

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 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 Rectory 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.



**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2020**

+ 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 - Friday

One Daily Mass at 8:30am

8:00am Summer

7:30 p.m. (Fridays during Lent)

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

Please see inside bulletin for Holiday Mass time

+ Our Devotions +

Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday 7:15 a.m.



PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER/RECTORY

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

E-mail: ascension@optonline.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2020

5:30 Denis Mullins
7:30 Andres S. Villaluna
9:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli
11:30 Robert Barratt

Monday, October 26, 2020

8:30 Corazon Annunciacion
8:30 Ana Tumang

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

8:30 Virginia Marquez
8:30 George Sabourin

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

8:30 David Lee
8:30 Roseann Fallon

Thursday, October 29, 2020

8:30 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Enrique Blanco Sr.

Friday, October 30, 2020

8:30 Luis Mendoza
8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Saturday, October 31, 2020

8:30 Victoria & Florentino Daquigan
5:30 Angela Piccininni, First Anniversary

All Saints, November 1, 2020

7:30 Renato Aglipay
9:30 Balagot & Viduya Families
11:30 Prayer of Remembrance

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

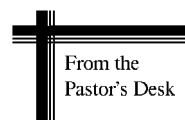
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

October 18, 2020: \$3,896.00

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

Readings for Sunday
November 1

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab,
5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a



The cartoonist Charles Schulz died in 2000; but his beloved characters, Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus and the others, will never die. It surprises people that Schulz suffered throughout his life from anxiety and depression; he often reminded his friends, "There is complexity in the world"—depths of both beauty and tragedy.

In today's gospel, the Pharisees miss the point that the commandments were made for people—not people for the commandments. In the abstract, they did love people—much like Linus who said it best: "I love mankind—it's people I can't stand." They quibbled endlessly about fine points of the law.

So Jesus tells them, "You can quit arguing. Here it is in a nutshell: Love God with your whole heart, your whole soul, and your whole mind. Oh—and love your neighbor as you love your own self."

Sounds simple, doesn't it? Yet, if we know how to love God or our neighbor, why is there so much casual use (even among church-goers) of rude or hate-filled words? "I can't stand her." "I hate him!" "She is such an idiot." "He's a troll." "What a loser!" But what if we stop tinkering with ourselves and other people as if we were broken-down cars, and instead, *see ourselves and others as God sees us?*

Use your imagination to picture Jesus on the Cross, gazing at certain people in your life, forgiving them and loving them in spite of their violence, dishonesty, or evil intentions. We learn that we do not manufacture compassion... but we become compassionate when we choose to let ourselves see God having compassion on others. This way, you won't have to say, "I love God—it's people I can't stand!"

✠ Next Sunday, November 1st, **Daylight Saving Time ends...**turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

✠ Next Sunday, November 1st, is the **Solemnity of All Saints**. During the 11:30am Mass, we will celebrate our annual **Prayer of Remembrance**, a special time for us to remember our parishioners, family members and friends who have died during this past year. If you wish to remember someone at this Mass, please fill out and return the **2020 Prayer of Remembrance Response Form** in the bulletin and return it to the Parish Center Office.

All Souls envelopes are available at the doors of the church. We will remember these deceased loved ones throughout the month of November.

✠ **The Parish Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** has been canceled this year due to COVID-19.

✠ **Interfaith Thanksgiving** is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 22nd here at Ascension at 4pm. Due to COVID-19, this year there will NOT be a reception following.

✠ On **Thanksgiving Day**, Thursday, November 26th, we will celebrate Mass at 8:30am. In spite of COVID-19 we still have so much for which to be grateful to God. Please join us and give thanks.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too. God Love You!



Thank you to all who have continued making their weekly donations, it is truly appreciated.

Please consider the following:

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

www.churchoftheascension.net

OR CONTACT DIRECTLY

WeShare Donor Customer Service Phone Number:
800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2)

WeShare Customer Service Email: weshare@4lpi.com

WeShare Donor FAQ: WeShare Donor Support

Please remember that during this crisis
our monthly financial responsibilities continue.

If you are unable to come to church for Mass
Please mail in or drop off
(in door slot of parish center not black box)
your weekly contributions.
Thank you & God Bless!

RIGHT TO LIFE TICKET RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE
ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEK-END



MEMORIALS

“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our
Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund,
please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below.
When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in
memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please
call Fr. David at the Parish Office (201)836-8961.

Additional Memorials: (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:



Calendar:

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 – 1st to 6th grades Chapter 5 reviews
are due

Wednesday, October 28, 2020- Chapter reviews due for grades
7th, 8th and 9th

Sunday, November 1, 2020 – 1st to 6th Grades Packet Pick Up/
Drop Off 9 am to 11:15 am

Monday, November 2, 2020- 7th to 9th Grades Packet Pick Up/
Drop Off 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 – 1st to 6th grades Chapter 6
reviews are due

Registration for 2020-2021:

The Religious Education Office is still accepting
registrations for the current school year. All registered
families’ letters have been mailed out. If you have registered
and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious
Education office.

If you have not picked up your child’s book or packet, please
call the office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Important:

Parents are reminded to have their children do their weekly
assignments and submit to Mrs. Carbone the on-line work for
the Sunday Program by Tuesday and the Monday &
Wednesday Program by Wednesday of each week. 9th Grade
Parents please check your emails for the weekly Chapter
reviews. Anyone that has any questions please contact Mrs.
Carbone.

NEXT PACKET PICK UP – Sunday, November 1st 9 am
to 11:15 and Monday November 2nd from 6:30 pm to 7:30
pm.



Volunteers Needed:

† We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our
Religious Education Program for the 2020-2021 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 sharing their faith and working with
students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested
please, call the Religious Education office.

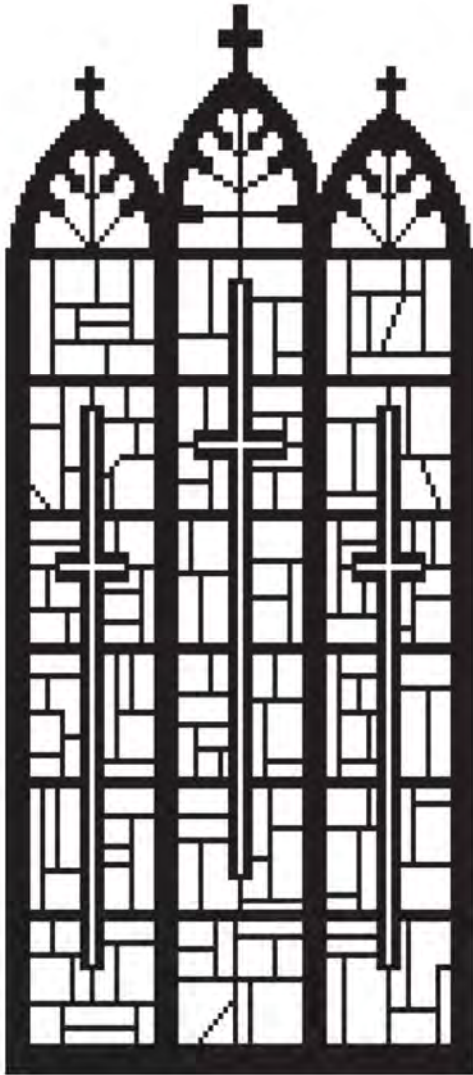
Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Parish Center

Other times by appointment

OCTOBER 25, 2020

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 Sunday, November 1, 2020, as we celebrate All Saints Day, at the 11:30am Mass, we will anticipate the Feast of All Souls, with our annual **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE** for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (Nov. 2, 2019-Nov. 1, 2020).

We will live-stream this Mass on our Parish Facebook page: **Facebook.com Church of the AscensionNewMilfordNJ**

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

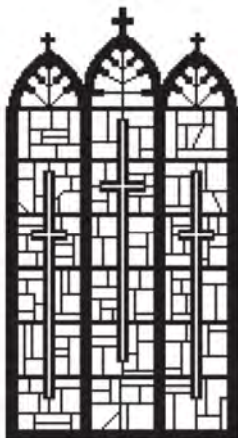
Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2020 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

We look forward to being with you on Sunday, November 1.

In the Lord's Peace,

Fr. David 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 2019-20 _____

Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance

Please, we must have this completed card **by October 28th**.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Elnora Gordon, Al Suter, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, 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, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, Neil Magbanua, Cardinal Antonio Tagle, Vincent Guido 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, Sr. A 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...”

President Donald John Trump,
our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

“a time to die...”

Arthur Castronova, Michael Eugene McVey

and a time for every purpose under heaven”
Ecclesiastes 3:11



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week in loving memory of
Gregory & Anthony Poli



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE 11:30am

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.



Sunday, October 25, 2020

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church
Not Livestreamed

Monday, October 26, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, October 30, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed



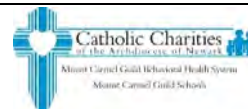
Saturday, October 31, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed
Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed



Sunday, November 1, 2020

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church
Not Livestreamed



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.

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 2020!

Help is needed for 2021...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 2021. 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.

**2021 MASS BOOK
IS NOW OPEN**

Even though the Mass schedule for next year is still unable to be determined, we have decided to open the 2021 Mass Book for your intentions. Forms are available at the side entrance to the church or on our parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com. Please follow instructions on form.

Please fill out the request form to the best of your ability, and either mail it or drop it off in the slot in the Parish Center with your check donation. Please do not use cash. Thank you for your cooperation!



**Set clocks back at 2:00am on
Sunday, November 1st**



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**



**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – NOVEMBER 22nd**

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.

- ICED TEA-COOKIES-INSTANT RICE-BREAD CRUMBS
- JELL-O-RAISINS-CANNED PEACHES-CANNED PEARS
- CANNED SPINACH-CANNED MUSHROOMS
- PUDDING-APPLE JUICE-GRAPE JUICE
- CRANBERRY JUICE-CAKE ICING-LEMONADE MIX
- CANNED YAMS-CANNED WHITE POTATOES
- SAUERKRAUT-BEEF STEW-GRATED CHEESE
- VEGETARIAN CHILI-MAYONNAISE-BLACK BEANS
- PAPER TOWELS-NAPKINS-DISH SOAP
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER
Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.



**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
2020 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Our parish goal this year is \$37,834. and **100% of every dollar raised above goal will be returned to our parish.** We have passed our goal. We have received \$38,160.00 in pledges from 138 families.

Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. Brochures, which outline all areas of support, are available from the parish office. *Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless.*



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