

# *Church of the Ascension*

*Invites You to Share with us. . .*

## *Third Sunday of* **ADVENT**



Mass  for the Intentions Week

**Third Sunday of Advent, December 12**

5:30 Robert Barratt  
 7:30 Rosemarie Piro, 36 Anniv.  
 9:30 Rose & Nicholas Lanza  
 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Monday, December 13, 2021**

8:00 Ann Wall  
 Paz Albuero

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

8:00 Ann Wall  
 America Duenas

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

8:00 Rafael Juan Garcia  
 Janet Cronin

**Thursday, December 16, 2021**

8:00 Peggy Lacey  
 Alfonso Flores

**Friday, December 17, 2021**

Julian Bayani Habana (L)

**Saturday, December 18, 2021**

8:30 Candelaria Ciron  
 5:30 Thomas, Maureen & Joseph Meyer

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19**

7:30 Harry & Marcella Sweeney  
 9:30 Soler/Valdes Family  
 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 28, 2021: \$3,935.00  
 All Saints: \$ 781.00  
 December 5, 2021: \$4,064.00  
 Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,709.00

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

**Readings for Sunday, December 19, 2021**

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



**Deanery 3 RECONCILIATIONS 2021**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
 10 County Rd., Tenafly

**December 13**

**Saint Joseph Church**  
 300 Elm St., Oradell

**December 20**

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

**“Simbang Gabi,**  
**which translates to “Masses of the Night,”**

**Mass will be celebrated on**  
**Saturday, December 18 at 5:30pm**



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



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

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.



**Calendar:**

Sunday, December 12<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 13<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Group B in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Grade in Parish Center from 6:55 pm to 8:15 pm.

**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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**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 NEXT 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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**“To everything there is a season...**

**“a time to be healed...”**

Marian Pueyo, 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, 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*



**BREAD and WINE** this week  
are in loving memory of  
**Rosemarie Piro**



### 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

### BLESSING OF CRECHES

**December 12, 2021**

**At All Masses**

**You are welcome to bring your crèche to be blessed**



**Pastor**

**Rev. James T. Brown, M. Div.**

**Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. David W. Milliken**

**Weekend Assistant  
Rev. Tim Graff**

**Director of Music  
Glenn Gordon**

**Parish Business Manager  
Serina Sharkey**

**Director of Maintenances  
Brendan Suter**

**Parish Trustees  
Christopher Cudina  
Elizabeth Delgado**

**Coordinator of Religious Education  
Theresa Carbone**

**Parish Office: 201-836-8961 \* Religious Ed.: 201-836-3085**

**Website: [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)**

**Email: [ascension@optonline.net](mailto:ascension@optonline.net)**

**YouTube: [ascensionchurchnewmilfordnj](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)**

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Support aging religious.** Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift help provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be as generous as your means allow.



**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@4ipi.com](mailto:weshare@4ipi.com)**



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



**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.



AN ADVENT EUCHARISTIC DAY  
WILL BE CELEBRATED HERE AT ASCENSION  
On Wednesday, December 15, 2021  
8:00am Mass  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Adoration All Day  
7:30PM Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction



**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

**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.**



**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS  
REMEMBER TO PURCHASE RELIGIOUS  
CHRISTMAS STAMPS**



**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.



**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.**

**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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS**

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