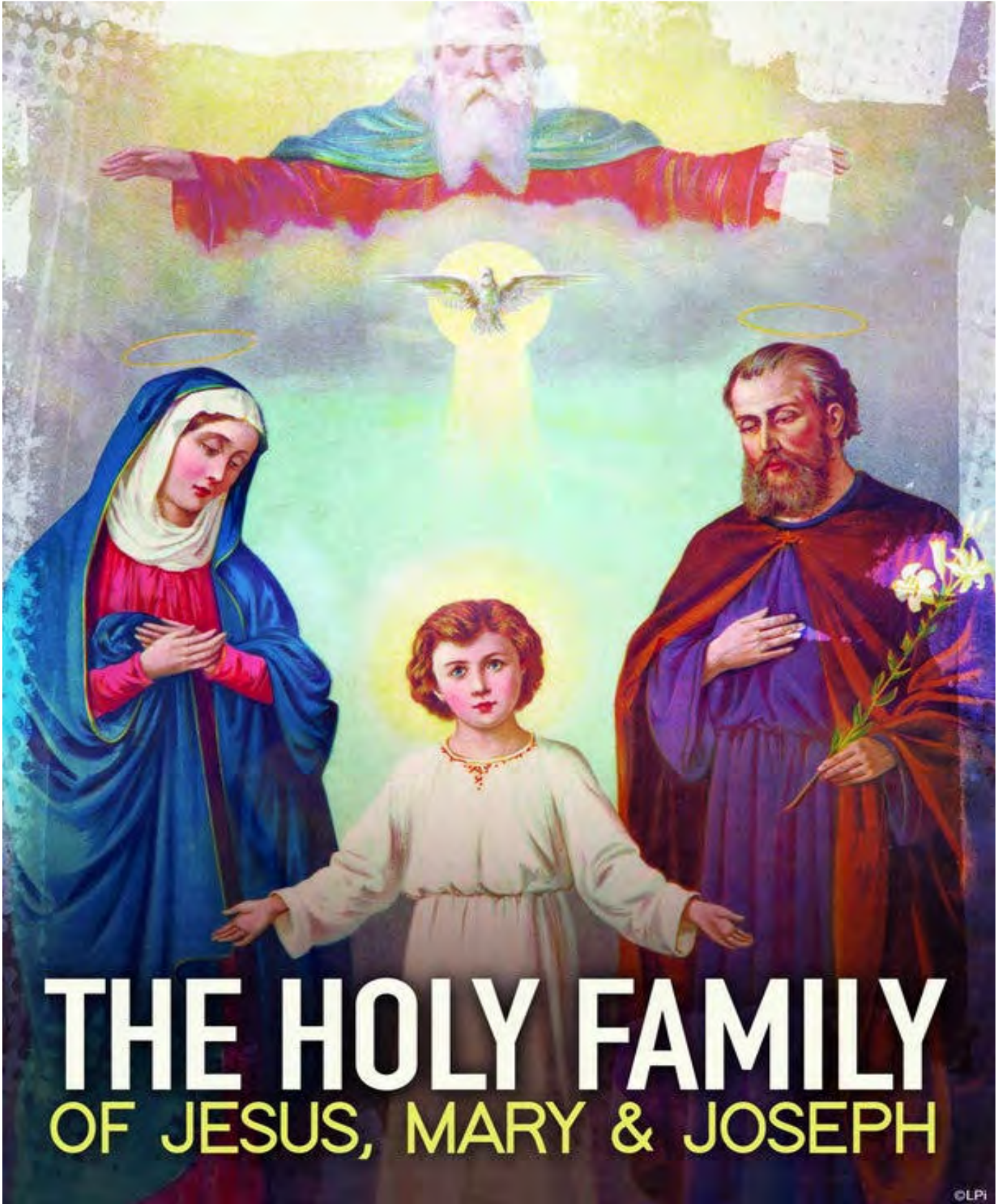


Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us...



THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 26, 2021**

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

Monday, December 27, 2021

8:00 Juan Redoblado
Andres & Consuelo Calleja

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
Angel Gutierrez, Sr.

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

8:00 Thanksgiving, Ruiz Family
Larry Figalora, B'Day. (D)

Thursday, December 30, 2021

8:00 Rosemary Porzio
Robert Barratt

Friday, December 31, 2021

No Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1, 2022

8:30 Norma Ibanez

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Saturday January 1, 2022

& Sunday, January 2, 2022

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 Montecuello & 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.

December 12, 2021: \$3,836.00

**NO OTHER FIGURES
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
January 2, 2022**

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
[cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Christmas Mass Schedule

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



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.



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: _____

**2022
 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
 FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saint Joseph/Ascension KofC is sponsoring the Local competition on Saturday January 22, 2022.

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Council Level competition.

All participants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Each respective age division winner will proceed to the District competition.

All participants are required to provide proof of age (copy of birth cert.) and written parental consent. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2022. For additional information contact: Bob Osterlof at 201-370-3404. kofc3814@gmail.com

Date: Saturday January 22, 2022

Time: 2:30 P.M. Registration, 3:00 P.M. START

Place: St. Joseph School Gym, Elm Street Oradell New Jersey.

GIVE IT A SHOT!

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 B \$100



*Merry Christmas
 The Religious Education staff
 would like to wish all our
 families a Very Merry and
 Blessed Christmas Season and
 Happy New Year*

REMINDER to All:

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.

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



A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

O God, whose Son was born in Bethlehem,
 on that wondrous night, lead us to that
 same place, where Mary laid her tiny child.

As we look on in wonder and praise, make us
 welcome Him and all new life, and care for
 His handiwork; the earth, the sky and the sea.

O God, bless us again in Your great love.
 We pray for this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

"For this day is born to you a Savior,
 who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David."

(Luke 2:11)





PRAY

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may
journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

We ask special blessings on the Church of Newark.

May we cherish this opportunity to pray, listen, and discern so that we may continue the
mission of Christ as missionary disciples.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.



“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 **Mary & James Zadroga**

BREAD and WINE this week

Donated in loving memory of **Robert Barratt**



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



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THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DEC. 27TH & FRIDAY, DEC. 31ST





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



The Members of the Ministry of Service want to THANK all of our parishioners who generously supported our Food Pantry and helped to feed the hungry during this past year. Food insecurity in our country has reached levels that have never been seen before. Your support has helped many in our community overcome the fear of going to bed hungry.

We wish you a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!



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.



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: _____

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.

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.

HARRISON HOUSE

Help is needed for 2022...We are in need of ONE more person/family who is/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. Please call Hanna or Mary Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help. Thank you.

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