

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .



+ 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.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 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

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Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021**

5:30 Ana Tumang, First Anniv.
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Mario Balducci
11:30 Richard Cudina

Monday, September 13, 2021

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
Elnora Gordon

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

8:00 Elnora Gordon
Garcia-Rivera Families

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

8:00 Martin & Hildegarde Faderugao
Yola & Art Castronova

Thursday, September 16, 2021

8:00 Billy Boyle
Madeline Martinez

Friday, September 17, 2021

No Mass

Saturday, September 18, 2021

8:30 Mary & Walter Lewis
5:30 Manuel Garcia

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021**

7:30 Renato Aglipay
9:30 Julie & Phil Carbone
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021: \$5,146.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$2,756.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
September 19, 2021**

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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: _____

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

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

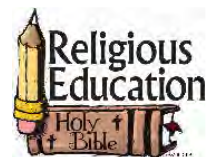


OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY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



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Calendar:

Sunday, September 12th Last Minute Registration- 9:30 am to 11:30 am- in Parish Center

Monday, September 13th: 7th & 8th Grade Parent/Student Meeting- MANDATORY FOR BOTH in Fr. Davis Multi-purpose Room (Café) at 7 pm SHARP

Sunday, September 19th – Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 19th -- Mandatory Parent Meeting 1st-6th grades at 10:45 am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)

Monday, September 20th– 7th & 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:15 pm (MPR/SCH)

Registration for 2021-2022:

The Religious Education Office in the Parish Center will be open, September 12, 2021 for last minute registration from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. All registered families' letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

Please note our hours for classes:

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon. The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:15 pm. Students are asked to be here by 6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.

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 share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week In Loving Memory of Richard Cudina

BREAD and WINE this week are in Loving Memory of Richard Cudina



Altar Flowers for this week are in Loving Memory of Richard Cudina

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.

September

Sunday, September 12, 2021

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

Monday, September 13, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, September 17, 2021

NO MASS

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, September 19, 2021

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



PARISH EVENTS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
AT 7:30PM
IN THE PARISH CENTER
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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.

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**

PARTNERS IN CARING

Beefsteak Dinner

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

5:00-7:00pm

Father Benedict Center

Donations \$35.00

All proceeds go to Partners in Caring

For tickets please visit the

New Milford Shoprite office



**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-CORNED 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. _____