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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 and

12:00 Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES AND DEVOTIONS

Tuesday to Saturday - 9:00 AM

Rosary: before daily Masses at 8:30 AM

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:

After Tuesday 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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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.

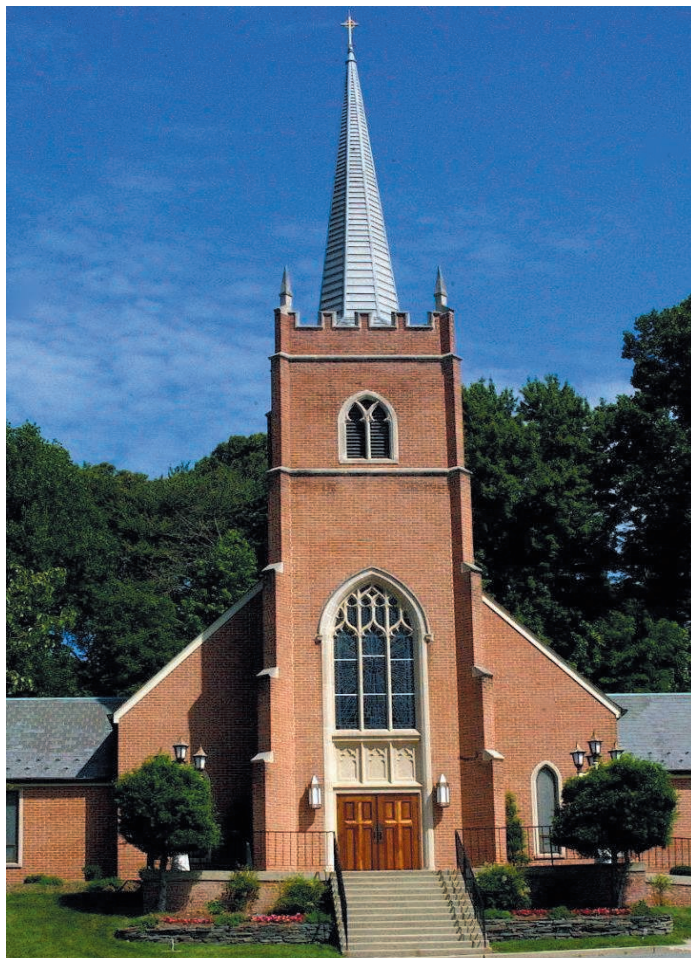
PERPETUAL ADORATION

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, or Emma Bigony, Youth Ministry Intern, at 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

11/11/2018	FOOD DRIVE	CHURCH	ALL MASSES
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
11/12/2018	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	VETERAN'S DAY	
11/13/2018	SENIORS CLUB MEETING	ST. PIUS CLASSROOM	11:00 AM
11/13/2018	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
11/13/2018	SHARE & CARE MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	7:00 PM
11/14/2018	YOUTH GROUP MTG	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
11/17/2018	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	5:00 PM
11/18/2018	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Parishioners

Ronald Tayman, Beverlee Lee, Terrence O'Brien Sr., Terrence O'Brien, Jr., Mary Burton, Bob & Norma Raffle, 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

NOVEMBER 12—NOVEMBER 18

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	+Catherine Brashears
Sunday	8:30 AM	+Dorothy DiGregory
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
	12:00 Noon	+Stephen Hirkala

PARISH NEWS



Our Holiday Shoebox Campaign for the Homeless continues. 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 25th. "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." For more information, please contact Mary Rapczynski at (301) 464-0588 or Jacqueline Murray at (301) 523-1683.

Mass Change at Ascension: As announced this weekend, due to priest availability, we regret we will not be able to offer Mass on Monday mornings. The Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will now be offered following the Tuesday morning Mass. Several neighboring parishes offer morning Mass on Mondays: St. Matthias, 8:30 AM; Sacred Heart Bowie, 6:30 and 8:00 AM (Chapel on the Hill); St. Edward, 8:45 AM; Holy Family Mitchellville, 8:00 AM. Mass times for other parishes may be found at www.masstimes.org. We continue to pray for an increase in vocations and the availability of another priest for our parish.



Congratulations! This weekend's raffle winner is Dennis Tayman!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Thinking of your New Year's Resolution yet? Plan to attend a Silent Retreat with Christ It's not too early to start 2019 with a closer relationship with Christ. Sign up now and plan a weekend get-away with Him. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers silent weekend retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola throughout the year. Here are some upcoming weekends: Spiritual Exercises for Women — November 30 to December 2, 2018/3-day retreat/\$225 per person (this retreat offers a separate track for high school & college-age young ladies—a perfect opportunity for mother/daughter weekend). A second retreat for women will be held January 4-Jan 6, 2019/3 day retreat/\$250 per person. Spiritual Exercises for Men — December 7-9 /3-day retreat in Advent/\$225 per person. A second retreat for men will be held February 1-3/3- day retreat/\$250 per person (this retreat offers a separate track for high school and college-age young men – a perfect opportunity for father/son weekend).

"Love Revealed" Young Adult Retreat All young adults are invited to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM for a retreat titled *Love Revealed*. This retreat is an immersion into two of Saint John Paul II's inseparable teachings on Love: Theology of the Body and Divine Mercy. The retreat will assist participants to answer the perennial questions of the heart – Who am I? Who is God? What is love? How can I be merciful? The cost of the retreat is \$10 and includes lunch. Register at loverevealed.eventbrite.com.

"Experiencing the Holidays at a Time of Loss" The holidays are a difficult time for those grieving losses from death, illness, or personal tragedies. A two-hour workshop will be offered to meet the needs of persons who are experiencing such circumstances. The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 17 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Academy of St. Matthias, 9475 Annapolis Road Lanham, MD 20706. Grieving persons, their family members, and friends are invited to attend. For more information please contact: Miriam Jacik, the Workshop Facilitator at (301) 345-6054, or just feel free to come.

Tolton: From Slave to Priest Starting Thursday, November 15 through Sunday, November 18, the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington are collaborating to bring the Saint Luke Productions play, *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*, to Bishop Ireton High School (201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314) for five performances during Black Catholic History Month. The play tells the story of Servant of God Father Augustus Tolton, who journeyed from slavery to become the first African-American Catholic priest. There is no charge for this event, but free-will offerings will be accepted. You may reserve seats online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/tolton, and for more information, contact Sandra Coles-Bell at culturaldiversity@adw.org or (301) 853-4469.

An Illuminated Requiem: Meditations on Love and Mortality by Ann Schmalstieg This exhibit will run until 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.



Reflection for the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In 1 Samuel, God advises the prophet Samuel not to observe as men see but as God sees. He tells him to "look to the heart." This is the movement of this Sunday's Gospel reading. "Beware the scribes," Jesus advises. He points out their public greetings and "seats of honor," which stands in sharp contrast to their private greed. For the Jewish people of Jesus' day, honor resides at the top. Power and prestige created a high profile back then as it still does today. After his warning, Jesus turns his disciples' attention elsewhere: a poor widow.

"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had." While the scribes donated large sums to the temple, they did so "from their surplus wealth." This woman -- in her faith and devotion -- offers "her whole livelihood." Jesus invited his disciples to see with God's eyes, to recognize a holy life in people the world overlooks. Here -- in the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized -- God waits hidden.

Today's Gospel begs a few questions. What do we see? Whom do we value? Are we impressed by the pomp and circumstance of modern day Pharisees? Do we ignore their self-righteousness because it looks impressive, even seems somewhat helpful? The point isn't to judge the scribes, of course. God can see their hearts as well, and those assessments are firmly his responsibility. The point is to turn our eyes from the typically honored to the rarely respected. Are we disinterested in the poverty of the modern day widows? Do we ignore their faith because we forget to look for it? This Sunday, consider the widows in your own life. Who can you see with God's eyes?

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Readings for the Week of November 11, 2018

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
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-3

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