

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .



+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Religious Education

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 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 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.

Holiday Mass: 8:30am

+ 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  for the
Intentions *Week*

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

5:30 Manuel Garcia
7:30 Renato Aglipay
9:30 Julie & Phil Carbone
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, September 20, 2021

8:00 Sandro Panzera
Anneliese Santos

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

8:00 Rosa Santos Carreon
Anthony Cudina

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

8:00 Maurina Cianchetta
Rosa Santos Carreon

Thursday, September 23, 2021

8:00 Tim Benjamin (Healing)
Elnora Gordon

Friday, September 24, 2021

Gerard Patrick Lee

Saturday, September 25, 2021

8:30 Hall-O'Niell Families
5:30 Gregory Poli

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Hilarion Matibag
11:30 Elnora Gordon

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, Sept. 12 2021: \$3,904.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
September 26, 2021**

**Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life. Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire? If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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: _____

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 FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
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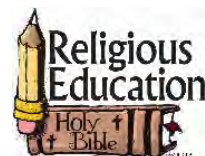


OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY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



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Calendar:

Sunday, September 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
 Wednesday, September 22nd – 9th Grade Mandatory Parent /Student Meeting 7pm in Fr. Benedict Center

Registration for 2021-2022:

The Religious Education Office in the Parish Center we are still accepting Registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Please see the Office hours at the bottom or call before coming in to register.

Please note our hours for classes.

Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. It is important that all students are on time for class. Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3rd grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:30 am.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes 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 Kleek, 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, Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, 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



Altar Flowers for this week are in Loving Memory of **Renato Aglipay**

September

Catechetical Sunday, September 19, 2021

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

Monday, September 20, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, September 24, 2021

NO MASS

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, September 26, 2021

San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod

Feast Celebration Mass at 11:30am

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

School Bells Signal a New Start

The sound of the school bell is a welcomed sound to most parents who have worked diligently to prepare their children to work up to their potential. Many students will not be able to work up to their full potential as they are lacking in nourishing food and are dealing with stressful family situations. Please help Catholic Charities in its mission to help individuals and families who are hurting. This is a most opportune time to clean out the summer clothes for the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s). We also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Thank you.

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.

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.

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**OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY-THURSDAY**

8:00AM

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

**Church of the Ascension
Invites you to our annual
Blessing of Animals
In honor of
St. Francis of Assisi
Monday, October 4, 2021
In the
Blessed Mother Courtyard
4:00pm**



**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. _____