

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.



All Saints Day
November 1, 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

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Saints, November 1, 2020

5:30 Angela Piccininni, First Anniversary
7:30 Renato Aglipay
9:30 Balagot & Viduya Families
11:30 Mass/Prayer of Remembrance

All Souls' Day, November 2, 2020

8:30 All Souls Novena
8:30 All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

8:30 All Souls Novena
8:30 Dylan Rohwohlt

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

8:30 Rev. Thomas E. Davis
8:30 All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 5, 2020

8:30 All Souls Novena
8:30 David Jenkins

Friday, November 6, 2020

8:30 Dylan Rohwohlt
8:30 All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 7, 2020

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2020

7:30 All Souls Novena
9:30 Regina & Brian McCann
11:30 Louis McElwain

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

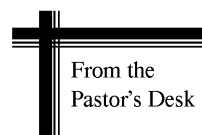
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

October 25, 2020: \$2,602.00
World Mission: \$ 666.00

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

Readings for Sunday November 8, 2020

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1
Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



Remember the funny movie called "The Mask" where a meek banker named Stanley Ipkiss gained incredible powers when he put on a mysterious mask? When he's cornered by the police, he whips out some huge machine guns, and breaks into a Clint Eastwood impression: "So--you have to ask yourself one question: **Do you feel lucky?**"

Well, today on the feast of All Saints Day, do you feel lucky--to be a follower of Jesus Christ? Seems like a strange question, but we talk about luck as we buy a lottery ticket, we say "good luck" to friends, and we might even go to the casino or the bingo hall with our lucky troll dolls, or carrying a rabbit's foot.

But today Jesus goes up on a mountain to teach the crowds that there is something more basic in our lives than "dumb luck." We don't need luck, because God has created us in the state of blessedness, out of God's own heart. All Saints Day celebrates everyone who is on the path of living out this blessedness. Another word for "blessedness" is "beatitude".

Today Jesus describes the "**Beatitudes**" as all the blessings of the Christian life. For example, "**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...**" When we see evil and say, "God, where are you? Where is the justice in this world?", Jesus says we are actually blessed to feel this longing; and "**Blessed are you who mourn...**" Are you grieving a loss right now? Jesus himself has mourned and Jesus promises us the truth about the Christian life: every true and sacred hunger and longing WILL BE FILLED!

Saints are all of us, living and dead, who put one foot in front of the other, sincerely trying to walk the way of the life of Christ. **Remember, sainthood is our life process; and to live in Christ, we don't need luck—just hope!**

✘ Our **All Souls Altar of Remembrance** is a reminder for us to pray for our beloved dead. Take a moment to stop, remember and pray as you pass by.

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

✘ **Interfaith Thanksgiving** is 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!



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:

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

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

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 –is today, 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

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

*James Burke
Benigno Santiago
Marie Romano
Angelo DeCarlo
Marguerite Aubert
Joan West
Francesco Letizia
John Bottcher
Enrico Buccino
Lilia C. Pineda
Rowena Delloso
James Crowley
Frances Pellecchia
Eileen McCann
Ana Tumang
Honesto Castaneda
Catherine Grady
Arthur Castronova
Michael McVey*



*Clifford Stahl
Maura Merjudio
Patricia Fineza
Jordan Asuncion
Rosemarie Salimbene
Concettina Gorgone
Charles Hellriegel
Gerry Harty
Virginia Thompson*

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

ALL SAINTS DAY



“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 Kloebler, 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...”

Albert Zagaria

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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



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, November 1, 2020

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

Mass of Remembrance at 11:30am

All Souls Day, Monday, November 2, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed



Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, November 6, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, November 7, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, November 8, 2020

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

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!



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.



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 \$38,235.00 in pledges from 140 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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