

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us...

Fourth Sunday of **ADVENT**



Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19

5:30 Thomas, Maureen & Joseph Meyer
7:30 Harry & Marcella Sweeney
9:30 Soler/Valdes Family
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, December 20, 2021

8:00 Jim Lacey
Elnora Gordon

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

8:00 Montecuolo & Lewis Families
Arlene Aubert

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

8:00 Elisa Caparas, First Anniversary
Primo Fineza

Thursday, December 23, 2021

8:00 Elisa Caparas, First Anniversary
Gregorio Redoblado

CHRISTMAS EVE, Friday, December 24

5:30 All Ascension Parishioners
12 Midnight Living & Deceased

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 All Ascension
9:30 Parishioners
11:30 Living & Deceased

The Holy Family of Jesus, December 26

7:30 Montecuolo & Lewis Families
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Peter Buckley

**PARISH \$ STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

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

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

**Readings for December 25, 2021
Christmas Day**

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
[3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14


Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021
5:30pm, and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1, 2022
8:30am

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 1, 2022
5:30pm

Sunday, January 2, 2022
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 8, 2022
5:30pm

Sunday, January 9, 2022
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am



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Saint Joseph Church
300 Elm St., Oradell

December 20

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



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: _____



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

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 In Memory of: _____

 or the Intention of: _____

 Donated by: _____
 Phone: _____



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Calendar:

Sunday, December 19th– Group A on line work due by Tuesday, January 11,2022. Group B on line work due by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Monday, December 20th –No Religious Education Class

Wednesday, December 22nd –No Religious Education Class.

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.

Please use the time we are off from class to make sure that your child is up-to-date with all their packet work and online work. If you have any questions please call me in the office.

Christmas Blessings

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

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.



Christmas is a special season.

“For unto us a Child is born,” tells us that Jesus was born as God’s gift to each one of us.

Like the Wise Men, who sought truth and found Jesus, we are pilgrims on a journey toward Christ.

We seek the wisdom, the peace, and the joy that only the spirit of Christ can provide.

We invite you to gather around the Lord’s table with us to celebrate the richness of Christ’s presence with all the people of God in our parish family.

May this Christmas season find you abounding in love, rejoicing in hope, and secure in God’s peace.

May God’s richest blessings continue with you through the coming year.

**Merry Christmas,
Fr. Jim, Fr. Tim
and the Pastoral Staff of Ascension**

FOURTH 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, 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
Frank Friezo

BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
Luisa and Manuel Garcia



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

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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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.



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PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
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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

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.

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THE PARISH OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY, DEC. 24TH & MONDAY, DEC. 27TH



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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/ascensionchurchnewmilfordnj) and sign into:
[ascensionchurchnewmilfordnj](https://www.youtube.com/channel/ascensionchurchnewmilfordnj)



**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

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 TODAY Sunday, December 19th.

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

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.



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

**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.

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: _____

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST