

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .



+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David W. Milliken

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Rev. Tim Graff

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Glenn Gordon

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Christopher Cudina

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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.

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 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.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14, 2021

+ 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: 7:30am, 8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Mass: 8:30am

+ 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

(201) 836-8961 • FAX: (201) 836-5896

Website: www.churchoftheascension.com

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14, 2021**

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 Erlinda Habana (L)
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Fermin Abalos

Monday, November 15, 2021

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
John A. Delaney

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

8:00 Espiridion Alvarez, Jr
Erlinda Salazar

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

8:00 Bienvenido Valencia
Holmes Zambrano

Thursday, November 18, 2021

8:00 Thanksgiving Ruiz Family
Roger & Paul Figalora B'day (D)

Friday, November 19, 2021

Daniel Piro
Thanksgiving Thomas Family (L)

Saturday, November 20, 2021

8:30 Czarina Viduya (L)
5:30 George McEwan

Christ the King, November 21, 2021

7:30 Renato Aglipay
9:30 John Coringrato
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021: \$3,667.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$3,512.50

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

**Readings for Sunday,
November 21, 2021**

Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]
Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love. In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared. Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this year's Annual Appeal. Because of you Ascension Parish has received \$54,480.00 in pledges from 184 families which represents 148.68%.

Ascension Parish will receive 100% of all funds collected over our goal. This is beneficial to our parish because we will be able to replace our outdated phone system and computers. To date, we have collected \$52,255.78.

We invite you to read the complete 2021 Annual Appeal Impact Report by going to www.rb.gy.jv5dlr.

Enclosed in this week's bulletin is a summary for you as well.

MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the parish center with the coupon below. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961.

Please 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: _____



OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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.



Calendar:

Sunday, Nov. 14th – Group A on line work due by Tuesday, November 30th.

Group B on line work due by Tuesday, December 7th.

November 15th -- 7th & 8th Grade Group A in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm Monday, Wednesday, November 17th – 9th Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

Packet Drop-Off and Pick Up today, 11/14 for Sunday Groups A & B in the Parish Center from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. ALL PACKETS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 11/14/2021

Reminder that Mrs. Carbone will be in the Parish Center for any family that may need assistance with their child's work from 9:30 to 11:30 am. She can be reach at 201-836-8961 only.

REMINDER to All 1st to 6th graders:

All "On-Line" work is due for each chapter every week. Please email all results to ascensionreled@yahoo.com. Make sure that you include your child's name with the results.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp. Please meet Mrs. Carbone in the Courtyard of the Statue of Mary.

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Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 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 share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – Parish Center

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

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.



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/update my parish contact information
- _____ to join a ministry
- _____ to let the parish know of someone who is ill

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

COVID DIRECTIVES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

“The Communion Rite

*The Sign of Peace should be offered but continue to be made without physical contact.

*Communicants will continue to receive Communion in the hand. If not fully vaccinated, they lower their masks to consume the host, then replace their masks. The chalice is still prohibited for the assembly.”

Please note: the only option for receiving communion at this time is in the hand.

Thank you for your cooperation & understanding.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Angelita Villaluna, Al Suter, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleeck, 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, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, Joseph Meyer, Neil Magbanua, Vincent Guido, Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Jerry Speciale, Sari Contreras, Sally Santiago, Deacon Harold L. Bates, Jr. 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, Staff Sgt. 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...”

All of our National and World Leaders.

“a time to die...”

Candida Ortero Perez, Joseph Meyer

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**



Please remember to patronize, A LAUNDRY CHUTE 201-262-WASH 99274 Who help make this bulletin possible



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Mass 8:00am in Church

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, November 19, 2021

NO MASS

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Mass 8:30am in Church

Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am



Church of the Ascension

Music Ministry

Come Join the Choirs!!

Youth Choir

(all Parish Children grades 1-9 welcome)

Rehearses Saturdays at 4:00pm

Adult Choir

Rehearses Wednesdays 7:30pm

To sign up or to receive more information,

Contact Glenn Gordon after Mass.



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:

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**OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY-THURSDAY
8:00AM**

**INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY MASS WILL
BE SAID PRIVATELY
BY FATHER JIM**

Memorials Available

Our Sunday Lectionaries have seen better days and are being replaced. If you would like to donate one in memory of a loved one please contact the parish office.

Year A	\$100
Year B	\$100
Year C	\$100

Adult Altar Servers for Funerals Needed

This is a great ministry for anyone who has a free day, are retired or works from home with flexible hours.

- When we have a funeral you will get a phone call asking if you are available; if you are you say yes if not no.
- You will be trained and commissioned.
- This ministry gives a lot of comfort to families during very difficult moments of their lives.

Please consider this ministry—give it a try you might be surprised. Please call the office to sign up.

POSTURE AT MASS

When the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal was published the overwhelming majority of people have misread one of the instructions.

At the preparation of the gifts number 29 says: standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he (the celebrant) says: “Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.” Then it says: The people rise and reply.

This means that the congregation does not stand until the celebrant has finished his invitation. Then, the congregation stands and then responds.

**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 15th

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.

- HOT COCOA-RICE KRISPIES-RAISIN BRAN
- MAYONNAISE-CANNED BEETS-LEMONADE MIX
- TOMATO SOUP-GRATED CHEESE-EGG NOODLES
- APPLE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE-GRAPE JUICE
- CANNED PEAS & CARROTS-MUFFIN MIX
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES-INSTANT STUFFING
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-DISH SOAP-SHAVE CREAM
- NAPKINS-LAUNDRY DETERGENT

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.



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 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!

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 2021!

Help is needed for 2022...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 2022. 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.