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

GOSPEL MEDITATION

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.



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
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS
www.churchoftheascension.net
OR CONTACT DIRECTLY

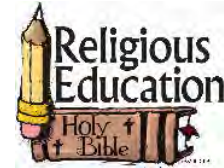
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Registration:

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

ASCENSION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, NJ 07646
201-836-3085

REGISTRATION FORM 2021-2022

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

One Registration Form per Student

Parish # _____
Baptismal Cert. _____
Label List _____
Folder _____
Permanent RC _____
Pub Consent Form _____
<i>Office uses only</i>

New Student? Yes ___ No ___ TODAY'S DATE _____ '21-'22 Religious Ed Grade _____

SECTION I – Family Information

STUDENT'S FIRST & LAST NAME _____

STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ MALE ___ FEMALE _____

LAST NAME OF FAMILY STUDENT CURRENTLY LIVES WITH _____

(Please indicate if student lives with mother, father or both) Mother ___ Father ___ Both ___ (Please check one)

MOTHER/GUAR. FIRST & **MAIDEN** NAME _____

FATHER/GUAR. FIRST & LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

FATHER CELL PHONE _____ MOTHER CELL PHONE _____

FAMILY EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL STUDENT WILL ATTEND IN 2021-2022 _____ GRADE _____

SECTION II – Schedule and Fee

Grades: 1 through 6th: 10:45 am to 12:00 am Sunday _____

Grade: 7th (Monday) 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm _____ or Grade: 8th (Monday) 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm _____

FEE: One student \$120.00 Two students \$180.00 Three or more students \$220.00

(Plus a \$100.00 Sacrament Fee for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, due at the time of Registration.)

(NOTE: PAYMENT IS DUE UPON REGISTRATION, there will be a \$10.00 late fee per student after 6/30/21)

PAYMENT RECEIVED: Check # _____ Cash _____ Amount _____

Penance & Eucharist Paid Fee: Check # _____ Confirmation Paid Fee: Check# _____



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be born...”

Malia Hermoso & Bennett Stephen Burgess

“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 Abbruzzesi, 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, Sari Contreras 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



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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



Sunday, July 25, 2021

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

Summer Mass Schedule

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, July 30, 2021

NO MASS

Saturday, July 31, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, August 1, 2021

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

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one of 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.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who need to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.



**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: _____



**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – AUGUST 16th**

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-CORNE BEEF-
- LEMONADE MIX- LENTIL SOUP
- PUDDING-JELL-O-PANCAKE MIX-PANCAKE SYRUP
- COOKIES-SAUERKRAUT-CANNED PEACHES-
- CANNED PINEAPPLE-SALAD DRESSING-CUP-O-SOUP
- SHAVE CREAM-NAPKINS-TISSUES-PAPER TOWELS

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

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

**SUMMER
Vacation**

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.**