

# Ascension Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday  
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Office closed 12:30 – 1:00 PM daily, & on Fridays

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday – 4:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday – 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM (Folk Choir) and  
12:00 Noon (Traditional Choir)

## WEEKDAY MASSES AND DEVOTIONS

Monday to Saturday - 9:00 AM

Rosary: before daily Masses at 8:30 AM

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:

After Monday 9:00 AM Mass

First Saturday Holy Hour: After 9:00 AM Mass

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Eve of Holy Day – 7:30 PM

Holy Day – 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday – 3:00 to 3:30 PM and by appointment

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the wedding.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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## SICK

Contact the Parish Office.

## CARE OF THE SICK, SHUT-INS, ELDERLY

The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

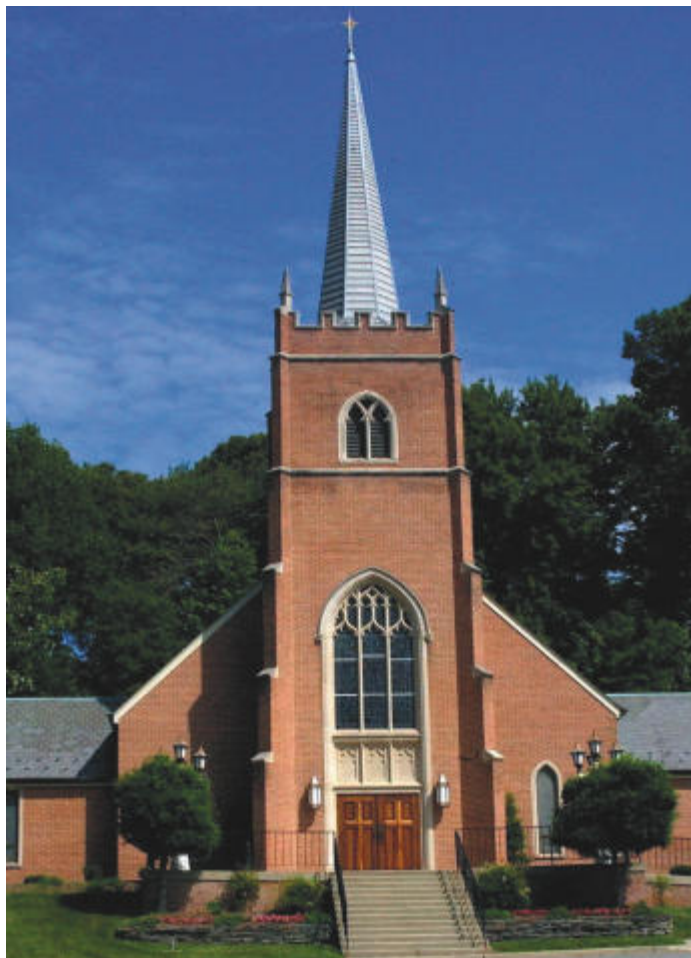
## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Chapel of Our Lady of Czestochowa

## FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair: Ed Leyden



## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K to 5 and 6 to 8 and Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

Sundays from 9:45 to 11:45 AM

Contact Greg Rozanski, DRE, at (301) 262-2227

**RCIA** is for the non-Catholic who is considering joining the Catholic Church and the baptized Catholic who needs to complete the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Contact Greg Rozanski at the Parish Office.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** is for the youth of our parish in grades 9-12. Contact Kristen Bryant, Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Parish Events, at [ascensionbowieyg@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionbowieyg@gmail.com), or Emma Bigony, Youth Ministry Intern, at [Ekbigony@aol.com](mailto:Ekbigony@aol.com).

## ST. PIUS X REGIONAL SCHOOL

Ascension is one of four parishes supporting St. Pius X Regional School. For more information about enrolling children in grades K-8, please call: (301) 262-0203.

*Weekly Calendar of Community Events*

10/28/2018	PARISH BREAKFAST	BATES HALL	AFTER FIRST 2 MASSES
10/28/2018	RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES	CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
10/30/2018	SENIORS CLUB LUNCHEON	BOB EVANS, 4308 CRAIN HWY	11:30 AM
10/30/2018	RCIA	DONUT ROOM	7:00 PM
10/31/2018	TRADITIONAL CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	6:30—8:00 PM
10/31/2018	HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS	CHURCH	7:30 PM
10/31/2018	HOLY DAY MASSES	CHURCH	9:00 AM, 7:30 PM
11/3/2018	SUMMA MEN'S GROUP	RECTORY BASEMENT	6:30—8:00 AM
11/4/2018	REL. ED. CLASSES	CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

*Parishioners*

Ronald Tayman, Beverlee Lee, Terrence O'Brien Sr., Terrence O'Brien, Jr., Mary Burton, Bob & Norma Raffaele, Catherine Dean, Mary Alice Bartman, George Bartman, Mary-Kate Turner, Mary Mack, Cathy Tayman, Mary Barrett, Alethea Patten, Francis Barnes, Michole Moore, Jolly Verghese, Joy Moore, Ina Devine, Pat & Pete Chambers, Mary Ann Boyer, Earl Perry, Sylvia and Joe Palmer, and Lois Kaufman.

*Family & Friends*

Genie Riordan Mulè, Ishell Kellyman, Reed Armstrong, Clifton Williams, Valerie Healy, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Miller, Francis Haislmaier, Michael Simasek, Becky Goodman, and Fr. Jim McDonald.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**OCTOBER 29—NOVEMBER 4**

Monday	9:00 AM	+Theodore J. Warzinski
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Dang
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Pete Rozanski
	7:30 PM	+Anthony DePaul
Thursday	9:00 AM	+Joseph and Sophie Vagnoni
	7:30 PM	+Rev. Michael and +Elizabeth Warady
Friday	9:00 AM	All Souls
Saturday	9:00 AM	All Souls
	4:00 PM	+Mary Breen
Sunday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Everett Lyles III
	12:00 Noon	Sodality

**PARISH NEWS**

**Attention all Seniors!** You are invited to our next Seniors Club Luncheon on Tuesday, September 30 at 11:30 AM. We will be meeting at Bob Evans Restaurant, 4308 Crain Highway, Bowie, Maryland 20716. If you have any questions, please email Charles Aquilina at [claquilina@verizon.net](mailto:claquilina@verizon.net).

**Thursday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints Masses** for the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be on Wednesday, October 31 at 7:30 PM (Vigil Mass), and Thursday, November 1 at 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM. Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 1, in honor of this holy day.

**All Souls Remembrance Envelopes** are now available in the back vestibule of the church. Would you like to add the name of your deceased loved one(s) to the list of those remembered in all the daily Masses in November? Please drop the Mass Intention Envelopes in the collection basket or give them to the ushers at the end of Mass.

**November Memorials:** In November, we remember all who have died. On November 3/4th, we will remember in a special way all our parishioners who have died in the past year, November 2017-October 2018. We ask a family member of any parishioner who has died in the past year to please contact the parish office at [ministry.ascension@gmail.com](mailto:ministry.ascension@gmail.com) by Thursday if possible so that we can prepare the candle for your loved one.

**Share Food CO-OP November Food Packages** Orders may be placed after all Masses on November 3-4, or by emailing Anne Powell at [gpowell6@aol.com](mailto:gpowell6@aol.com) by 12:00 Noon on Friday, November 2. Order Pickup is Saturday, November 17 from 8:00-9:00 AM in Bates Hall. If you're not interested in a package for yourself, feel free to purchase one and we will donate to a needy family. Value Pack (\$22): Festive and seasonal, healthy and nutritious! Whole Roasting Chicken (5 lb. avg), Ground Pork Sausage (1 lb.), Fish Fillets (1 lb.), plus fresh seasonal produce such as sweet potatoes, white potatoes, celery, onions, apples and oranges. Thanksgiving Dinner (\$36) – 10 lb. Honey-suckle Turkey with exciting frozen sides: Collard Greens, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Sweet Potato Casserole, Mashed Potatoes with chives, and Dinner rolls. Holiday Pantry (\$24) – 10 lb. Honeysuckle Turkey, Stuffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce, Buttermilk Biscuit Mix, Cornbread Mix, Pineapple rings, Cream of Mushroom Soup, French Fried Onions, Heinz Turkey Gravy, Elbow Macaroni, Vegetable Oil, Browning Mix, Holiday Baking Spices and Herbed Turkey Seasoning. Value Pack plus Honeysuckle Turkey (\$40). Call Anne Powell @ (301) 464-5448 for details or more information.

**RAFFLE** **Congratulations!** This weekend's raffle winner is Bernard F. Heilig, Jr.!

### Announcing the Summa Men's Group at Ascension Catholic Church

The Summa Men's Group at Ascension are men who want to strengthen their faith and reason through the study of St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologica* and develop friendships with other faithful Catholics through conversation, breaking bread, and prayer.

**Where/when:** We meet on the first and third Saturday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 AM, in the basement of the rectory at Ascension. Our first meeting is November 3, 2018.

**What to expect:** Each meeting we'll read out loud and discuss a section of the *Summa* together. There's no set schedule, and reading ahead of time is not required. Breakfast and coffee are provided.

**How to join:** Email Daniel Coleman at [danielcoleman@pm.me](mailto:danielcoleman@pm.me) to join our mailing list. Let Daniel know if you plan on attending: we need a solid head count in order to provide food.

Also, pick up a copy of *A Summa of the Summa*, which is an abridged version of the *Summa* edited by Catholic philosopher Peter Kreeft. A free digital copy of the book for Kindle, phones, tablets, etc., is available for download. We also have a couple of spare print copies on hand for visitors.

**Contact:** Questions? Contact Daniel Coleman at [danielcoleman@pm.me](mailto:danielcoleman@pm.me) or (443) 758-6385.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**All Souls Day Visits to Catholic Cemeteries** On All Souls Day, we remember our beloved dead and all those who may still be undergoing their purification in the love of Christ. While the souls in Purgatory can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. That spiritual work of mercy is up to us. Parishioners are encouraged to make a prayerful visit to the sacred ground of the archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries on Friday, November 2 to pray for their departed loved ones and all the souls who await the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE., Washington, D.C., 202-399-3000. For further information, please contact the Cemetery Manager or visit the Catholic cemeteries website at [ccaw.org](http://ccaw.org).

**Choir Concert at St. Joseph's in Largo** Please join us for a fantastic Evening of Praise and Worship at St. Joseph's in Largo Catholic Church on November 4 at 5:00 PM! This is the Gospel Choir's 48th anniversary concert and features Mr. Rawn Harbor, Guest Conductor, and Mr. Jeff Correy, Guest Artist. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Contact the church office at (301) 773-4838 for tickets. The church is located at 2020 St Joseph's Drive in Largo, Maryland.

### Reflection for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Son of David, have pity on me!" Has the cry of Bartimaeus ever escaped your lips? Today's Gospel tells the story of a blind man with a difficult lot in life. He made a living by begging coins off passing travelers. When word reaches him that Jesus will be passing by, this is when he begins to shout for mercy. Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cry and beckons him forward.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Last week, Jesus asked a similar question to James and John. Their response was a clutch for fame. Bartimaeus' response is much humbler. "Lord, I want to see." How strange this interaction must have seemed to the onlookers. The man is blind! Of course he wants to see! But Jesus is always teaching us. By asking us what we want, Jesus reveals the dispositions of our hearts. God already knows them, but do we? By asking James and John to name their ambition, their selfishness is exposed to them and to the other disciples. By asking Bartimaeus to name his longing, his faith is exposed to the entire crowd. Jesus invites participation in our own redemption. He doesn't save us without us!

Take some time in silent prayer today. Place yourself in this story of Bartimaeus. Imagine yourself there on the dusty, crowded roadside. Jesus is calling you! When you stand before him, his focus is on you and you alone. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asks. Search your heart. How would you respond? What part of your heart is Jesus asking you to expose? He has come to heal and to restore. May we, too, be sent! "Go ... your faith has saved you."

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### Readings for the Week of October 28, 2018

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52  
 Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30  
 Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
 Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40  
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
 Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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