

# 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

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE 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.

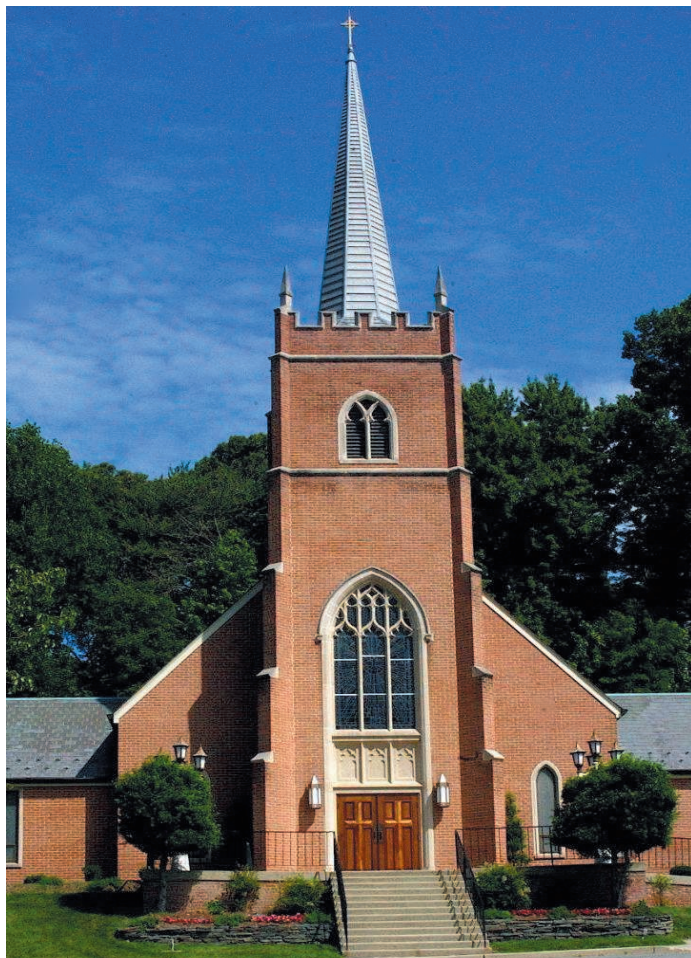
## PERPETUAL ADORATION

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*

11/4/2018	RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
11/5/2018	SODALITY MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	1:00 PM
11/6/2018	MOTHER'S GROUP	ST. PIUS CLASSROOM	12:30—2:00 PM
11/6/2018	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
11/7/2018	YOUTH GROUP MTG	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
11/8/2018	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG	BATES HALL	7:30 PM
11/10/2018	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	5:00 PM
11/11/2018	REL. ED. MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
11/11/2018	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	11:00—11:45 AM
11/11/2018	KSJ LADIES AUXILIARY MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	1:00 PM
11/11/2018	FOOD DRIVE	CHURCH	ALL MASSES

**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.

**RAFFLE**

**Congratulations!** This weekend's raffle winner is Vanesca M. McDermott!

**Please Note:** Weekly choir practice has been moved from Wednesday evenings to Saturdays at 5:00 PM in the church.

**St. Vincent De Paul Society's Monthly Food Drive:** On your way into Mass next weekend, all are invited to drop a canned food item off in the chest located in the back vestibule of the church, to be distributed to those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

**PARISH NEWS**



**Our Holiday Shoebox Campaign for the Homeless has begun.** During the holidays, S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat) distributes thousands of decorated Shoebox Gifts to the homeless and the poor. Our Share and Care Ministry is again asking for your help in this endeavor. Donations may be left in the designated box in the church vestibule until November 25. "Shopping Lists" are available in the back of the church. If you don't have time to shop, but would like to donate towards filling a shoebox, monetary donations are encouraged. Please drop in Sunday Collection Basket and annotate donation for "SHOEBOXES for S.O.M.E." We plan to sort the donated items and fill the shoeboxes on November 27th. For more information, please contact Mary Rapczynski at (301) 464-0588 or Jacqueline Murray at (301) 523-1683.

**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. 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.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**NOVEMBER 5—NOVEMBER 11**

Monday	9:00 AM	+All Souls
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+All Souls
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+All Souls
Thursday	9:00 AM	+All Souls
Friday	9:00 AM	+All Souls
Saturday	9:00 AM	+All Souls
	4:00 PM	+Yogiaveetil Family
Sunday	8:30 AM	+Catalino & Mercedes O. Martinez
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
	12:00 Noon	Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John #109

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**40 Days for Life Closing Vigil** The 40 Days for Life team encourages all people of faith to spend time this final weekend of the Fall 2018 mission in prayer to end abortion. Our vigil location is the public sidewalk at 5915 Greenbelt Rd, College Park, outside of the MFPI abortion facility. Also, join us at 3:00 PM this Sunday, November 4 for our Closing Vigil, when we pray a memorial service for the unborn. Printed programs will be provided. For info, phone Tom at (240) 593-6982.

**An Illuminated Requiem: Meditations on Love and Mortality by Ann Schmalstieg** This exhibit will run from October 29 - November 29 in Memorial Hall of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The theme of this exhibit is found in the propers of the Requiem Mass, and the paintings are an expression of the personal experience of love in the context of death. It is the artist's intention to guide visitors through an understanding of mortality and the love and mercy of God and to inspire the living to pray for the dear departed. This event is free and open to the public.

**Black Catholic History Month Mass** The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to the celebration of Mass in honor of Black Catholic History Month. The Mass will be held on Saturday, November 10 at 4:30 PM at Mount Calvary Church in Forestville, MD (6700 Malboro Pike), with Cardinal Donald Wuerl as the principal celebrant. For more information, contact us at [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org).

**Franciscan Monastery's Annual Mass and Benefit Dinner** On Saturday, November 10, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC will celebrate their Annual Mass and Benefit Dinner. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:00 PM celebrated by the Custos of the Holy Land in the main church. Immediately following the Mass, the gala will be held at St. Francis Hall. For tickets or more information, visit [myfranciscan.org](http://myfranciscan.org).

**Vesper Service for Aid to the Church in Need** On Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, join Aid to the Church in Need to give witness to today's Christian martyrs and those suffering for the faith around the world. Sister Annie Demerjian, a nun currently serving the people of Syria, and Bishop Oliver Doeme of Maiduguri in Nigeria, will present witness talks on their experiences in these troubled areas. The evening will include Vespers celebrated by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A., accompanied by the Choir of the Basilica. Please gather with us on this special night of prayer and remembrance. This event is free and open to the public, but an RSVP would be helpful. The Basilica offers ample free parking and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information please call (202) 526-8300.

## Reflection for the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are not far from the kingdom of God." What does it mean to be close to God's kingdom? In today's Gospel, Jesus is in a dialogue with teachers of the law. They know well the Law of Moses, with its complex codes, expectations, and punishments. What will Jesus say?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus effortlessly distills all the books of law into two commands. The simplicity of the Gospel message doesn't mean it's easy to follow. Far from it! The simplicity of the Gospel indicates its totality. Anything that requires the passions of our heart, the choice of our soul, the reason in our mind, or the strength of our body - all of this ought to be animated by love. As you can imagine, that means pretty much everything! The love of God and love of neighbor is meant to flow into our entire lives.

The Gospel can appear complicated because life is complicated. Not every outcast is easy to love. We lack the knowledge or compassion to heal everyone who suffers. Personal sacrifice is not always noticed or valued. In the face of the unknown, fear can be easier than faith. Life's circumstances can seem like obstacles to God's love, not opportunities. And yet Jesus' command still stands. As you reflect this week, examine those areas where it's easy to love. Thank God for them! But take some time to consider the people and circumstances that challenge you. Ask God to show you what it means to love there. How is He inviting you to enlarge your heart, strengthen your soul, open your mind, and persevere in your strength? How is He inviting you to love?

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## Readings for the Week of November 4, 2018

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34  
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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