

# 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 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

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office.

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

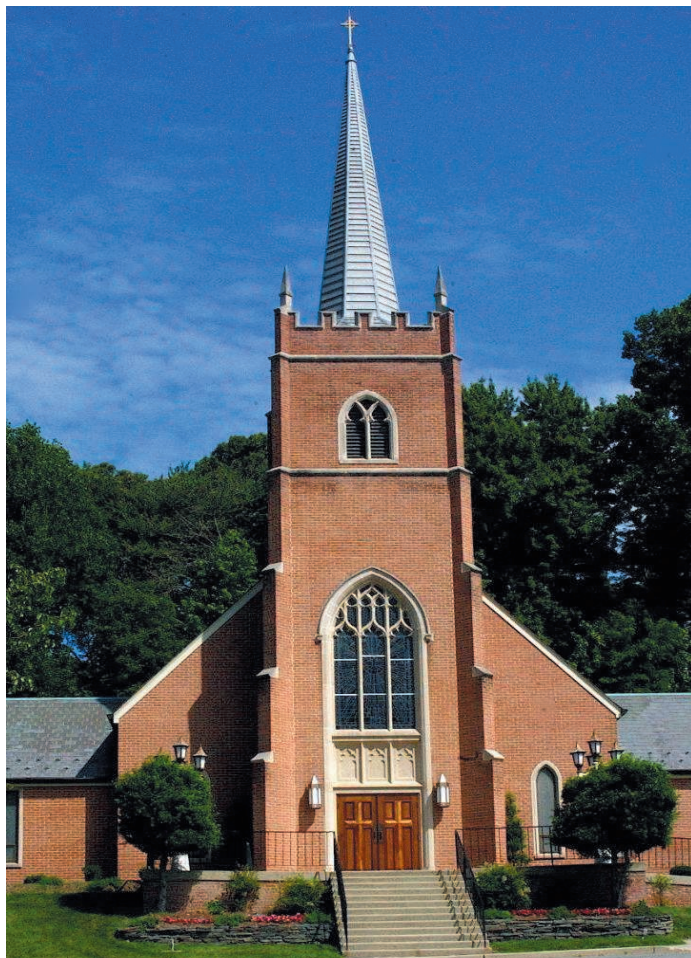
The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

## 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**

11/18/2018	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
11/20/2018	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
11/20/2018	NO RCIA MEETING		
11/21/2018	NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
11/21/2018	PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON		
11/22/2018	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		
11/22/2018	THANKSGIVING DAY MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
11/24/2018	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	5:00 PM
11/25/2018	NO REL. ED. CLASSES		

**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**  
**NOVEMBER 19—NOVEMBER 25**

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	+Rosemary Borges
Sunday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Maureen Fisher
	12:00 Noon	+Chacko Yogiaveetil

**PARISH NEWS**

**Christmas Lunch at Ascension**  
**December 2, 2018—1:00 to 4:00 PM**



All parishioners are invited to the parish rectory on Sunday, December 2, 2018 after the 12:00 Noon Mass for a Christmas Lunch! Come join us for holiday fellowship and a delicious spread of soup, salad, and sandwiches provided by Wegmans Catering. If you and your family would like to attend, please RSVP by Tuesday, November 27, 2018 by emailing us at this new email address: [event.ascension@gmail.com](mailto:event.ascension@gmail.com). In your email, please let us know how many people will be attending. If you do not have access to a computer, you may also call the parish office to let us know you will be joining us. We hope to see many of you there!



**Holiday Shoebox Campaign for the Homeless Update:**

We are still accepting donations of items, shoeboxes, and cash for this campaign (the deadline is Sunday, November 25th). Come help us sort items and assemble the boxes in Bates Hall.

	Date	Time	Time
Wrap Boxes	Monday, 11/26	1pm - 3pm	6pm - 8pm
Assemble	Tuesday, 11/27	1pm - 3pm	6pm - 8pm

For more information, please contact Mary Rapczynski at (301) 464-0588 or Jacqueline Murray at (301) 523-1683. Thank you for your generous support to brighten the day of those in need.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass:** Our Thanksgiving Day Mass at Ascension this year will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 22. Let's all begin our holiday thanking the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

**Please Note:** The parish office will close this Wednesday, November 21 at 12:00 Noon and all day Thursday, November 22 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Attention Parents of Religious Education Students:** There will be no class on Sunday, November 25 due to Thanksgiving weekend. We hope your holiday is filled with joy and blessings!

**No Youth Group** this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Meetings will resume next week.



**Congratulations!** This weekend's raffle winner is Dominic DiGregory!



Reflection for the Thirty Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

As we edge closer to the closing of the liturgical year, the Church selects readings that remind us of the final close: the second coming of Christ. It's easy, perhaps, to forget that this is a dogma of our Catholic faith. We see this dramatic end times language in today's Gospel. "The sun will be darkened ... and the stars will be falling from the sky."

As Christians and as human beings, we know all things will come to an end. "But of that day or hour, no one knows." The "end of the world" and end of time at Jesus' coming is in a future unknown. But God has given us beautiful reminders of this truth. We see the signs and symbols of ending all around us -- nightfall at the end of each day; the life cycle of crops coming alive, bearing fruit, and being harvested; our own death. That, too, will come at an unknown day and hour. But that is the way of things. Even as God created in Genesis, He gave us a sense of time -- the sun rising and setting, a beginning and an end -- to mark our days.

So how do we welcome these built-in forms of measurement? Do we take time to quietly recollect at the end of each day? Do we see every morning as a fresh start for mercies new? Do we observe the seasons and reflect on what they might be speaking to us of God and His glory? "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my works will not pass away." The little beginnings and little ends are opportunities to renew our faith in Jesus, if only we have the eyes to see!

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*Christmas Memorial Flowers*

Ascension Church invites all parishioners to consider a memorial flower contribution for Christmas. A listing of names will be placed in the bulletin and all will be remembered in the Christmas Masses. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below, cut it out, put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. An offering of twenty dollars (\$20.00) will assist in decorating the sanctuary and church for Christmas.

**I wish to make a contribution to the Christmas Memorial Flower Fund.**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In order for names to appear in the Christmas bulletin, this form must be returned no later than DECEMBER 14, 2018.  
**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

**Readings for the Week of November 18, 2018**

- Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/  
Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
[Rv 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5  
[Rv 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/  
Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b  
[Rv 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131  
[103a]/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/  
Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/  
Jn 18:33b-37

**The Ancient Order of Hibernians Charles Carroll Division #2, Bowie,** will meet Monday, November 19 at 7:15 PM at Sacred Heart Church in the Hogan Center on the hill. All members are requested to attend. New members are always welcome. If you are a Catholic of Irish birth or descent and are interested in joining this fine Irish Catholic Fraternal organization, please contact our Division Organizer, Bob April, (301) 526-8451 for more information. Our motto is, "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity." We include many cardinals, bishops and clergy in our membership and support the sanctity of life, religious vocations and local parishes as well as promote Irish culture, history and a fair immigration policy. Additional information about our organization can be found at: [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com). Dia 's Muire dhuit! (God and Mary be with you)

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