

# Church of the Ascension

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## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

### Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

### Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

### Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

### Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

### Religious Education Center

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 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.



## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020

5:30 Benny Santiago  
7:30 Timothy Cronin  
9:30 George & Olga Arnold  
11:30 Ramon Abuedo

## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, August 24, 2020**

8:00 Luisa Garcia

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

8:00 People of Ascension Parish

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

8:00 Richard T. Driscoll

**Thursday, August 27, 2020**

8:00 John Trimarchi

**Friday, August 28, 2020**

8:00 Hieu "Hugh" Nguyen

**Saturday, August 29, 2020**

8:30 Ouseph & Rosey & Family

5:30 Catherine Trimarchi White

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time, August 30, 2020**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Lillian Person

11:30 Benny Santiago

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### *WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*

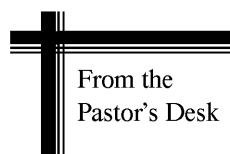
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

August 16, 2020:	\$3,328.00
Assumption:	\$ 624.00
Social Concerns:	\$ 716.00

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

## Readings for Sunday August 30, 2020

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
[2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Rock and gates - these are two images that spring out of today's Gospel reading. The rock is an image of the Church and the gates are an image of all that is wrong with the world. The rock is not meant to be an image of a static, non-energetic force, just sitting there in a self-complacent pose. The rock is a symbol of strength and power. In primitive kinds of building, people used rocks as a foundation for their buildings -- in fact, some people built their whole houses out of stone.

Our true purpose as a Church is not to defend who we are. It is to go out with energy and take the conviction of faith to places and situations of evil. There are basically two kinds of evil - moral evil and physical evil. It's not always easy to distinguish between the two of them, but basically moral evil is that evil caused by human persons. Greed, injustice, discrimination, murder, physical and mental abuse - these are examples of moral evil. Poverty, illness, death, natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes, flooding, accidents - these are examples of physical evil. It is true that some physical evils are the result of moral evils, but that is certainly not the case at all times. Poverty may be the result of greed on the part of others, or it may have other causes which are not morally evil.

But both of these evils need to be addressed by the Church. As a rock, we need to look at fighting against moral and physical evils. Our danger is that we will trade places with the gates of Hades. Instead of being the aggressor against all kinds of evils, we are in danger of erecting all kinds of gates around ourselves to keep the world out. If we end up in a purely defensive position, then we will have abandoned our call to be the rock, which fights against evil in our world.

- ✘ Thank you to all who worked behind the scenes and masks to make our parish's **Celebration of the Queenship of Mary** such a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother through the Novena and Liturgy.  
Thank you to those who donated toward our new Queenship statue and to all who participated by your presence!
- ✘ Some important upcoming parish events to put on your calendar:
  - +September 7 (Monday)... Celebration of Labor Day 8:30am Mass
  - +September 8 (Tuesday)... Our Daily Mass will be at 8:30am-both intentions will be celebrated. Mass will be livestreamed
  - +September 12 (Saturday)... **Celebration of First Holy Communion** 11am Mass (by ticket only)
  - +September 13 (Sunday)... Grandparents Day...Blessing of grandparents at all weekend Masses
  - +September 20 (Sunday)... Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9:30am Mass
  - +October 17 (Saturday)... **Celebration of Confirmation** 11am Mass (by ticket only)

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

**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](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)

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**

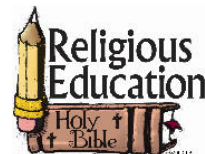
“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call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

Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50</b>
	<b>(per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

**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 23, 2020*

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**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.

201-836-3085 or [ascensionreled@optonline.net](mailto:ascensionreled@optonline.net) on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday.**

201-836-8961 or [ascension@optonline.net](mailto: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



**“To everything there is a season...**

**“a time to be born...”  
Amelia Onyinyechukwu Williams**

**“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  
**Cathy & John Trimarchi**

**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, August 23, 2020**

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

**Monday, August 24, 2020**

**Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

**Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

**Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed**

**Novena at 7:30pm livestreamed via Facebook**

**Thursday, August 27, 2020**

**Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed**

**Friday, August 28, 2020**

**Mass at 8:00am in Church & livestreamed**

**Saturday, August 28, 2020**

**Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed**

**Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed**

**Sunday, August 29, 2020**

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



**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.**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
FLYERS\*FORMS\*SCHEDULES\*BULLETINS  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://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....**

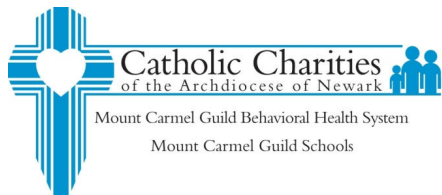
- \_\_\_\_\_ to become a Parishioner
- \_\_\_\_\_ to change my address
- \_\_\_\_\_ to join a ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

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.

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY**

**FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</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.

- APPLE JUICE-GRAPE JUICE-ICED TEA-LEMONADE MIX
- HOT COCOA-TEA-SUGAR-PUDDING-JELL-O-BEEF BROTH
- BROWNIE MIX-RAISINS-CAKE ICING-CHICKEN GRAVY
- CANNED BEETS-CANNED SPINACH-CANNED PEACHES
- RAISIN BRAN-BEEF GRAVY-EGG NOODLES-WHITE RICE
- FLOUR-MUFFIN MIX-PANCAKE SYRUP-MUSHROOMS
- CANNED PEARS-HONEY NUT CHEERIOS-RICE KRISPIES
- TURKEY GRAVY-INSTANT RICE-GRATED CHEESE
- VEGETARIAN CHILI-TOMATO SOUP-FLAVORED RICE
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-NAPKINS-DISH SOAP
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM-LAUNDRY DETERGENT

**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER**

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

**Do you need home repairs but can't afford them?**

Rebuilding Together North Jersey can help. The 501(c) (3) nonprofit makes critical home repairs at no cost for low-income homeowners in Bergen and Passaic Counties. Call 201-447-8886 or email [info@rtnorthjersey.org](mailto:info@rtnorthjersey.org). More info at [www.rtnorthjersey.org](http://www.rtnorthjersey.org).



**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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