

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.

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 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 8:00 a.m.

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021**

5:30 People of Ascension Parish
7:30 John A. Montecucollo
9:30 Sr. Mary Anne Duva
11:30 Buckley & Mullane Families

Monday, October 18, 2021

8:00 Lorelei Habana (L)
Michael Lynch

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

8:00 Rosa Santos Carreon
Peggy Lacey

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

8:00 Tim Benjamin (healing)
Rosa Santos Carreon

Thursday, October 21, 2021

8:00 Margaret (Peggy) Horan
Elisa Caparas

Friday, October 22, 2021

No Mass

Saturday, October 23, 2021

8:30 Mortimer O'Shea
5:30 Rose & Nicholas Lanza

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 24, 2021**

7:30 Mary Zadroga
9:30 Agata & Michelangelo Sberna
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.

Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021: \$3,628.00
Social Concerns: \$ 881.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
October 24, 2021**

Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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: _____



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.

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 Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



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Calendar:

Sunday, October 16th – Group A on line work due by Tuesday, October 19th. Group B on line work due by Tuesday, October 26th.

Monday, October 17th – 7th & 8th Grade Group A in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

Wednesday, October 20th – 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

If you have not done so already PLEASE come to the Parish Center and pick up your child's packet.

Starting Sunday, October 24th, Mrs. Carbone will be in the Parish Center for any family that may need assistance with their child's work from 9:30 to 11:30 am. She can be reached at 201-836-8961 only.

REMINDER to All 1st to 6th graders- All "On-Line" work is due for each chapter every week. Please email all results to ascensionreled@yahoo.com. Make sure that you include your child's name with the results.

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.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp. Please meet Mrs. Carbone in the Courtyard of the Statue of Mary.

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 – Parish Center
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

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

**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 Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 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 2020-November 2021).

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 25, 2021 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 Tuesday, 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 2020-21** _____

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 25, 2021

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Al Suter, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleeck, 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, Sally Santiago, Deacon Harold L. Bates, Jr. 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.

“a time to die...”

Michael Forella, Jr.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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Mass 8:00am in Church

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, October 22, 2021

NO MASS

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, October 24, 2021

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

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.

**NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE
RAFFLE TICKETS
WILL BE SOLD
AT DOORS OF CHURCH
NEXT WEEKEND
OCTOBER 23-24, 2021**

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.

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**OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY-THURSDAY**

8:00AM

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

POSTURE AT MASS

When the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal was published the overwhelming majority of people have misread one of the instructions.

At the preparation of the gifts number 29 says: standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he (the celebrant) says: "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father."

Then it says: The people rise and reply.

This means that the congregation does not stand until the celebrant has finished his invitation. Then, the congregation stands and then responds.



**We are in need of volunteers to help with the laundering
of our parish Altar Linen's.**

**Anyone interested in donating their time & talent to this
ministry please contact the parish office. 201-836-8961.**



The opening Mass for the Synod will be celebrated by Pope Francis in Rome on October 10, 2021 and the opening Mass in dioceses across the world will take place on October 17, 2021.

**You are cordially invited to participate in the opening Mass
celebration at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart,
October 17, 2021 at 12 Noon.**

The word Synodality means "journeying with." It refers to the people of God, our Church, clergy, religious, and laity all walking together, collaborating on how best to make the Gospel heard in our time.

Synodality defined by the International Theological Commission in 2018, is "the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God."

With this understanding, we hope to move forward with listening sessions in the next few months to hear what the Holy Spirit asks of us in the 21st Century. More information will be forthcoming.

**We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we begin our process
here in the Archdiocese of Newark.**

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – OCTOBER 18

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.

COFFEE-TEA-HOT COCOA-RICE KRISPIES
RAISIN BRAN-OATMEAL-KETCHUP-MAYONNAISE-
BREAD CRUMBS-TOMATO SOUP-GRATED CHEESE-
EGG NOODLES-APPLE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE-
GRAPE JUICE-CANNED PEAS & CARROTS-MUFFIN
MIX-CRACKERS-INSTANT MASHED POTATOES-
INSTANT STUFFING-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.

HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2021!

Help is needed for 2022...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2022. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or Mary Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. If you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.



Church of the Ascension

Music Ministry

Come Join the Choirs!!

**Youth Choir (all Parish Children grades 1-9
welcome)**

Rehearses Saturdays at 4:00pm

Adult Choir

Rehearses Wednesdays 7:30pm

**To sign up or to receive more information,
Contact Glenn Gordon after Mass.**