

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 or have any changes to your contact information.

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 should 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 9, 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

PARISH OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Twenty-Eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time, October 9, 2022

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Beltran Haguisan (L)

9:30 Juanita Santiago

11:30 Margaret McEwan Bitetti

Columbus Day, Monday, October 10

8:00 Al Tanseco

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

8:00 Jesus T. Dizon

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

8:00 Isabella & Frank Pace

Thursday, October 13, 2022

8:00 Judi Sexton

Friday, October 14, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, October 15, 2022

8:30 German & Clara Natividad

5:30 Art Castrovona

Twenty-Ninth Sunday

in Ordinary Time, October 16, 2022

7:30 Jose & Lourdes Frio

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Daisy G. Haguisan (L)

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 2, 2022: \$4,201.00

Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,640.00

WeShare M&R: \$ 976.30

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

**Readings for Sunday
October 16, 2022**

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2

Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to “the gods” to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is “a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” When our hearts “surge” toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God’s Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God’s graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.

Saint John XXIII, Pope | October 11

Saint John XIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing into retirement, however, was not in God’s plan for the saint.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John. His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War.

Saint John XXIII’s kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.

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: _____

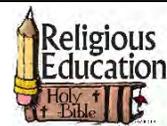
Please return completed form with your check made payable to Ascension Church



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.

2023 Mass Book Is Open

Please visit the parish office for:
 MASS INTENTIONS
 SANCTUARY CANDLE
 BREAD & WINE
 ALTAR FLOWERS
 MEMORIAL CANDLES



Calendar:

Sunday, October 9th --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, October 10th – No Religious Education
 Wednesday, October 12th -- 9th Grade in Parish Center STARTING AT 6:30 PM SHARP-PICK UP AT 8:45 PM
 Sunday, October 16th -- 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)

Important:

There will be A MANDATORY Parent Meeting on October 11, 2022 at 7:30pm in the Church for all families with children making First Reconciliation this year. One parent MUST attend this meeting.

Registration for 2022-2023:

The Religious Education Office in the Parish Center is still accepting Registration for the 2022-2023 School year. If you NOT registered, 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 would like to start Children’s Liturgy of the Word in October, at the 9:30 am Mass. For all children in K to 4th grades. **We are in need of help with this program.** 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 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

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 Ctr.
 Closed: Thursday & Saturday
 Other times by appointment



PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ITEMS FOR BULLETIN NO LATER THAN 9:00AM ON MONDAY BEFORE PRINTING DATE

Thank you for your cooperation

OCTOBER 9, 2022

**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 Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 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 2021-November 2022).

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 24, 2022 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 Wednesday, 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 2021-22** _____

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 24, 2022



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to die...”
Rose O’Connor

“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, 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



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!



MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022
PARISH CENTER OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MASS CELEBRATED AT 8:00AM

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.

- COOKIES*CRANBERRY JUICE**
- BROWNIE MIX*APPLE JUICE**
- CAKE MIX*GRAPE JUICE**
- SALAD DRESSING*DECAFFINATED**
- COFFEE*MAYONNAISE**
- LEMONADE MIX**

"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.

NEW MILFORD'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

"The last major event of New Milford's 100th anniversary celebration is the "Centennial Serenade" concert on **Sunday, Oct. 16**. Enjoy an afternoon of music at the new Knights Field, between New Milford High School and ShopRite. The venue opens at 1 p.m., with local musicians performing at the new pavilion. At 2 p.m., the Mahoney Brothers will take the main stage to present "Jukebox Heroes Live," featuring impersonation of many of the legendary musical acts of the past, including The Beatles, Billy Joel and Roy Orbison. Admission is FREE; however, we encourage attendees to bring non-perishable food items to be distributed to local food pantries. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Specialty coffees, hot and cold drinks, and pastries will be available for purchase.

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 roof 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



LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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.



**RESPECT LIFE RAFFLE TICKETS
ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND
AFTER ALL MASSES**



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: _____

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

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM