

Church of the Ascension

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+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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First Holy Communion



The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 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

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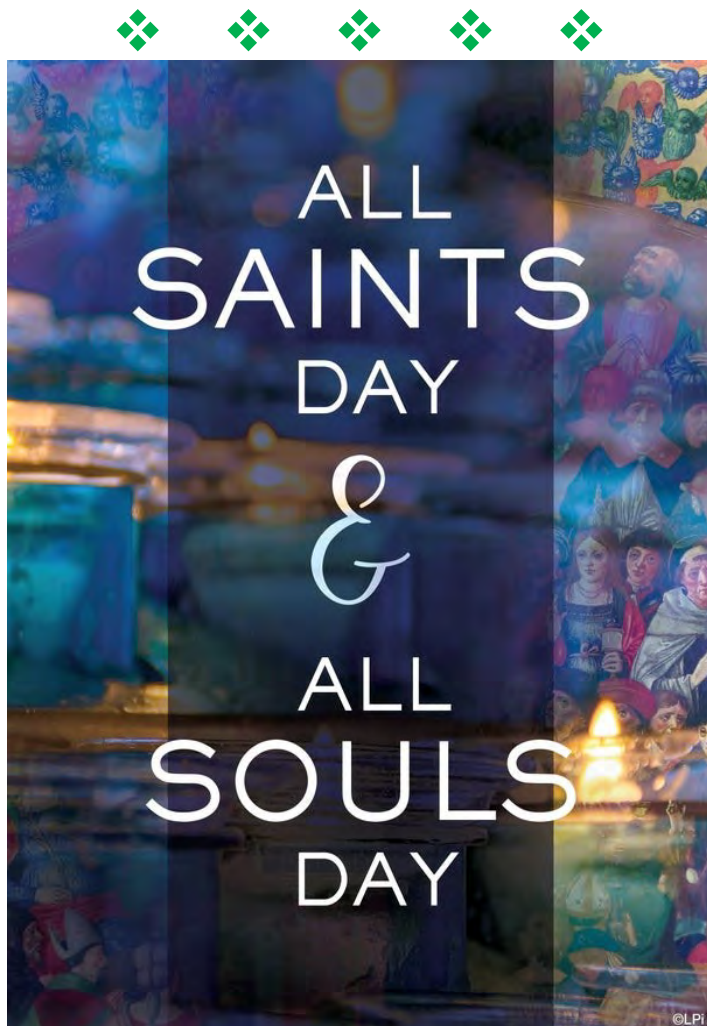
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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Thirty-First Sunday

in Ordinary Time, October 30, 2022

- 5:30 Camille Zampino
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Dylan Rohwahlt
- 11:30 Gregory & Anthony Poli

Monday, October 31, 2022

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

All Saints, Tuesday, November 1, 2022

- 8:00 Angela G. DeCarlo
- 7:30pm People of Ascension Parish

All Souls, Wednesday, November 2, 2022

- 8:00 All Souls Novena
- 7:30pm **Mass of Remembrance**

Thursday, November 3, 2022

8:00 All Souls Novena

Friday, November 4, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, November 5, 2022

- 8:30 All Souls Novena
- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Thirty-Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time, November 5, 2022

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Eufrocina Lazaro
- 11:30 Regina McCann, 40th Anniv.

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 23, 2022:	\$4,145.00
World Mission:	\$ 844.00
WM WeShare:	\$ 134.57

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

Readings for Sunday

November 6, 2022

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2
Thes 2:16—3:5/
Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any “god.” When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God’s creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, “If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?” The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. “God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?” God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God’s unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don’t repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God’s divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation’s blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

Faithful Departed

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It’s the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we’re getting in the house, but we’re not quite ready to go all the way in. There’s rain to shake off our coats and dirt that’s clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It’s also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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

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.



Set clocks back at 2:00am on Sunday, November 6th



Calendar:

Sunday, October 30th -- No Religious Education
 Monday, October 31st No Religious Education for 7th & 8th grades
 Wednesday, November 2nd -- 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.
 Sunday, November 6th --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)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at the 9:30 am Mass for all children in K thru 5th grades. We will start out with the First Sunday of the Month and when we have additional help we will add more Sundays.

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.

1st to 3rd grades are in the YMCA (school)

4th to 6th grades are in the Parish Center.

The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th 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 will be starting Children's Liturgy of the Word in November, at the 9:30 am Mass. For all children in K to 5th 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 School & Parish Ctr.
 Closed: Thursday & Saturday. Other times by appointment

These are our brothers and sisters
who now share Jesus' newness of
life in the Community of Saints

Candida Ortero Perez

Joseph P. Meyer, Jr.

John A. Macari

Vincent Guido

Dorothy Irene Adashefski

Kevin Gerard O'Reilly

Joan Eberhardt

Michael J. Eberhardt

Patricia S. Ryan

Christina Myhren

Michael Charles Porzi

Robert Conti

Frances Nancy Lanzilotti

Deacon Harold L. Bates

Mary "Myra" Kenny

Robert F. O'Connor

Alice Riedel

Mary Ann Lewis

Willetts Miles

Obdulia Morales

Rose O'Connor

Concetta De Lucia

John Edward Rooney

WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to die...”
Concetta DeLucia

“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
Gerard Patrick Lee



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FOOD PANTRY

HELP US - TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

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

**Stove Top Stuffing*Instant Rice
Cranberry Sauce*Flavored Rice
Apple Sauce*Apple Juice
Canned Yams*Coffee
Canned Turkey Gravy*Tea**

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](#)**



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!



Children's Choir
All children are welcome!
Practice is on Saturday
From 4:00-5:00pm
In the church

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



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



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022
ALL SOULS DAY
PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE
7:30PM

New Coordinator for the Food Pantry Needed

After many years as a parishioner and 9 years coordinating our Food Pantry Bob Sofia 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.



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