

# 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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 23, 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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Website: [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

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#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Thirtieth Sunday**

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

5:30 Art Castronova  
7:30 Mary Zadroga  
9:30 Marge Bruno  
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Monday, October 24, 2022**

8:00 Marie & Evaristo Aponte

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

8:00 Honorato Pueyo

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

8:00 Luis Mendoza

**Thursday, October 27, 2022**

8:00 Antonia Coronel

**Friday, October 28, 2022**

No Mass

**Saturday, October 29, 2022**

8:30 Enrique Blanco, Sr.

5:30 Camille Zampino

**Thirty-First Sunday**

**in Ordinary Time, October 30, 2022**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Dylan Rohwahlt  
11:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT

**WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**

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

**October 15, 2022: \$4,445.00**

**Social Concerns: \$1,025.00**

**Social Concerns WeShare: \$ 93.00**

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

**Readings for Sunday  
October 30, 2022**

Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11,  
13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and “yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of “status” or “salvation,” they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to “my beliefs,” “my parish,” “my way of thinking,” they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s only between you and God. It is nobody else’s business.

## Lower Hall Roof

Thanks to a very generous and anonymous donation the roof has been paid off. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fund. If you contributed through We Share please log in and make sure that you check your donations. The fund was disabled on Monday Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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



**TURKEY TO DONATE?**

Do you have a Shop Rite turkey that you would like to donate to our food pantry?

No need to pick it up.

If you qualify for a free turkey-please call the parish office, 201-836-8961, and give us your Telephone Number or Shop Rite number. We will be happy to pick it up for you & give it to the needy and less fortunate.

**SORRY, NO TURKEY'S JUST NUMBERS**

**Thank you!**

**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 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)

Monday, October 24<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 26<sup>th</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> -- No Religious Education

**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 8:30 pm – Parish Center

Sunday Mornings: 9:30 am to 12 Noon – In Sch. & Parish Ctr

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment



Thank you Bob Sofia.

After many years as a parishioner and 9 years coordinating our Food Pantry Bob will be relocating soon to be closer to family. Thank you for your many years of faithful service. With Bob's departure we are in need of a new coordinator for the Food Pantry. In the interim Gregg Cucco, who had run the Food Pantry in the past has agreed to take over temporarily.

Below is a brief job description. I am asking that you prayerfully consider this ministry. Perhaps one or maybe two people can step up so that we can continue to help those in need.

Church of the Ascension  
Food Pantry Coordinator

### **JOB SUMMARY**

The Food Pantry Coordinator is responsible for the operations of the Food Pantry. This position includes scheduling the monthly Food Pantry distributions, receiving and tracking donations, maintaining a food inventory system, supervision of volunteers for packing and distribution of food. The Food Pantry Coordinator reports to the Pastor.

### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Deliver services to those in need with compassion, clear boundaries and good communication skills.
- Maintain organization and cleanliness of pantry area.
- Receive deliveries of donations and pick up donations on occasion.
- Interact with local community partners including churches, schools, community organizations, local/county government officials and local retailers.
- Solve problems on various issues as they relate to the Food Pantry.
- Work well with volunteers and utilize them to the best of their abilities.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Complete a Volunteer Application
- Must attend Protecting God's Children for Adults training session.
- Volunteer background check.

Anyone interested please submit your name and contact information along with a brief summary as to your desire to coordinate the Food Pantry to Fr. Jim.



“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, Gerard Lee, Gordon Lockwood 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 Gregory & Anthony Poli



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- 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.



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

Thank you for your cooperation

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 2022!

Help is needed for 2023...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 2023. 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.

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.

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Children's Choir**

All children are welcome!

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

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



**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.



**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.**

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



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PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE  
[www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)  
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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!

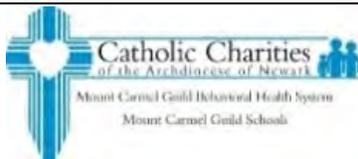
**I would like....**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_



The beauty of fall with its cool temperatures and beautiful foliage displays energizes most people. Would you be willing to channel some of your energy to gather any unwanted clothing, shoes, small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, toys, stuffed animals, and books (no reference books) for the Catholic Charities donation bin? Thank you.

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