

# Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

## + Our Pastoral Staff +

### Pastor

Rev. David W. Milliken

### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Tim Graff

### Parish Business Manager

Serina Sharkey

### Director of Maintenance

Brendan Suter

### Director of Music

Glenn Gordon

### Parish Trustees

Christopher Cudina

Elizabeth Delgado

### Religious Education Center

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 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.



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 15, 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](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

E-mail: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 15, 2020

- 5:30 Napolitano Family
7:30 Mary Holowinski
9:30 Fermin Abalos
11:30 Eufrocina Lazaro

Monday, November 16, 2020

- 8:30 Elvira Castillo
8:30 Marcello Ciappina

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

- 8:30 Elvira Castillo
8:30 Ulysses Ermita

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

- 8:30 Elvira Castillo
8:30 Roger & Paul, Birthday Remb. (D)

Thursday, November 19, 2020

- 8:30 Elvira Castillo
8:30 Oscar Gerald Genuino

Friday, November 20, 2020

- 8:30 Elvira Castillo
8:30 Czarina Viduya

Saturday, November 21, 2020

- 8:30 Thomas & Maureen Myer
5:30 Lanni & Zissel Families (D)

Christ The King, November 22, 2020

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Sally & Harold Bates Sr.
11:30 Brian & Regina McCann

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

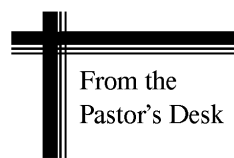
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

November 8, 2020: \$3,942.00

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

Readings for Sunday
November 22, 2020

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



There is a popular picture out there of an old sailing ship with the saying underneath, 'A ship in the harbor is safe—but that is not what ships are built for.' A boat's true calling is not a passive one! Of course, there are risks; but most sailors take the risks because the pay-off of making the effort is huge: to feel fully alive!

Today's gospel of the lazy servant who didn't invest the Master's money makes people squirm. Here I'm doing my best to keep what's been given to me safe and sound, and the angry Master says, 'Why didn't you invest it?' Wow—can't I please anybody?

The Master is really attacking the common trap of fearing to risk. God gives us gifts, but we call them 'ours'—and we start protecting 'our' things...from 'our' toys, to 'our' house, to 'our' kids. We build a life and get settled, and we soon quit taking our ship out of safe harbor. But—and this is a hard saying these days—the gifts God has given us belong to the world.

One family of 10 ran a small store. But they were never so focused on their own family that they didn't notice and help other poor families with free food or extended credit when needed. Another family limited sports so they could work at the homeless shelter one night a week. The daughter helped cook, the son sat and talked to the homeless men. These families remained conscious and alert to the state of the world around them—they took their ships out of harbor to help strangers. What a life lesson!

From age 9 to 90, we have to ask the hard question, 'Am I in a comfortable rut?' Look around to see if the grieving, the poor, the lonely or homeless need us—because we need them to help us go beyond security, into the open seas of love. 'A ship in the harbor is safe—but that is not what ships are built for.'

✘ 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. You may donate your turkey to our parish via Shop-Rite #. Please see information in bulletin.

✘ 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.

✘ Advent Begins...Parish Advent Giving Tree on Saturday, November 28th / Sunday, November 29th at all Masses.

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

Handwritten signature: Fr. David



**DON'T NEED YOUR FREE SHOP-RITE TURKEY?  
DONATE IT TO ASCENSION**

Shop-Rite, New Milford has agreed to hold any turkeys for us that are donated by shoppers who have earned them but don't need them. For our parishioners they have agreed to give us the free turkeys if we simply give them the Price Plus card number involved. This way, there is no need for you to pick up the turkey and bring it to us. Simply e-mail [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net) or drop off your Price Plus Card # (to parish office with this article) once you have earned your free turkey. Sorry no turkey's just numbers.

**MY # IS:**

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](http://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](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com)  
WeShare Donor FAQ: [WeShare Donor Support](#)

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



**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, November 17, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades Chapter 8 reviews are due

Wednesday, November 18, 2020- Chapter reviews due for grades 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

**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. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents please check your emails for the weekly Chapter reviews. Anyone that has any questions please contact Mrs. Carbone. Please make sure that all directions are followed on all sheets in the packet.

**NEXT PACKET PICK UP –is Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 10:30 and Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> 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

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

### UP-DATED Directives for Parish Liturgical Celebrations during the Covid 19 Pandemic

The guidelines below, given by Cardinal Tobin, apply to all churches and must be observed without exception.

1. Cardinal Tobin continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday & Holy Days.
2. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19, who have been exposed to an infected person, or have traveled to unsafe places listed on the CDC.gov website, are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days. *It is recommended that before Mass, everyone should check their temperature at home before coming to Church.*
  - Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass
3. Masks must be worn by all individuals while in the church.
4. Individuals must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.
5. A household may be seated together and not observe social distancing.

A household is defined as those people who have been living together under the same roof in close proximity throughout the quarantine. It does not include relative from other addressed or other extended family.

Note: There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the coronavirus.

**In addition, here at Ascension until further notice, these additional directives must be followed for your safety:**

#### **Daily Mass and Week-End Mass Schedule and directives are as follows**

- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.  
**You may reserve for daily & Sunday Mass for multiple weeks**  
**Please call or E-mail** by 3:00pm on Friday.
  - **Full names of those attending, date/time of mass & phone #**  
201-836-3085 or [ascensionreled@optonline.net](mailto:ascensionreled@optonline.net)
- One Mass will be celebrated at **8:30am** in the Church (Monday-Friday). Our daily Mass will continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook.
- Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated & Livestreamed at **8:30am** in the Church.
- **Saturday Evening Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 5:30pm and on Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Only the 5:30pm Mass will be Livestreamed via Facebook.**
  - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked). There is a limited capacity of 80 people.

**All Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms will follow the same protocol.** (80 person capacity)

-Enter side door near rectory

**-All visitors, including children, must wear masks, have and use their own hand sanitizer and wipes.**

**Please wipe down area you have used and take with you any items you use.**

-Practice social distancing (6 feet apart). We have roped off pews not to be used.

-You may light candles, please refrain from touching other areas in church.

-Children must remain with adults at all times

-Bathrooms will not be open

**-Please** No gathering or socializing in church or on church property

Confessions, please call the parish office, 201-836-8961, to make an appointment.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these difficult times. God Bless



“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.

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of John Coringrato



Sunday, November 15, 2020

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

Not Livestreamed

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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Thursday, November 19, 2020

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Friday, November 20, 2020

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Saturday, November 21, 2020

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

Sunday, November 22, 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.

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.

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

## BREAKING BREAD

With Daily Mass Propers

(First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2021)

Our Hymnals/Missalletes with daily and Sunday readings for the 2021 Liturgical Year are available. You may purchase one beginning this weekend (Nov. 7-8), cost \$6.00 each. Please see Father David after mass or call the parish office (201-836-8961).

## 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.

We will once again be teaming up with ShopRite and Partners *In Caring for a Food Drive* at ShopRite New Milford on Saturday November 14th from 10am to 2pm.



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



### 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.



### WE'VE REACHED OUR GOAL! 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 \$38,560.00 in pledges. **Thank you** to the 142 families for your donations!

Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. **Thank you for your support and generosity. God bless.**



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