

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

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First Holy Communion



The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 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

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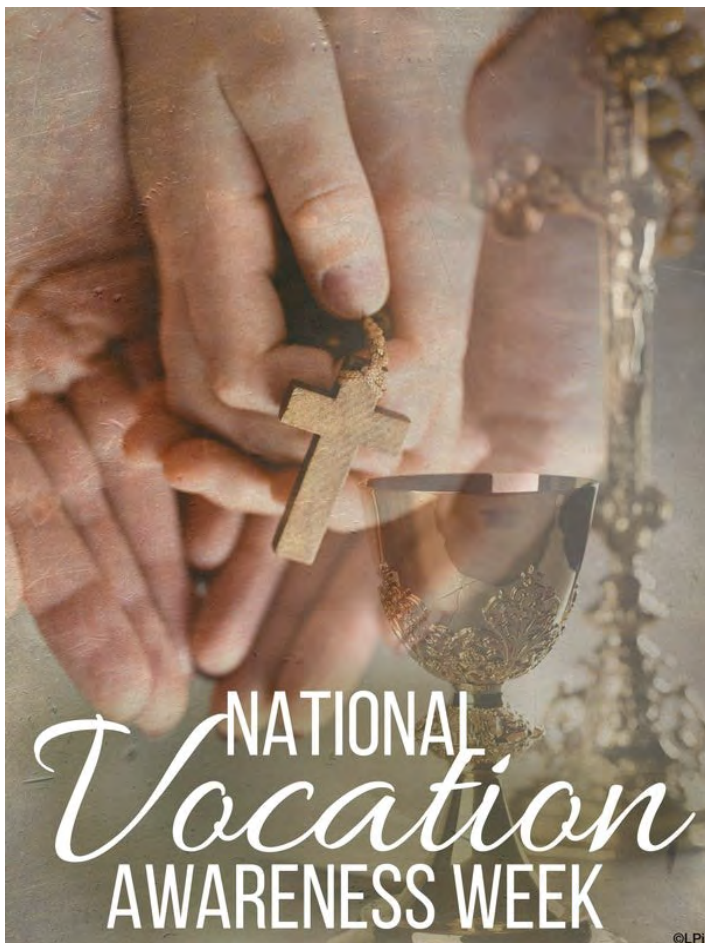
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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Thirty-Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time, November 6, 2022

- 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:30 Eufrocina Lazaro
- 11:30 Regina McCann, 40th Anniv.

Monday, November 7, 2022

8:00 David Jenkins

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

8:00 Charles Hellriegel

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Thursday, November 10, 2022

8:00 Helen Saju

Friday, November 11, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, November 12, 2022

8:30 Lucesio Haguian

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Thirty-Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time, November 13, 2022

7:30 Renato Aglipay

9:30 Juanita Santiago

11:30 Fermin Abalos

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

October 30, 2022: \$3,683.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
November 13, 2022**

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2
Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages."



NOVEMBER 11, 2022

A Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father, King and Lord,
You instill in all of Your creation an
order and value.

You call Your children "very good."
We surrender to You

the conflicts that tear your family apart.

We pray for an end to blindness
that places pride, greed, power, and
selfishness above human dignity
and brotherly love.

We pray in gratitude
for all of those who have defended
peace, virtue, and justice with honor.

We pray especially for those
who have suffered in mind and body
from the ravages of war.

Let Your Kingdom come!

May Your peace that surpasses all
understanding
reign in our hearts and in our world.

Amen.



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:

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| ___ 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: _____

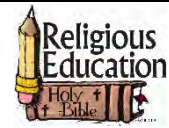
Phone: _____ Donation Amount: _____

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.



Calendar:

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)

Monday, November 7th – 7th & 8th grades 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

Wednesday, November 9th -- 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

Sunday, November 13th -- 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)

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



Parish Events Ministry All Are Welcome!

This ministry is a great way to be part of our parish by participating in special events for our parish community.

Share your talent by joining our core group or perhaps volunteer for upcoming events.

Please join us on
Tuesday, November 8 at 7:30pm
in the gathering room of the Parish Center

Interested parishioners kindly complete the tear-off below.
Drop off at the parish office or place in the basket at mass.

Thank you, for your consideration.

ASCENSION PARISH EVENTS

- I am interested in belonging to the core group
 I am interested in being a volunteer in future events

Name _____

Phone No. _____



“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 William & Elizabeth Morris



BREAD and WINE this week Donated in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week Donated in loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



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

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



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.



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PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
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New Coordinator for the Food Pantry Needed

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

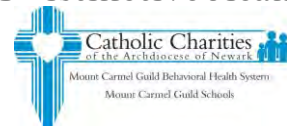
- Deliver services to those in need with compassion, clear boundaries and good communication skills.
- Maintain organization and cleanliness of pantry area.
- Receive deliveries of donations and pick up donations on occasion.
- Interact with local community partners including churches, schools, community 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.

"Thanks-giving" A Distinctive Meaning



Catholic Charities is deeply thankful for your positive response to the Donation Bins. One way to give "thanks" is by "giving." Just as the Lord has given us so many blessings, this is an ideal time to give to others. We need used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books. Happy "Thanks-for giving"!