

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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First Holy Communion



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 seasonally on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Parents should 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 Parish Center 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 Parish Office 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.



The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16, 2024

+ 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 - Thursday

One Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.

No daily Mass on Friday

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Mass: 8:00am

+ Our Devotions +

Rosary is prayed Monday-Thursday & Saturday after Mass



PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER

PARISH OFFICE

256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day**

Sunday, June 16, 2024

5:30 All Father's

7:30 Living &

9:30 Deceased

11:30 of Ascension Parish

Monday, June 17, 2024

8:00 Lubin & Ana Zuniga

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

8:00 O. Anthony Poli

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

8:00 Gregory James Poli

Thursday, June 20, 2024

8:00 Mary Blanco, Birthday (L)

Friday, June 21, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, June 22, 2024

8:30 Kathleen Tangney

5:30 Veronica Matibag

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 23, 2024

7:30 Jim Lacey

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Mary & Gloria Buckley

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, June 9, 2024: \$4,272.00

Air Conditioning: \$1,231.00

WeShare Air Cond.: \$ 108.54

WeShare May 2024: \$4,400.34

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

**Readings for
June 23, 2024**

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,
30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

GOSPEL MEDITATION

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, “**he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.**” Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— *Father John Muir*



**A Father's Day Blessing
Blessed is the Father**

**who lets the Lord be his guiding hand,
whose faith brings his family courage,
whose wisdom comes from God,
and whose children still stand and honor him.**

***Happy Father's Day to all Father's, Grand-Father's,
God-Father's and those who are like Father's to us***

COORDINATOR

FOR PARISH EVENTS NEEDED

This ministry of service is responsible for planning and holding events, i.e. Italian Night, Oktoberfest, Elvis, Craft Show, Bake Sales, etc. which take place here at Ascension. Without a leader or co-leaders future events may not happen. Please prayerfully consider leading your fellow parishioners who volunteer and meet to discuss and plan events for community building in our parish.

PARISH EVENTS COORDINATOR

I would like to volunteer my time and talent for this position. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please return to parish office or collection basket
In envelope marked Parish Events Coordinator
Or call the parish office: 201-836-8961



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 update my contact information
- _____ 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: _____

*Must be a family member

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

WE RECENTLY INSTALLED A MONITOR IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. PLEASE WATCH IT FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION. ALSO THIS INFORMATION IS ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE AND CHURCH BULLETIN FOR YOUR REFERENCE.



Important:

New Registration forms for the 2024-2025 School year have given out to all families already in the program. All registration MUST be in by July 30th or a Late Fee of \$10 per student will be added. If you wish to register your child or know anyone who wishes to register in our program and are in need of a registration form, please call 201-836-3085 or stop by the Religious Education Office in the Parish center during office hours- 9am to 4 pm daily. Forms can also be found on the parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com – under the Religious Education Icon

All families are encouraged to come to Mass each week and parents as also asked to review ALL PRAYERS with your child, they can be found in the back of each book.

Volunteers Needed:

In order for Children’s Liturgy of the Word to start we are in need of volunteers to help with it at the 9:30 am Mass. This is a wonderful was in families can go to Mass together each week and is open to all children in in the Parish. If you would like to help PLEASE call Mrs. Carbone in the Parish Center. 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.

We are in need of Catechists and Substitutes for our Religious Education Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – Parish Center



OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if for the intention of your loved one.



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JUNE 16, 2024



OUR SHELVES ARE GREATLY DEPLETED

OUR PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our pantry is currently serving about 26 families from New Milford; about 57 people.

Each month we are receiving additional clients in need, referred to us by the town of New Milford. With prices rising and donations dwindling, our shelves are empty in many areas, just as depicted in the picture above. We depend on the help of generous donors to keep our supplies going and our doors open. If each parishioner could help us with one or two items each month, it would do a lot to help us re-stock our shelves. When possible, we will even let you know what items are on sale at our local ShopRite for each week for items that we are in need of. Please consider helping those in need in our community. There is a drop box behind the YMCA, right outside of our pantry for donations, for NON-PERISHABLE items only.

Our needs for the upcoming months include:

BEEF STEW, APPLE JUICE, APPLE SAUCE, CANNED PEARS, MANDARIN ORANGES,
CEREALS, CRANBERRY JUICE, LEMONADE MIX, TEA BAGS,
JELLO, PUDDING, EGG NOODLES, FACIAL TISSUES,
PAPER TOWELS, AND DISH DETERGENT

Please note that store brand items are always acceptable, as are products from other grocery stores such as Aldi's and Lidl's.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you have any questions, or would like to see our pantry, you can leave a message in the parish office and someone from the pantry will get back to you shortly.

FOOD PANTRY DROP BOX

Please note: our pantry is not manned every day. Therefore, it is imperative that you do not leave any perishables in the Pantry Box outside of the pantry. If you have a perishable to donate, call the parish office and they will contact a staff member to get back to you and arrange a time that you can drop it off to us. Thank you for your cooperation.



“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be healed...”

Joanne Albanese, Michael O’Connor, Louis Vallis, Marguerite Morris, Mary Anne Meyer, Rebecca Tababan, Stephen Cronin, Kaitlin Abreu, Gerard Lee and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

Family Members: PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE SOMEONE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

Prayer list will be updated every three months

Next renewal date August 5, 2024

Please call office to renew or remove name

“a time to serve...”

Staff Sgt. James Penser, Langley AFB, VA 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.

“a time to die...”

Pennygreen Snyder

and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in loving memory of O. Anthony Poli & James Gregory Poli



BREAD and WINE this week Donated in loving memory of O. Anthony Poli & James Gregory Poli



2025 Mass Book Opens Tuesday, June 18 at 1:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS
SANCTUARY CANDLE
BREAD & WINE
ALTAR FLOWERS
MEMORIAL CANDLES
PLEASE SEE FORM

in Vestibule of Church or on Website FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Can you help? Weekly our purificators (purificator is a white linen cloth used to wipe the chalice after each communicant receives communion) need to be laundered. Washed and ironed. We are in need of someone to volunteer for the months of May and August beginning 2025. Please contact the parish office, 201-836-8961, for more details and if you would like to volunteer your time and talents. Thank you!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

OUR 5:30PM MASS ON SATURDAY IS LIVE STREAMED AND APPEARS ON YOUTUBE FOR OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS TO VIEW.

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL, ORADELL, NJ

Part-Time PK2 After Care Supervisor

Saint Joseph School is looking to hire a part-time PK2 after care supervisor. This is a 10-month position (September-June).

Part-Time Tech Teacher/Coordinator

Saint Joseph School is looking to hire a part-time Grades PK-8 Tech Teacher/Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year. This is a 10-month position (September-June).

If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Principal, Kassie Pierinelli, at pierinellik@sjsusa.org

Please Notice This



HAVE SOMETHING FOR OUR BULLETIN??

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ITEMS FOR BULLETIN NO LATER THAN 9:00AM ON MONDAY BEFORE PRINTING DATE

ascension@optonline.net

Thank you for your cooperation

CASINO TRIP-RESORTS

MONTICELLO, NY
TUES. JUNE 18TH

COST: \$37 PER PERSON
WITH A RETURN OF \$25 FREE SLOT PLAY
AND \$15 FOOD COMP.
BUS WILL LEAVE

ASCENSION PARKING LOT AT 9:30AM
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ASCENSION CHURCH
AND DROP OFF AT PARISH OFFICE
YOU MUST HAVE ID TO GET A PROMOTION CARD

Now it's time to enjoy the harvest! Church of the Ascension Food Pantry raised \$88 in the Bloomin' 4 Good Program during the month of May 2024.

Rest Your Armor and Rekindle with
The Prince of Peace at the Well of His Infinite Light
Saint John the Evangelist Church
Women's Cornerstone XXI Retreat
June 21-22, 2024
Beatrice D'Souza beadsouza@gmail.com
or cell# 201-895-9042 for any questions

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE, AND ALTAR FLOWERS for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Weddings 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


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SUMMER BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th
"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."
-St. Francis of Assisi

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In order to seat this council your help is needed. Look around you and recommend people you think would be a good fit for this council. You may also recommend yourself. If you have not been part of any group in the parish you may be the perfect person for this important committee. Members may be part of a ministry (i.e. Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Choir, etc) but NOT on any parish committees (i.e. Events, Social Concerns, etc.) with the exception of the member who is on both finance and Pastoral Council.

Parish Pastoral Council Recommendation

I would like to recommend: _____
For membership on the Parish Pastoral Council as:

21 & under & 22 to 55

(please return to parish office or in collection basket)

MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to this fund in memory of your loved one. Please call the Parish Office (201) 836-8961 or stop by the office (located in the Parish Center-256 Azalea Drive)) to check availability.

Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE \$25 per week
ALTAR FLOWERS \$65 (per basket/per week)
SANCTUARY CANDLE \$15 per week

MEMORIAL CANDLES:

___ SACRED HEART or ___ BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Donation Amount	
\$25/1 month	\$100/5 months
\$45/2 months	\$120/6 months
\$65/3months	\$200/1 year
\$85/4months	

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF: _____
DATE REQUESTED: _____
REQUESTED BY: _____
Phone: _____ Donation Amount: _____

Please return completed form with your check made payable to Ascension Church

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024: Ez 17:22-24 | Ps 92:2-3,13-16 |
2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34

Pray: Good and gracious God, help me to sow seeds of love, hope, and trust in You and to be patient as You help them grow, bear fruit, and multiply in your Kingdom. Amen.

We plant, but God's grace makes seeds grow.

Jesus often used simple yet profound parables and stories in His teachings about the Kingdom of God. He likened the growth of tiny seeds to the patience and trust required in our spiritual journey. This message resonates with us today, reminding us that even the smallest acts of faith can lead to incredible spiritual growth...in ourselves and others.

In our daily lives, we can take comfort in the fact that the Holy Spirit, our divine Gardener, works wonders with the seeds of faith we sow. When we do our part and leave the rest to God, the Holy Spirit grows miracles around us. We must trust the supernatural work of God to take our efforts and turn them into good. Our part involves planting seeds of faith through our steady prayers, trusting in God's Holy Will through our small and large actions of obedience, and generously sharing the Gospel of Christ with others through our words and loving deeds. This is what Jesus meant by building the Kingdom of God. Just as one cannot stand in front of a flower garden and notice it growing moment-by-moment from the seeds we plant, we know that if we keep watering and weeding, God will provide everything else and, in good time (God's perfect timing), the garden of our lives will blossom and be beautiful.

Through our Baptism, we are not just followers but active participants in building up the Kingdom of God.



This involves sharing the Gospel and our faith in Jesus daily. The seeds we plant are often little things like

mentioning prayer and thankfulness to God when speaking with family and friends. It might be the little acts of kindness we show others when they need help or a lift. Our joy and hope in Christ are seen in our steadfast commitment to attending Mass and living a sacramental life even when life becomes busy and challenging. These seemingly small actions are the seeds that, with the grace of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit, can grow into a flourishing Kingdom of God in our lives and communities.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How are you planting seeds of faith in your family, community of friends and acquaintances, and the larger world? How are you tending to the seeds of faith you are planting in others?
- † Who planted and tended to the seeds of faith in you, and was patience needed for you to grow?
- † As weeds can crowd out a garden and stunt growth, what must we work to weed out of our lives and society to help the Kingdom of God grow in holiness?
- † How does trusting in the potential of God's grace to grow the seeds of faith we plant help us in ministry?