

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

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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, 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

12/9/2018	RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES	CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
12/9/2018	KSJ LADIES AUXILIARY MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	1:00 PM
12/11/2018	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
12/11/2018	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
12/12/2018	YOUTH GROUP MEETING	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
12/13/2018	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG	BATES HALL	7:30 PM
12/15/2018	CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL	CHURCH	5:30 PM
12/16/2018	SILENT AUCTION AND CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE	DONUT ROOM	AFTER 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, 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 Patricia Hodge.

Mass Intentions for the Week

DECEMBER 11—DECEMBER 16

Tuesday	9:00 AM	For the election of a bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Thomas L. Palmer
Thursday	9:00 AM	Anne Marie Ozoma
Friday	9:00 AM	Alethea Patten
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Carla Middleton
	4:00 PM	+Theodore Warzinski
Sunday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Florence Burge
	12:00 Noon	+Fr. James Betz

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.



Last Call for Giving Tree Gifts! December 16th is your last chance to drop gifts off for the Giving Tree! Remember, if there are no cards left on the tree, feel free to donate a gift card and we will distribute to the families. 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 (301) 957-1102 or sachmo1419@gmail.com, Jodi Steinbauer at (301) 580-2784 or jodiammi@gmail.com.

Silent Auction and Christmas Bake Sale The Ascension Ladies' Auxiliary #109 of the Knights of Saint John International are excited to announce the third annual Silent Auction that they will be hosting for the parish. An auction preview will take place on Sunday, December 9th in the parish office building next to the church. All are invited to visit the Silent Auction to view the items and to place bids. On Sunday, December 16 the Silent Auction will conclude and winning bidders will be announced. That Sunday, the 16th, they will also be hosting a Christmas Bake Sale after all the Masses in the parish office. The sale will include a variety of delightful baked goods such as cakes, cupcakes, cheesecake, cookies, brownies, pies, cobblers, banana bread, apple bread, muffins and more. We invite you to stop by and stock up on some delicious sweet treats for you and your family!

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.



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.

Attention Share & Care Meeting! This month, the Share & Care meeting, which is normally held on the second Tuesday of each month, will be held instead on the third Tuesday of the month, December 18th at 7:00 PM in the St. Mary room.

Attention Seniors! The Seniors Club has decided that going forward, the Seniors Club meeting and luncheon will be combined. This month, the meeting and luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 11:30 AM at TJ Elliott's, 6814 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, MD 20715. All seniors of the parish are invited to join us for fellowship and a delicious meal!

Warm Nights: Save the Date and Assistance Needed! Please mark your calendars for January 13-18, when Ascension will be opening the doors of its Bates Hall once again to participate in Warm Nights, an overnight Shelter Program in the Metro DC region offering shelter and support to individuals and families with children. If you have volunteered to assist in the past, or would like to do so for the first time, please mark these dates in your calendar and watch for upcoming announcements and updates. Currently, we are seeking someone who has experience with online sign up sites like SignUpGenius. We would like to use an online tool this year to manage and coordinate volunteers. If you have experience in this area and would like to help, please text Jeana Barber at (301) 957-5114.

RAFFLE

Congratulations! This weekend's raffle winner is John Horstkamp, Jr.!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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 12. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a short reflection and silent prayer. All are invited to join us.

Advent Lessons and Carols On Sunday, December 16 from 4:00-6:00 PM, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) will hold an Advent concert with reflections on the Nativity story followed by caroling around the Christmas tree. For more information, contact (202) 635-5400 or events@jp2shrine.org.

Celebration of Las Posadas in Washington, DC The Archdiocese of Washington, in partnership with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. (CLINIC), invite you to remember the Holy Family's journey by celebrating Las Posadas in the nation's capital. This Latin American tradition recreates Mary and Joseph's quest for shelter as participants get a chance to dress up, sing, and feast in celebration of the upcoming birth of Jesus. It also reminds us of the similar journey immigrants experience in searching for refuge all over the world. On Monday, December 17, Mass will begin at 5:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church on Capitol Hill (313 2nd St., NE), celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville. It will be followed by a procession to St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill (313 2nd St., SE), where there will be a closing reception and the breaking of a piñata. For more information, contact Claudia Bartolini at (301) 853-5335 or culturaldiversityi@adw.org. #PosadasDC

Thinking of your New Year's Resolution yet? Plan to attend a Silent Retreat w/ 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: January 4-6, 2019 / 3-day retreat / \$250 per person; April 12-14, 2019 / 3-day retreat/ \$250 per person. Spiritual Exercises for Men: December 7-9 / 3-day retreat in Advent / \$225 per person; 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).

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