

Church of the Ascension

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+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 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

E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8, 2021**

5:30pm William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Ciriaco Guce
11:30 Macaria & Augustina Maglaqui

Monday, August 9, 2021

8:00 Rosa Santos Carreon

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

8:00 Agripino Ibanez, Jr.

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

8:00 Patricia Gamez

Thursday, August 12, 2021

8:00 Pauline & Roger Figalora

Friday, August 13, 2021

Dona Viduya (L-Thanksgiving)

Saturday, August 14, 2021

8:30 Rev. George Shema
5:30pm People of Ascension Parish

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, August 15, 2021**

7:30 Charlie & Purita H. Cortes
9:30 Thomas & Maureen Meyer
11:30 Ramon Abuedo

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, August 1, 2021: \$4,785.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,912.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
August 15, 2021**

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7,
9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27
/Lk 1:39-56

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don’t like, want, and don’t want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don’t move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.



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: _____



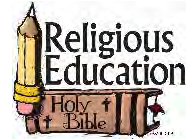
OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY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



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Registration:

The 2021/2022 Registration Forms were emailed to everyone on March 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

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

2022

MASS BOOK OPENING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021

9:00am-10:30am & 2:00pm-3:00pm

Forms available on bookcases in vestibule of church

**Please follow directions on Mass Intention and Request for
Sanctuary Candle, Altar Bread & Wine and Altar Flowers forms**

Separate checks/cash for each form



“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



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



Bread and Wine this week offered in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



Altar Flowers for this week donated in loving Memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



Sunday, August 8, 2021

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

Monday, August 9, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, August 13, 2021

NO MASS

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 15, 2021

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

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.



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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800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2)

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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, 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 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.

**COVID DIRECTIVES FROM
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

“The Communion Rite

- *The Sign of Peace should be offered but continue to be made without physical contact.
- *Communicants will continue to receive Communion in the hand. If not fully vaccinated, they lower their masks to consume the host, then replace their masks. The chalice is still prohibited for the assembly.”

Please note: the only option for receiving communion at this time is in the hand.

Thank you for your cooperation & understanding.



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!