

Church of the Ascension

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+ 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 or have any changes to your contact information.

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 should 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 Parish Center 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.



The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2022

+ 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 8:00 a.m.

No daily Mass on Friday

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Mass: 8:00am

+ Our Devotions +

Rosary is prayed Monday-Thursday & Saturday after Mass



PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER

PARISH OFFICE

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Mass Intentions for the Week

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2022**

5:30 Art Castronova
7:30 Timothy V. Cronin
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Arnold Raymond Aranas

Monday, August 22, 2022

8:00 Trevor Linton Smith

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

8:00 Ann Wall

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

8:00 Bernadeth Pongos-Silva

Thursday, August 25, 2022

8:00 Luisa Garcia

Friday, August 26, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, August 27, 2022

8:30 John Glenn Ibanez
5:30 Anne & Harry Sommo

**Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time, August 28, 2022**

7:30 Norma Sieglen
9:30 Olga & George Arnold
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH **\$**TEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

August 14, 2022:	\$3,535.00
Assumption:	\$ 255.00
Repairs & Maintenance:	\$2,233.00
R&M WeShare:	\$ 796.60

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

Readings for Sunday, August 28

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7,
10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/
Lk 14:1, 7-14



GOSPEL MEDITATION

The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. “When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).”

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, “all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews).”

“What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).” Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God’s creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before.

St. Rose of Lima | August 23

Born Isabel Flores de Olivia in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and permanently abstained from meat.

Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ’s crown of thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for the poor.

She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.



The Ukraine winter project has turned out to be a great success. A big thank you goes to the Ascension parishioners for sharing the time, talent, and treasure. Kudos to all of you for responding so generously in a short time. Also thank you to Fr. Jim for allowing this project to go forward. May God Bless you for you and your families for your work and effort.



We are in need of Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the parish office (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.



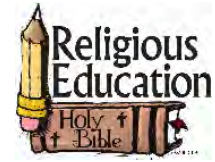
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Thank you!

Annual Appeal the 2022

WE HAVE PASSED OUR PARISH GOAL!

Thank you to the 152 families/individuals who have made a pledge. Our parish goal is \$36,642.00 To date we have donor pledges amounting to **\$40,709.19**. If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. There is a direct link on our website. Thank you again for your support!



IMPORTANT:

All PACKETS AND ON-LINE WORK SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED. If you have not done so please return ASAP. As they were due by MAY 20th.

New Registration forms for the 2022 -2023 School year have been emailed out to all families already in the program. All registration were due by June 30th A Late Fee of \$10 per student will be added to all registrations received after this date. If you wish to register your child or know anyone who wishes to register in our program and have not received the email please call 201-836-3085 or stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish center during office hours- 9am to 4 pm daily.

All families are encouraged to come to Mass and to come on a weekly basis, the Church is open and is a safe place as we follow all safety guidelines.



Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2022-2023 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 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 – Parish Center
Other times by appointment

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE, AND ALTAR FLOWERS for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Weddings Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.

Turks and Caicos Mission Appeal
This Weekend of August 20th and 21st, 2022

A message from Father Orlando:

“The Turks and Caicos Islands encompass a total of 40 islands and cayes. These British Overseas Territory islands are located at the end of the Bahamas chain, and enjoy a political link with the United Kingdom.

Until 1984, the Turks and Caicos Islands were part of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Nassau in the Bahamas. Catholic life in the Turks and Caicos began as a small mission (starting in homes) on two different islands, which were served infrequently by a priest who, for six months, went back and forth between two islands.

The Archdiocese of Newark accepted a request from the Holy See to staff the Turks and Caicos Islands beginning in 1998. Today there are 3 priests serving in two parishes and one chapel in 3 separate islands, and a catholic missionary school as well.

While the islands are numerous and small, with some distances between each of them. The distance is not a hindrance for God to reach the people so that they may be served and loved. The priests on the islands do visit parishioners in these isolated places, for celebrations and to prepare the people for the Sacraments.

As popular with tourism as the Turks and Caicos Islands may be, there is more than just the beaches, resorts and restaurants. These, often, are not what we are shown in the vacation brochures.

The islands are a mission life in many ways, and a parish life at the same time. Thanks for your generosity so the work of the mission may continue a valuable work of outreach, teaching and preaching of our Catholic Faith.

Fr. Rafael Velazquez will describe the work on the mission and ask for our assistance to assist the mission in Turks and Caicos Islands.

A special **second collection** will be taken at all Masses to support this mission.”

Please be as generous as your means allow.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Al Suter, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Marie Oberst, Mary Anne Meyer, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

Family Members: PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOMEONE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

***Prayer list will be updated every three months*
Next renewal date November 7, 2022
Please call office to renew or remove name**

“a time to serve...”

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



BREAD and WINE this week
Donated in loving memory of
Ann Wall



2023 Mass Book Is Open
Please visit the parish office for:
MASS INTENTIONS
SANCTUARY CANDLE
BREAD & WINE
ALTAR FLOWERS
MEMORIAL CANDLES



Our parish will sponsor a trip to The Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, Sept. 22nd, 2022. Cost is \$37 per person. Upon arrival at the casino you will receive \$18 in free play. The bus will leave Ascension parking lot at 9am. You must have your ID/PLAYER CARD to get the bonus. If you do not have a bonus card, you can get one at the casino but, you must have ID such as your driver’s license. Make check payable to Ascension Church. Fill in the form below and drop off with check at the Parish Center. Indicate on outside of envelope ‘RESORTS CASINO’. For further info. call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

NAME _____
#OF PEOPLE _____
PHONE# _____
AMT. ENCL. _____



FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – SEPTEMBER 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.

- COOKIES-CRANBERRY JUICE-APPLE JUICE
- GRAPE JUICE-LEMONADE MIX-COFFEE
- CAKE MIX-BROWNIE MIX-BREAD CRUMBS
- APPLE SAUCE-CANNED PINEAPPLE-SUGAR
- CANNED PEACHES-CANNED PEARS-CRACKERS
- MANDARIN ORANGES-PEAS & CARROTS
- BEEF GRAVY-TURKEY GRAVY-INSTANT RICE
- MAYONNAISE-GRATED CHEESE-RAISINS
- PORK & BEANS-SALAD DRESSING-NAPKINS
- MENS/WOMENS SHAVE CREAM-CONDITIONER
- SHAMPOO-MENS/WOMENS DEODORANT

“Don't like to shop-donate a ShopRite Gift Card- we'll do the shopping”

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF INSIDE THE PARISH CENTER

Please do not leave donations outside

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

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



**LOWER HALL ROOF FUND
THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED!
FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: \$8,419.33**

The roof on the Lower Hall of the School building has long past it's life expectancy. We are hoping that we would get at least a couple of more years out of it. Unfortunately during the recent rains several leaks have appeared. Since we just redid the entire interior, new floors and total repainting, due to Ida, to allow the leaks to continue means that we risk ruining the work just completed on the inside, and to patch is just wasting money.

The cost to replace the roof is \$57,600. We do not have this laying around. Our roofer has offered to carry the balance for 24 months. We need to raise \$2,400. per month to cover this. A Lower Hall fund has been set up on We Share for anyone who would like to contribute to this fund. If you do not use We Share please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Roof Fund" and put in the collection.

Once we cover the cost of the roof that fund will be removed. This is a restricted fund and any monies collected through this fund can only go to this purpose. Thank you for your continued support of our great parish!

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.

Thank you!



**WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
www.churchoftheascension.com
AND CLICK DONATE ONLINE
OR CONTACT DIRECTLY
WeShare Donor Customer Service
Phone Number: 877-316-0260**

Thanks

"Hi Bob,

I wanted to let you know that the dinner last night was much appreciated and very nice! It's probably been the same for a while now but I happened to get wonderful feedback today so wanted to share it with you. Unfortunately I often only hear about problems or shortages and not always the positive things! Are you using a local caterer?

Thank you for making it work all throughout COVID and for your unwavering support and that of Ascension Church.

Enjoy your weekend.

Margo Heller

Director of Volunteers

Bergen County Horizontal

Bergenfamilypromise.org"



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: _____



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