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Dena Sedlak, Coordinator of First Penance and
First Holy Communion

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+ Our Pastoral Life +

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 on the third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents must 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 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 Rectory 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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4, 2021

+ 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 8:30am-No daily Mass on Friday
8:00am Summer, June 28-September 3, 2021
7:30 p.m. (Fridays during Lent)
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Please see inside bulletin for Holiday Mass time

+ Our Devotions +

Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday 7:45 a.m.

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PARISH CENTER
OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4, 2021
5:30pm William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Ciro Speciale
11:30 Federico Tababan

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE
Independence Day
Monday, July 5, 2021
8:30 All Our Nation's People
Tuesday, July 6, 2021
8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
Wednesday, July 7, 2021
8:00 Elnora Gordon
Thursday, July 8, 2021
8:00 Jose I. Zuniga
Friday, July 9, 2021
Luis & Danielle Gutierrez (L)
Memorial Mass
Saturday, July 10, 2021
8:30 Maria Luisa Cardona
5:30pm Joy Cudina

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11, 2021
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Jerome Guce
11:30 Angelito Barredo

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

June 27, 2021: $3,994.00

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

Readings for Sunday
July 11, 2021

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

GOSPEL MEDITATION

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

MEMORIALS

"THANK YOU"…to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Parish Office (201)836-8961.
Additional Memorials: (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**

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Thank You to all who helped make Father David's farewell retirement celebration and sendoff truly exceptional. A special thank you to both Inserra's New Milford ShopRite for generously donating the delicious sandwiches and desserts and for being an active part of our community and to John Lacey, Coca-Cola Co., for their donation of all the beverages.

Registration:
The 2021/2022 Registration Forms were emailed to everyone on March 31st. Please fill them out and return before June 30th. After June 30, 2021 there will be a late fee of $10 per student. Remember that one form for each student and please make sure that you update your email address and phone numbers. If you know anyone who would like to enroll their child(ren) in our program please have them call me in the office. Forms can be found on the parish website, www.churchoftheascension.com, or by stopping by the Parish Center during business hours and picking up a form.

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 sharing their faith and working with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.**

Religious Education Office Hours:
Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Parish Center
Other times by appointment

THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021
HAVE A SAFE & ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!

Archdiocese of Newark

Office of the Archbishop

July 1, 2021

"My Dear Parishioners:

I announce to you today that I have appointed the Reverend James T. Brown, Pastor of Ascension Parish, New Milford, New Jersey.

Father Brown comes to you with many years of fine priestly experience. In all his assignments, he has been a faithful representative of Our Lord, ministering to the needs of people with tremendous dedication and zeal.

A Pastor is to care for his people, preach the good news of Jesus Christ, and make them holy by celebrating the Sacraments. He works in harmony with his Bishop, "to bring the faithful together like a unified family so that they may be led effectively through Christ in the Holy Spirit to the Father." (Instruction in the Rite of Ordination to the Priesthood.)

As a true leader, he should listen to his people and discover their needs. He will often consult with the Pastoral Council and work with them to accomplish the mission of Christ in his parish. "All pastors should remember, too, that by their daily conduct and concern, they are reflecting the face of the Church to the World." (Document of Vatican II, "The Church Today." No. 43.)

I ask you to receive Father Brown warmly, cooperating with him in every way in his new role as pastor. Continue to offer him your assistance and support as you have for pastors before him. Pray for him so that the Lord may give him the holiness and strength he needs to carry out the responsibilities of his office.

I send my prayers and my blessings to all the members of Ascension Parish on this very happy occasion.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark"

PRAY FOR…

"To everything there is a season…

"a time to be healed…"

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and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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Sunday, July 4, 2021
Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church
Summer Mass Schedule

Holiday Mass, Monday, July 5, 2021
Mass 8:30am in Church

Tuesday, July 6, 2021
Mass 8:00am in Church

Wednesday, July 7, 2021
Mass 8:00am in Church

Thursday, July 8, 2021
Mass 8:00am in Church

Friday, July 9, 2021
NO MASS

Saturday, July 10, 2021
Mass 8:30am in Church
Vigil mass at 5:30 in Church

Sunday, July 11, 2021
Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church

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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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BEGINNING THE WEEK OF JULY 5 OUR DAILY MASS SCHEDULE WILL BE MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:00AM
INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY MASS WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY FATHER JIM

HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – JULY 19th

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.

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DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER

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

OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 5:1)
We praise you and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.
Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, I the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

QUEEN ESTHER

Ascension Parish will sponsor a trip to Pennsylvania's Amish Country for 3 days/2 nights, November 17-19, 2021. The price of the trip is $439 for double occ./$539 single occ. This includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, live performance of "Queen Esther" at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Spectacular musical "Winter Wonderland" at the American Musical Theatre, Holiday Chalk Talk with Elva Hurst, visit Byers Choice LTD Visitors Center, Christmas Museum & Creche Collection, motor-coach transportation, baggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. **A $100 deposit per person will hold your reservation which is due July 31st**. Balance due September 15th. All checks must be made payable to Ascension Church. For info. or questions, please call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Please fill out the coupon below and drop off at the parish center with your deposit enclosed. Please indicate on outside of envelope "Pennsylvania Trip"

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