

# *Church of the Ascension*

*Invites You to Share with us. . .*

## *second sunday of* **ADVENT**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Second Sunday of Advent, December 5

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Mary Karwoski
11:30 Fortunata Tababan

Monday, December 6, 2021

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
Eleanor L. Cococcia

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

8:00 Jean Sapunarich
Rosemary Porzio

The Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

8:00 Dona Viduya (L) Thanksgiving
Mario & Rosauro Cajucom
7:30pm Ana Tumang

Thursday, December 9, 2021

8:00 Joseph Licitra
Anthony Rocchio

Friday, December 10, 2021

Dorothy Lippe

Saturday, December 11, 2021

8:30 Juanita Santiago
5:30 Robert Barratt

Third Sunday of Advent, December 12

7:30 Rosemarie Piro, 36 Anniv.
9:30 Rose & Nicholas Lanza
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.

November 21, 2021: \$4,144.00

Social Concerns: \$1,052.00

No figures for Nov. 28 at time of printing

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

Readings for Sunday, December 12, 2021

Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/ Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



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Ascension Church

December 06

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

December 13

10 County Rd., Tenafly

Saint Joseph Church

December 20

300 Elm St., Oradell

All are Monday evening at 7:00pm
Several Priests to Choose From
Reconnect-A Priest will Listen!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to make a donation toward the Christmas trees, wreaths and flowers which will be used to decorate our church this festive season.

One intention for each donation will be listed on the Christmas Flower Donations bulletin insert

Please put your donation and intention in the Christmas Flower Envelope or you may use this form. Please drop it in the collection basket or in the door mail slot at the parish center. Please Print all information clearly on form or envelopes. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please Print

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

or the Intention of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

### POSTURE AT MASS

When the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### 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.

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50</b>
	<b>(per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

### MEMORIAL FUND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Calendar:**

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Group A on line work due by Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Group B on line work due by Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Group A in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – No Religious Education- Holy Day of Obligation.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders:**

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

All 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **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



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**Please remember to patronize who help make this bulletin possible, William Basralian Funeral Service 201-261-0222**



**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Once again, we invite you to share in the *Spirit of Christmas* by participating in our annual Christmas Giving Tree Program. This year we are giving everyone the option of making a donation by Gift Cards or for those who like to shop by purchasing Small Gifts.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Please be guided by the following:

\*Gifts for families of St. John's Parish, Fairview: \$10. or \$20. gift cards for Target, Walmart or ShopRite.

\*Gifts for residents of N.J. Buddies Harrison House: \$10. or \$20. gift cards for Target, Macy's, Walmart or ShopRite.

\*Gifts for local families: \$10. or \$20. gift cards for Target.

\*Gifts for Ascension Food Pantry clients: \$10. ShopRite gift cards.

\*Gifts for Care One at New Milford residents: blankets; socks (mens/womens); pocket books; perfume/colognes. Please wrap and label with "Care One" and name of gift.

Gift cards can be dropped into the box located next to our Giving Tree or you can bring the cards to the Parish Center during regular hours. Gifts can be placed under our Giving Tree. Please place gift cards in envelopes marked "Christmas Giving Tree Gift Card" St. John; Harrison House; local families or Food Pantry. **All cards and gifts must be brought in by Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

*We thank you* for your continued support and wish you good health and peace during this Holiday Season.  
Members of the Ministry of Service



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**“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 Kloebler, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne 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.

**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 are in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



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



**Pastor**

Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.

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### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Give in thanksgiving.** “The nuns left lasting impressions on me,” writes a donor. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education.” Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. **Next week’s second collection** is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.



**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.



**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)



OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE  
MONDAY-THURSDAY  
8:00AM  
INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY MASS WILL  
BE SAID PRIVATELY  
BY FATHER JIM



ASCENSION PARISH YouTube CHANNEL  
IS UP AND RUNNING

You can view our Sunday 5:30pm Vigil Mass celebration.  
Go to YouTube.com and sign into:  
ascensionchurchnewmilfordnj

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



HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>

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.

- RICE KRISPIES-RAISIN BRAN-INSTANT OATMEAL
- BROWNIE MIX-CAKE ICING-HOT COCOA-EGG NOODLES
- APPLE JUICE-CRANBERRY JUICE-GRAPE JUICE
- PEAS & CARROTS-CANNED BEETS-BREAD CRUMBS
- CANNED WHITE POTATOES- MANDARIAN ORANGES
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-DISH SOAP-SHAVE CREAM
- NAPKINS-PAPER TOWELS-LAUNDRY DETERGENT

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

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

BLESSING OF CRECHES

December 12, 2021

At All Masses

You are welcome to bring your crèche to be blessed

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.



We are in need of volunteers to help with the laundering of our parish Altar Linen's.

Anyone interested in donating their time & talent to this ministry please contact the parish office. 201-836-8961.

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.



Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated

on Wednesday, December 8, 2021

at 8:00am & 7:30pm

PARISH CENTER OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

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.

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