

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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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 Rectory 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.



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020**

+ 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 - Friday

7:00 a.m. and 8:30am

8:00am Summer * June 29-Sept. 4, 2020

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 7:15 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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

- 5:30 Napolitano Family (L)
7:30 Peg Lacey
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Ramon Abuedo

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 17, 2020

- 8:00 Ann-Marie Vrola, First Anniv.

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

- 8:00 Ethel Carbone

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

- 8:00 Clara Natividad

Thursday, August 20, 2020

- 8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Friday, August 21, 2020

- 8:00 John Glen Ibanez

Saturday, August 22, 2020

- 8:30 Jose Varghese & Family
5:30 Benny Santiago

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020

- 7:30 Timothy Cronin
9:30 George & Olga Arnold
11:30 Ramon Abuedo

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

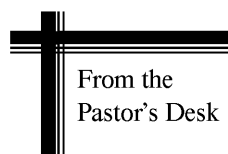
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, August 9, 2020: \$3,581.00

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

Readings for Sunday August 23, 2020

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



Remember that touching scene in "Oliver Twist," where Oliver has been toiling in the workhouse, desperately hungry. Oliver approaches the cook with his empty bowl in his hands: "Please, sir, I want some more." A great uproar ensues: the well-fed gentlemen who run the workhouse are outraged at Oliver's "ingratitude."

Today, a Canaanite women, despised by Jews, actually comes to Jesus hungry for "more"—she wants healing for her tormented daughter. The apostles just want her gone. They miss Jesus' core message: it is the God-given right of every starving, emotionally needy, or ill person to ask for "more"! But when a poor person asks us for money, don't we usually ask "Why doesn't he have a job? Is he lazy? Will he just spend it on drink?"

Even more, we feel that the "asker" is crossing some boundary that they have no right to cross, as if we're the "have", and they are a "have-not" asking for more than they are entitled to.

What were the apostles trying to protect Jesus from by saying "Send her away?" Maybe Jesus was using this as a "teachable moment" to show us that God's universal love and healing ARE the original plan. Food, shelter, warmth and care are the right expectation of every person. WE set up false boundaries of "have" and "have not", out of fear and self-protection.

Distinctions between people arrived once evil entered the world. But for God, there are still no "haves" or "have nots". We deny God's reality when we do not cry out for the Oneness God wants for all of us. Let us wail and cry, and beg for "MORE" for all members of our Oneness who desperately need it!

✠ Don't forget our 36th Anniversary Celebration of the Queenship of Mary with Mass on Saturday, August 22nd at 5:30pm.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too. God Love You!

Handwritten signature: Fr. David

Thank you to all who have continued making their weekly donations, it is truly appreciated.

Please consider the following:

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

WeShare Donor FAQ: [WeShare Donor Support](#)

**Please remember that during this crisis
our monthly financial responsibilities continue.**

**If you are unable to come to church for Mass
Please mail in or drop off
(in door slot of parish center not black box)
your weekly contributions.
Thank you & God Bless!**



MEMORIALS

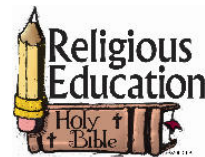
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Parish Office (201)836-8961.

Additional Memorials: (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: _____



Registration for 2020-2021:

Registration forms the 2020-2021 School year have been email to all families, please look for them in your regular and spam emails. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office. Please note there is a \$10 late fee as of July 31, 2020, per student. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form, please call before. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

First Communion Families:

First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, September 12, 2020. More information to follow.

Confirmation Families:

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, October 17, 2020. More information to follow. Any questions please call Mrs. Carbone at 201-836-3085.



Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in need of Substitute Catechists and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2020-2021 School year. Anyone interested, please call Mrs. 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 share their faith and work 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

AUGUST 16, 2020

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
Directives for Re-Opening Churches

The guidelines below, given by Cardinal Tobin, apply to all churches and must be observed without exception.

1. Cardinal Tobin continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday & Holy Days.
2. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days.
3. Masks must be worn by all individuals while in the church.
4. Individuals must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.
5. A household may be seated together and not observe social distancing.

A household is defined as those people who have been living together under the same roof in close proximity throughout the quarantine. It does not include relative from other addressed or other extended family.

Note: There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the coronavirus.

In addition, here at Ascension until further notice, these additional directives must be followed for your safety:

Daily Mass and Week-End Mass Schedule and directives are as follows

- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

You may reserve for daily & Sunday Mass for two weeks

Please call or E-mail by 3:00pm on Friday.

201-836-8985 or ascensionreled@optonline.net on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday.**

201-836-8961 or ascension@optonline.net on **Tuesday & Thursday.**

If the office is closed due to Holiday, please reserve by Thursday.

- Mass will be celebrated at **8:00am** in the Church (Monday-Friday). Mass will also continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook.
 - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked). There is a limited capacity of 80 people.
- Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated & Livestreamed at **8:30am** in the Church.
- Wednesday evening Novena will continue to be **Livestreamed only at 7:30pm**
- **Saturday Evening Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 5:30pm and on Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Only the 5:30pm Mass will be Livestreamed via Facebook.**
 - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked). There is a limited capacity of 80 people.

All Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms will follow the same protocol. (80 person capacity)

-Enter side door near rectory

-All visitors, including children, must wear masks, have and use their own hand sanitizer and wipes. Please wipe down area you have used and take with you any items you use.

-Practice social distancing (6 feet apart). We have roped off pews not to be used.

-You may light candles, please refrain from touching other areas in church.

-Children must remain with adults at all times

-Bathrooms will not be open

-Please No gathering or socializing in church or on church property

Confessions, please call the parish office, 201-836-8961, to make an appointment.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these difficult times. God Bless

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to love...”

Crystal Coronado & Mitchell Balingit

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Elnora Gordon, 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, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Ana Tumang, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, Neil Magbanua, Marie Pucher 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, Sr. A 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...”

President Donald John Trump,
our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Ramon Abuedo**



BREAD and WINE this week
Donated in loving memory of
Ann-Marie Vrola, First Anniversary



Altar Flowers for this week
Donated in loving Memory of
Ramon Abuedo



Sunday, August 16, 2020

**Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church
Not Livestreamed**

Monday, August 17, 2020

Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed

Novena at 7:30pm livestreamed via Facebook

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, August 21, 2020

Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, Augusts 22, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, August 23, 2020

**Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church
Not Livestreamed**

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.

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



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....

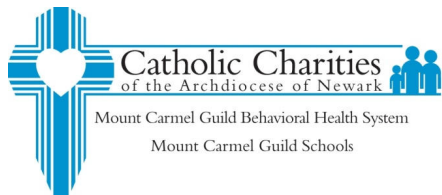
- _____ to become a Parishioner
- _____ to change my address
- _____ to join a ministry
- _____ to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

True Freedom



Christ freed us from sin. Patriots throughout the ages fought for our freedom. There are still those today who cannot enjoy freedom from poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys and children's books to our Catholic Charities donations bin located on our property. **Please note clothing donations are not sold for rags, they are resold in thrift stores.** Thank you.



**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
2020 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Our parish goal this year is \$37,834. and **100% of every dollar raised above goal will be returned to our parish.** As of this date we have received \$36,355.00 in pledges from 129 families.

Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. Brochures, which outline all areas of support, are available from the parish office. Please call, 201-836-8961, if you would like one. *Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless.*



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 you return.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!



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