

# Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### Pastor

Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

### Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David W. Milliken

### Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

### Director of Maintenances

Brendan Suter

### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

### Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

### Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

### Religious Education

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.



## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1, 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

**Holy Days:** 7:30am, 8:00 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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

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

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 1, 2021**

- 5:30pm Thomas Meyer
- 7:30 Lillian Person
- 9:30 Consuelo Mendoza
- 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Monday, August 2, 2021**

- 8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

**Tuesday, August 3, 2021**

- 8:00 Pio Balagot (L)

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021**

- 8:00 Angel & Aurora Nicolasora

**Thursday, August 5, 2021**

- 8:00 Mary Cucco

**Friday, August 6, 2021**

- Mark Anthony Habana (L)

**Saturday, August 7, 2021**

**Memorial**

- 8:30 George Lippe
  - 5:30pm William & Elizabeth Morris
- Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 8, 2021**
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
  - 9:30 Ciriaco Guce
  - 11:30 Macaria & Augustina Maglaqui

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

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

**Sunday, July 25, 2021:        \$3,532.00**

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

**Readings for Sunday  
August 8, 2021**

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
[9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_



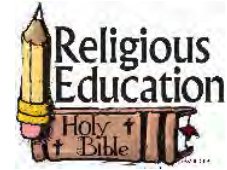
OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY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



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### Registration:

The 2021/2022 Registration Forms were emailed to everyone on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please fill them out and return before June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



REMINDER TO PLEASE REGISTER  
FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
FOR THE 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

All Registrations need to be in by August 31, 2021.

If you have any questions,  
please call the office during regular office hours.

201-836-3085

If you need a registration form,  
please visit our Parish website—[churchoftheascension.com](http://churchoftheascension.com)  
you will find the forms click on “Religious Education” and you will  
see a link to the forms or  
you can stop by the Parish Center and pick one up.



**“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 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*



**Altar Flowers** for this week  
Donated in loving Memory of  
**Fermin Pineda**

**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.**



**Sunday, August 1, 2021**

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

**Monday, August 2, 2021**

**Mass 8:00am in Church**

**Tuesday, August 3, 2021**

**Mass 8:00am in Church**

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021**

**Mass 8:00am in Church**

**Thursday, August 5, 2021**

**Mass 8:00am in Church**

**Friday, August 6, 2021**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, August 7, 2021**

**Mass 8:30am in Church**

**Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church**

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

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

### **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.**



### **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)**

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**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](mailto: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 – AUGUST 16<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.

- 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!**

**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