

# Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### Pastor

Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

### Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David W. Milliken

### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

### Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

### Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

### Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

### Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina  
Elizabeth Delgado

### 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 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 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

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday**

**in Ordinary Time, October 16, 2022**

- 5:30 Art Castrovona
- 7:30 Jose & Lourdes Frio
- 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 11:30 Daisy G. Haguisan (L)

**Monday, October 17, 2022**

- 8:00 Lorelei Habana (L)

**Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

- 8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

- 8:00 Paul J. Figalora

**Thursday, October 20, 2022**

- 8:00 Mary Domine

**Friday, October 21, 2022**

No Mass

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

- 8:30 Mary Maureen Mullins
- 5:30 Art Castronova

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 23, 2022**

- 7:30 Mary Zadroga
- 9:30 Marge Bruno
- 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.

October 8, 2022:	\$2,992.00
September WeShare:	\$4,490.39

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

**Readings for Sunday  
October 23, 2022**

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/  
Lk 18:9-14

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Brendan wouldn't stop. He continued nagging his mom to let him have a little more time with his phone. He knew the rules but wanted to finish a game and text a few more friends. He begged, had a temper tantrum, pleaded, screamed, pouted, and used every means he could think of to get Mom to change her mind. Mom had a busy day and was tired. At first, she held her ground. Then, her son's persistence got the best of her, and she caved. "Brendan, you can have 30 more minutes and no more!" she retorted. Brendan's determination paid off. He won.

Is this how it works with God too? If we want something enough and feel it is our due, does our persistence allow us to eventually get our way? Judging God by human standards, it would seem so. But is this the way God works? It gets a bit confusing when Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary" and then further tells them how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." If we catch God at the right time, when he's having a weak moment, then our tenacity ought to pay off. What we want, we will get. Really? Sadly, the way many approach prayer suggests that this is precisely how it goes.

Good parents set boundaries and offer proper discipline. They learn the art of being steadfast when presented with determined minds and wills. They know what is best and, at times, have to say "no." God is always there with His full attention and unconditional love showering itself upon us. God also knows what is best. And, as with any good parent, the one constant that is always available and never withheld is love. We can be as persistent and determined as we want if what we are seeking is God's love. We are never a bother and requests for God's love are never denied. This is the prayer of the heart. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. God is never bothered by this prayer. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life freely flows.



## Children's Choir

All children are welcome!

**Practice will begin on Saturday, October 29  
From 4:00-5:00pm  
In the church**

*Sing and Make Music From Your Heart to the Lord!*  
*-Ephesians 5:19*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

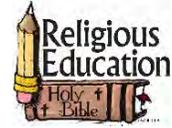
Please return completed form with your check made payable to Ascension Church



**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, October 16<sup>th</sup> --1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>th</sup> grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)  
 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)  
 Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.  
 Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.  
 Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> --1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>th</sup> grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (SCH)  
 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades from 10:45 am to 12 Noon (Parish Center)

**Important:**

Reminder that ALL STUDENTS must complete the On-Line Chapter Review each week. All students in the Sunday program must submit this work by the Wednesday after class and the students in the Monday program must submit this work by the Thursday after class. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Carbone in the Religious Education office at 201-836-3085.

**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.

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are in the YMCA (school)

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades are in the Parish Center.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:15 pm in the Parish Center. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Center  
 Closed: Thursday & Saturday. Other times by appointment

OCTOBER 16, 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**

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## **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 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.

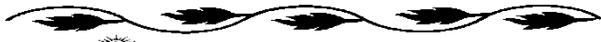
**For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.**

**“a time for peace...”**

All of our National and World Leaders.

**and a time for every purpose under heaven”**

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of **Mary & Frank Macaluso**



**BREAD and WINE** this week  
Donated in loving memory of  
**Vincent Guido**



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

**FOOD PANTRY**

**HELP US - TO HELP THOSE IN NEED**

The following items are needed to restock the Food Pantry shelves.

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

*Don't like to shop? You can donate a ShopRite Gift Card.*

*We will do the shopping.*

**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER**

**Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.**

**NEW MILFORD'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

"The last major event of New Milford's 100<sup>th</sup> 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 Communion, 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: \$9,631.86**

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!



**LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

All lectors and Eucharistic ministers must attend a brief meeting on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIMAGE  
INFORMATION MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022  
AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS  
IN OUR PARISH CENTER**



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

Thank you for your cooperation



**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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)**  
**AND CLICK DONATE ONLINE**  
**OR CONTACT DIRECTLY**  
**WeShare Donor Customer Service**  
**Phone Number: 877-316-0260**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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UPCOMING EVENTS  
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