

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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First Holy Communion



Priesthood Sunday

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 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

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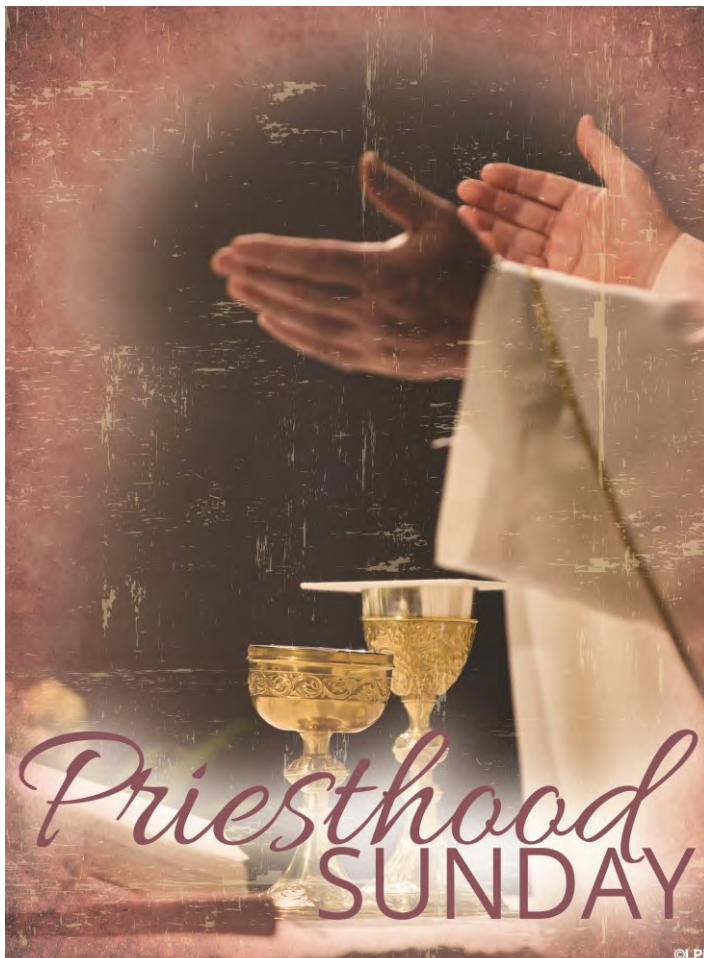
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Mass  for the Intentions *Week*

Priesthood Sunday, September 25, 2022

5:30 Jessie Brown
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Hilarion Matibag
11:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli

Monday, September 26, 2022

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

8:00 Marlene Hellriegel

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

8:00 John Trimarchi

Thursday, September 29, 2022

8:00 Leandro Cabacoy

Friday, September 30, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Memorial

8:30 Manuel Garcia
Crisoin Castillo
Mary Maureen Mullins
Lorenzo Aninlo
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time, October 2, 2022

7:30 Renato Aglipay
9:30 Anne & Harry Sommo
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.

September 18, 2022: \$3,739.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
October 2, 2022**

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2
Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Welcoming Prayer

O God, we thank you for implanting the gift of faith in human hearts. We thank you for sending Jesus, Your Son, as the fullness of your love.

May his life and mission lead us to share in your divine life.

Today we ask you to bless in a special way all inquirers, catechumens, and candidates, who have generously responded to the invitation of Jesus:

“Come, follow me.”

Help them to persevere in their journey of faith despite any difficulties.

Bless those who minister through the RCIA program so that under the guidance of your Holy Spirit, they may lead others to a life of faith in Jesus Christ.

Grant that all parishioners will take an active role in bringing new members into the Church.

Call us all to a renewal of our faith, and inspire us all to be your light in the world.

Through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become “all about me,” preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are “useful” to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as “the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges.” In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel “entitled” to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life’s challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. “The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas).” Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.

MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund in memory of your loved one. Please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961 or stop by the office (located in the Parish Center) to check availability.

Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE \$25 per week
ALTAR FLOWERS \$50 (per basket/per week)
SANCTUARY CANDLE \$15 per week

MEMORIAL CANDLES:

___ SACRED HEART ___ BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
\$25/1 month \$100/5 months
\$45/2 months \$120/6 months
\$65/3months \$200/1 year
\$85/4months

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF: _____

DATE REQUESTED: _____

REQUESTED BY: _____

Phone: _____ Donation Amount: _____

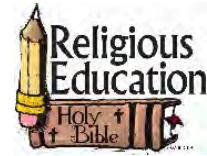
Please return completed form with your check made payable to Ascension Church



Due to Insurance and Liability issues we ask that you respect the private property of the Church as you would your own. The Church parking lot is for church business only. Please no driving lessons or overnight parking.

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!



Calendar:

Sunday, September 25th – 1st thru 3th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH) 4th thru 6th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Monday, September 26th – No Religious Education

Wednesday, September 28th - 9th Grade Parent/Student Meeting- MANDATORY FOR BOTH in the CHURCH at 7 pm SHARP

Sunday, October 2nd 1st thru 3th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH) 4th thru 6th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Registration for 2022-2023:

The Religious Education Office in the Parish Center is still accepting Registration for the 2022-2023 School year. 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 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 – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – Parish Center
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School & Parish Center

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

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

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



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**THE SHRINES OF PORTUGAL
APRIL 16-22, 2023**

**Spiritual Director
Father Jim**

**Please pick up your copy of
Brochure, with Itinerary, Reservation Form
and Statement of Cost
From the Parish Office, on our parish website,
(www.churchoftheascension.com) or see Fr. Jim**

****Information Night**
Tuesday, October 4 at 7:30pm
In the Parish Center**



“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, Erlinda Arel 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.

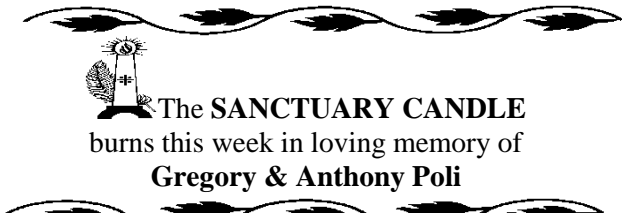
For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.

“a time for peace...”

All of our National and World Leaders.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Gregory & Anthony Poli



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FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

OCTOBER 17TH

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.

- CRANBERRY JUICE-APPLE JUICE-GRAPE JUICE
- COFFEE-TEA-HOT COCOA- CRACKERS-JELL-O
- CAKE MIX-BROWNIE MIX-BREAD CRUMBS
- MANDARIN ORANGES-PEAS & CARROTS
- RICE KRISPIES-RAISIN BRAN-CORN FLAKES
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES-EGG NOODLES
- TOMATO SAUCE-CORNEED BEEF-SPAM
- BEEF GRAVY-TURKEY GRAVY-INSTANT RICE
- FRUIT COCKTAIL-MAYONNAISE-GRATED CHEESE
- PORK & BEANS-SALAD DRESSING-PUDDING
- MENS/WOMENS SHAVE CREAM-CONDITIONER
- SHAMPOO-WOMENS DEODORANT-NAPKINS
- PAPER TOWELS-LAUNDRY DETERGENT-DISH SOAP

"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.

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.



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LOWER HALL ROOF FUND

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED!
FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: \$9,176.36**

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!



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.



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



LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

All lectors and Eucharistic ministers must attend a brief meeting on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:30pm in the Church.

This is a time for us to review and polish a few edges. To do that everyone needs to hear the same directions. Please mark your calendars now.



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: _____

2023 Mass Book Is Open

Please visit the parish office for:

- MASS INTENTIONS**
- SANCTUARY CANDLE**
- BREAD & WINE**
- ALTAR FLOWERS**
- MEMORIAL CANDLES**