

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 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29, 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

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29, 2021**

5:30 Hieu (“Hugh”) Nguyen
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 George & Olga Arnold
11:30 Wilhelmina & Honesto Navarro
40th Wedding Anniversary (L)

Monday, August 30, 2021

8:00 Catherine Trimarchi

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

8:00 Delfina & John Duarte

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

8:00 Eileen McCann, First Anniv.

Thursday, September 2, 2021

8:00 Manuel D. Lagdamen, Sr. First Anniv.

Friday, September 3, 2021

Paul L. Von Arx

Saturday, September 4, 2021

Memorial

8:30 Manuel Flores
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Christopher Boes
11:30 Charles & Margaret Alloro

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, August 15, 2021: \$4,118.00
Sunday, August 22, 2021: \$3,776.00
Social Concerns: \$ 847.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
September 5, 2021**

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



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

Go Fund Me has advised the Archdiocese of Newark that they will no longer support the program platform that hosts our Go Fund Me website. The last day for donations will be September 30, 2021. Parishioners with reoccurring donations will also cease on September 30, 2021.

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

CELEBRATE!

**Father Jim Brown's
Formal Installation
as Pastor of Ascension Parish
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

11:30AM MASS

Reception to follow in the Fr. Benedict Center

Many hands are needed to make this occasion a special and welcoming one. If you would like to help out, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or the parish center office.



I would like to help with Fr. Jim's Installation Reception

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

I CAN HELP WITH SET-UP: _____

I CAN HELP WITH CLEAN-UP: _____

Thank you!



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Al Suter, 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.

“a time to die...”

Ann Wall - Andrew Comer

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Sunday, August 29, 2021

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

Monday, August 30, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, September 3, 2021

NO MASS

Saturday, September 4, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, September 5, 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

WeShare Donor Customer Service Phone Number:

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

WeShare Customer Service Email:

weshare@4lpi.com

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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

(24/7) starts on Sept 7, 2021

OLMC Ridgewood is re-opening PEA!

Stop by the chapel or better yet, sign-up for a Scheduled hour to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, to anyone seeking God. All are welcome! Scheduled Adorers Needed: TO SIGN UP text Cynthia at 551-574-1063 or email cynthiaborres@yahoo.com



**OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY-THURSDAY**

8:00AM

**INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY MASS WILL
BE SAID PRIVATELY
BY FATHER JIM**

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

We have resumed 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.**

LITTLE SISTERS MISSIONARY

Through the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan the people of our Archdiocese reach out in prayer and sacrifice to the Church in mission lands. This Sunday we welcome the Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi. Many missionary dioceses and mission-sending Religious Communities will receive desperately need help because of it. This Plan, created in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1939, is now in use throughout the world. Please be as generous as your means allow. 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: _____

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – SEPTEMBER 20**

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.

- BEEF GRAVY-CHICKEN GRAVY-RICE KRISPIES
- RAISIN BRAN-OATMEAL-KETCHUP-MAYONNAISE
- TOMATO SOUP-GRATED CHEESE-MANDRAIN ORANGES
- APPLE SAUCE-INSTANT RICE-CANNED MUSHROOMS
- EGG NOODLES-FLAVORED RICE-CANNED PEACHES
- BEEF BROTH-CHICKEN BROTH-BREAD CRUMBS
- RAISINS-FLOUR-SUGAR-CORNEED BEEF-LEMONADE MIX
- PUDDING-JELL-O-APPLE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE
- GRAPE JUICE-CANNED PEAS & CARROTS-MUFFIN MIX
- COOKIES-CRACKERS-SAUERKRAUT-CANNED PINEAPPLE
- SALAD DRESSING-SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-DISH SOAP
- 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.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

Our parish will sponsor a trip to The Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, Sept. 21st, 2021. Cost is \$35 per person. Upon arrival at the casino you will receive \$20 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.

BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY-SEPT 21

NAME _____

#OF PEOPLE _____

PHONE# _____

AMT. ENCL. _____