

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

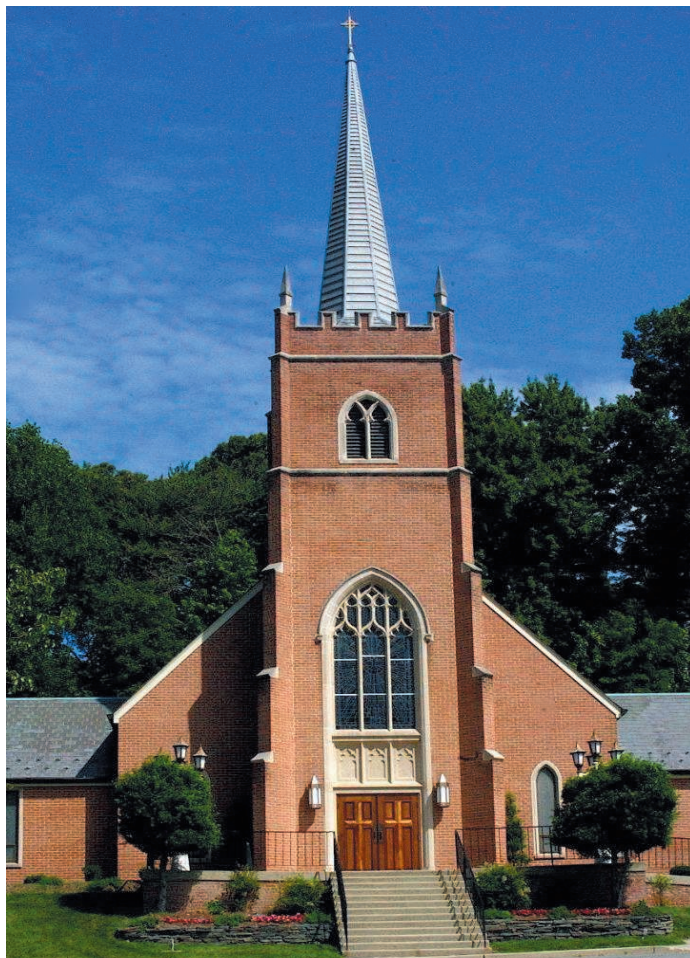
The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

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, 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

12/2/2018	RELIGIOUS ED. MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
12/2/2018	RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES	CLASSROOMS	11:00—11:45 AM
12/2/2018	CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ASCENSION	RECTORY	1:00 PM
12/3/2018	SODALITY	ST. MARY CLASSROOM	1:00 PM
12/4/2018	MOTHERS GROUP	ST. PIUS ROOM	12:30 PM
12/4/2018	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
12/4/2018	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
12/5/2018	YOUTH GROUP MEETING	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
12/6/2018	ROSARY CLUB	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	3:30—5:00 PM
12/7/2018	HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS	CHURCH	7:30 PM
12/8/2018	HOLY DAY MASS	CHURCH	9:00 AM
12/9/2018	RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES	CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
12/9/2018	KSJ LADIES AUXILIARY MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	1:00 PM

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, Lois Kaufman and Briar Smith.

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.

PARISH NEWS

Children's Choir Sign up today to sing at the 4:00 PM Children's Mass on Christmas Eve! Singers in grades 1-12 are invited. Rehearsals are December 15 and December 22 at 5:30 PM and December 24 at 3:00 PM. Email Kevin Schellhase, Director of Sacred Music, at kevinschellhase.ascension@gmail.com to sign up your child.



Be an Angel and Put a Smile on our Giving Tree! Please take a card off the tree in the church vestibule to help a family in need this Christmas. Remember, if there are no cards left on the tree, feel free to donate a gift card and we will distribute to the families. After you buy and wrap your gift, attach the card to the top of the gift, and place your gift in the "Giving Tree Box" in the church vestibule from December 1-16. NOTE: Please drop off by December 16th so we can deliver the gifts on time! Thank you for your generous support to brighten the day of those in need. For more information, or if you know a family who may be in need, please contact either of the following: Sue Buckley at (301-957-1102) or sachmo1419@gmail.com or Jodi Steinbauer at (301-580-2784) or jodiammi@gmail.com.

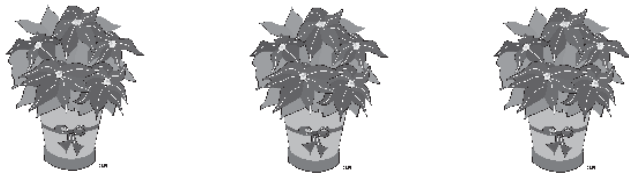
Rosary Club at Ascension: All girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to learn how to make knotted rosaries together with Kristen Bryant, our youth minister. The rosaries will be donated to the Sick and Homebound Ministry of our parish. We will meet in the St. Michael's classroom every first Thursday of the month from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. In December, the first Thursday is December 6th. Come join us for fellowship, the opportunity to learn a wonderful new skill, and a chance to do an act of service for others!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Saturday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Masses for the Holy Day at Ascension will be at 7:30 PM on Friday, December 7 (Vigil), and Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 AM. Please note that the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday will be the Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 9th, not a Mass for the Immaculate Conception.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious: A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today, many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.



Congratulations! This weekend's raffle winner is John and Lynne Bosworth!



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.

Share Food CO-OP December Food Packages Orders may be placed after all Masses this weekend. Order pickup is Saturday, December 15 from 8:00—9:00 AM in Bates Hall. Five options are available: Value pack (\$22), Holiday Dinner (\$36), Holiday Pantry (\$24), Spiral Ham (\$20), or Value plus Turkey (\$40). Call Anne Powell at (301) 464-5448 for details or more information.



Dance With Santa at Ascension: All Kids and Teens Invited! Come for this fun holiday event at Ascension being hosted by our Fr. Peter C. Boyle Knights of Columbus #12254 of Ascension on Saturday, December 22 in Bates Hall from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Have last-minute shopping to finish? Drop your kids off

for a merry, rockin' good time! Or if you are looking for a fun holiday event to attend with your children, feel free to stay with them! Cost is \$5 per child or \$10 for a family of four or more. There will be a live DJ, light refreshments, and a photo with Santa! Don't miss out on this opportunity for your kids to enjoy some festive holiday fun! If you have any questions or for more information, please contact: Karl Caton, Grand Knight, at (301) 832-0837, Radames Mendoza, Deputy Grand Knight, at (301) 237-8491, Tom Torrell, Past Grand Knight, at (301) 262-8062, William Green, Jr., Warden, at (301) 938-1673.

Mass Intentions for the Week

DECEMBER 4—DECEMBER 9

Tuesday	9:00 AM	Stephen Collins Yednock
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Donna Rae Elliott
Thursday	9:00 AM	+Francis E. Curtin
Friday	9:00 AM	+Mary Schmitt
	7:30 PM	+Mary Schmitt
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Oliver Carter
	4:00 PM	+Richard Lee
Sunday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Paciencia and Amelito Abella and all souls
	12:00 Noon	Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John #109

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Chipotle Fundraiser for St. Pius X Regional School CYO: St. Pius CYO will be hosting a fundraiser at Chipotle on Wednesday, December 5 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM at Bowie Market Place, 15475 Annapolis Rd. Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support SPX CYO. Tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to SPX CYO.

The Visit of Saint Nicholas Saint Nicholas visits the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on Saturday, December 8! Bring your children to meet him. He is eager to tell them about his special friendship with Jesus and to help them prepare for a holy Christmas. This event is free, but please register by December 6 at visitofsaintnicholas.eventbrite.com so that there will be ample supplies for food, games, and activities. For more information, contact (202) 635-5400 or events@jp2shrine.org.



Holy Hour for Priests at Sacred Heart in Bowie "Our Lord is hidden there in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him, and make our requests to Him." St. John Vianney, patron saint of all priests. Join parishioners of Sacred Heart in Bowie for a Holy Hour for Priests every second Wednesday of every month from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the Sacred Heart chapel on the hill. In December, the second Wednesday is December 12th. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a short reflection and silent prayer. All are invited to join us.



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