

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

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Respect Life Sunday

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023

+ 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

PARISH OFFICE

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2023

- 5:30pm Manuel Garcia
7:30 Bruce Kreielsheimer
9:30 John Trimarchi
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, October 2, 2023

- 8:00 Liway Caragay

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

- 8:00 Ciriaco Guce

St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

- 8:00 Sr. Mary Anne Duva

Thursday, October 5, 2023

- 8:00 Msgr. Thomas Ivory

Friday, October 6, 2023

No Mass

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Memorial

- 8:30 Denis O'Shea, Bruce Kreielsheimer, Michelle R. Garofallo, Dolores M. Verost
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Margaret McEwan Bitetti
11:30 Antonino Speciale

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, September 24, 2023: \$3,566.00
Social Concerns: \$ 976.00
Social Concerns WeShare: \$ 101.60

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

Readings for Sunday October 8, 2023

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Good and gracious God,
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position
of protecting those who have no voice,
the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.
Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the elderly,
and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts,
we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

St Francis of Assisi
FEAST DAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Church of the Ascension
Invites you to our annual
Blessing of Animals
In honor of
St. Francis of Assisi
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
In the Blessed Mother Courtyard
4:00pm



Trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, Pa.

Tuesday, Oct. 31st. Price per person \$35 includes \$25 slot free play. Must have ID to get promotion. Bus will leave Ascension parking lot at 9am. Make check payable to: Ascension Church. Indicate names of people attending and phone # and drop off at parish office. For info. call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)206-4297.



HELP TO MAKE LIFE A BIT BETTER FOR ANIMALS WAITING FOR THEIR FOREVER HOMES

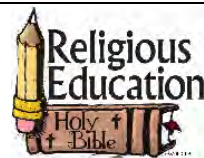
In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day we celebrate on October 4th, the Service Ministry will be collecting items for local animal shelters during the month of September. A bin will be placed in the vestibule for your donations. Below is a listing of most needed items from local shelters:

- Paper Towels*Fabuloso Cleaner*Lysol Wipes
- Used Towels*Used Sheets*Used Pillowcases
- Dry Cat/Kitten Food *Wet Cat/Kitten Food*Cat/Dog
- Treats Cat/Dog Toys* Collars/Leashes*Food Dishes

****No Rawhide of Rope Toys please. They cannot be digested properly.**

If you would like to make a donation of a gift card, or cash, please put it in an envelope marked for the St. Francis collection, and hand it to Father or drop it off in the Parish office.

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE, AND ALTAR FLOWERS for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Weddings Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



Calendar:

- Sunday, October 1st – 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)
- Monday, October 2nd – 6th, 7th & 8th Grades Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.
- Wednesday, October 4th -- 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.
- Sunday, October 8th – 1th thru 5th grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

Important:

- Please remember that all On-Line Work is due on the following days:
- For Sunday Program (1st to 5th Grades) by Wednesday of each week
- For Monday Night Program (6th to 8th Grades) by Thursday of each week
- For Wednesday Night Program (9th Grade) by Friday of each week.

During the Month of October, the Religious Education Program will be hosting a “Baby Shower” for Several Sources, in Ramsey, NJ. This is a home to help young women and their babies that have no other help. We are again collecting Gift Cards to Walmart, Target and ShopRite and we will also be collecting diapers in all sizes. The diapers can be dropped off in the Pack’n Play located in the Church and ALL GIFT CARDS can be dropped off in the Parish Center, either in the Mail slot in the door or you can bring them in. Students can give either one to their Catechist and we will take care of them. As always Thank you for your support.

We are still accepting New Registration forms for the 2023-2024 School year. If you wish to register your child or know anyone who wishes to register in our program and are in need of a registration form, please call 201-836-3085 or stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish center during office hours. Forms can also be found on the parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com.

All families are encouraged to come to Mass each week and parents are also asked to review ALL PRAYERS with your child, they can be found in the back of each book.

Volunteers Needed:

We in need of help for Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 am Mass, which will restart in the Fall, for all children in in the Parish. If you would like to help PLEASE call Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center. 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.

We are in need of Substitutes for our Religious Education Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

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

OCTOBER 1, 2023

**Church of the Ascension
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, New Jersey**

Dear Friend,

We, of Ascension Parish, feel that it is important for us to remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those persons who have touched our lives and whose presence we miss.

On Thursday, November 2, 2023, we will celebrate All Souls Day, at 7:30pm Mass, with our annual PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE for all who have died during this past year (November 2022-November 2023).

We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

Please return the bottom portion reply information on or before October 23, 2023 indicating if you will/not participate in the Mass. (You may return by mail, in collection basket or drop off to parish office.)

We look forward to being with you on Thursday, November 2.

In the Lord's Peace,



Fr. Jim and Your Ascension Parish Family

Annual Prayer of Remembrance

My Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Loved One _____

Relationship to Me _____ **Date of Death in 2022-23** _____

Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance

No, I will not be able to participate. Please remember my loved one.

Please, return no later than October 23, 2023

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Al Suter, Marguerite Morris, Mary Anne Meyer, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu, Marie Oberst, Honesto Arel, Gerard Lee, Gordon Lockwood, Louis Vallis, Millie Bates 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 6, 2023

Please call office to renew or remove name

“a time to serve...”

Staff Sgt. James Penser, Langley AFB, VA 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 Frank Friezo



WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS
www.churchoftheascension.net

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.

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



Our pantry is particularly in need of the following items for the upcoming distribution to our clients:

Canned Spinach*Baked Beans*Pork & Beans
Canned Peas & Carrots*Applesauce*Raisins
Fruit Cocktail*Salad Dressings*Grated Cheese
Instant Rice*Shampoo*Conditioner
Deodorant (male & female)*Toothpaste

Please note there is now a "drop-box" outside of the pantry (around the back of the YMCA) where you can leave your donated items.

Your continued support of our Ministry is greatly appreciated.

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
FOR PARISH INFORMATION
FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



SUNDAY OCTOBER 1
TICKETS
MAY BE PURCHASED
AT EVENT

What makes you feel "ALIVE?"



There are perhaps as many answers as there are individuals reading this message. The autumn leaves with their beautiful array of distinctive colors foster an atmosphere which animates and enlivens us to enjoy the boundless delights of the fall season. Many people will not experience such delights due to impoverished conditions. Catholic Charities on a daily basis assists the underprivileged in society. Please help by contributing the following to the donation bin: used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, tools, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books. Thank you.



Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Now that the cup has returned at Mass we are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers for all Masses. If you might be interested in being a member of this ministry please contact Theresa Carbone with your name and contact information.



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ALL ADULT (age 18 and over) **VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED** TO COMPLETE A VOLUNTEER APPLICATION. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THIS REQUIREMENT.

As a volunteer, if you have direct contact with minors, the Archdiocese of Newark **also** requires a full background check. Which includes, Volunteer Application, Protecting God's Children & signing of the Code of Conduct.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN register at www.virtusonline.org

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. 201-836-8961.



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 update my contact information
- 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: _____

The Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children will be hosting our Future Alumni Event on Thursday, October 26th at 6pm, at Seton Hall University – Bethany Hall, South Orange, NJ. <https://tinyurl.com/alumni-event-form>.

This is a very inspirational event for all members of the Catholic faith and society in general. Eric LeGrand has overcome enormous obstacles to strive and thrive as a person who is differently abled. Please join us!