

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

12/24/2018	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS	CHURCH	4:00 PM
12/24/2018	CHORAL PRELUDE	CHURCH	10:00 PM
12/24/2018	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS	CHURCH	10:30 PM
12/25/2018	CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES	CHURCH	8:30, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
12/24-25/2018	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		
12/30/2018	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, Lois Kaufman, Briar Smith and Cheryl Hoyt..

Family & Friends

Genie Riordan Mulè, Ishell Kellyman, Reed Armstrong, Clifton Williams, Valerie Healy, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Miller, Francis Haislmaier, Michael Simasek, Becky Goodman, Patricia Hodge and Shirley Mackessy.

Mass Intentions for the Week

DECEMBER 24—DECEMBER 30

Monday	9:00 AM	Genie Riordan-Mulé
	4:00 PM	+John Breen & Jackie Ruggieri
	10:30 PM	+Fr. Samuel Craig
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Gerard and Stephan Butler
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Carla Middleton
Thursday	9:00 AM	+Florence Burge
Friday	9:00 AM	+Carla Middleton
Saturday	9:00 AM	Anne Marie Ozoma
	4:00 PM	+Florence Burge
Sunday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Genie Riordan-Mulé
	12:00 Noon	+Tanner Kutchman

PARISH NEWS

New Parish Office Hours Starting in January: Starting in the new year, the Ascension parish office will only be open Monday through Wednesday during the week. Additionally, Fr. Larry's day off is being moved to Thursday to accommodate the new schedule.

Introduction to the New Testament Bible Study starting in January: Mark your calendars! A new weekly Introduction to the New Testament class to be hosted by our pastor Fr. Larry Young will be held Mondays starting in January. All parishioners are invited to join us as we gather together to glorify God and immerse ourselves in His Word.

Our 2019 Raffle is Here! A letter containing ten raffle tickets that we hope you will purchase has recently been mailed to all registered parishioners. Please remember to turn in your tickets and payment by Tuesday, December 22, 2018. The first winner will be announced in the bulletin distributed on Sunday, January 6, 2019. This is a great idea for stocking stuffers and Christmas or birthday presents for family and friends. Please call the parish office if you did not receive or would like additional tickets.

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.

Share Food CO-OP January Food Packages Orders may be placed after all Masses on January 5-6, or by emailing Anne Powell at gpowell6@aol.com by noon on Friday, January 4. Order Pickup is Saturday, January 19 from 8:00 to 9:00 AM in Bates Hall. If you're not interested in a package for yourself, feel free to purchase one and we will donate to a needy family. Value Pack (\$22) Order as many as you'd like! - Chicken Thighs, more than 3 lbs., Freshly Frozen Ground Beef (1 lb.), Thick-Cut Ham Steak (1 ¼ lb.), Wisconsin Cheddar Cheese (1 lb.), One Dozen Eggs, and 1 lb. of elbow macaroni. Plus 8-10 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables! Chicken Wings (\$25) – Golden brown, seasoned, just heat & serve. (2 - 5lb. bags). Breaded Shrimp (\$24) – A 4-pound box (ovenable). Steak Box (\$21) – Six 8oz. steaks. Personal Pizza (\$19) – A box of twenty 5" Pepperoni Pizzas. Call Anne Powell at (301) 464-5448 for details or more information.

RAFFLE

Congratulations! This weekend's raffle winner is Ms. Carolyn Clemens!

The flowers on the altar were donated in memory of or for the intentions of the following:

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 Mary Elizabeth Thomas
 Tom & Bernie Trodden
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24, 2018

4:00 PM – Christmas Vigil Mass for families with young children (Folk Mass with Children’s Choir)
 10:00 PM — Choral prelude with piano and harp
 10:30 PM – Christmas Vigil Mass with Traditional Choir

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

8:30 AM – Christmas Day Mass
 10:00 AM – Christmas Day Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 31, 2018 – 7:30 PM (Vigil Mass)
 Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – 9:00 AM

Please Note: The parish office will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25. It will reopen on Wednesday, December 26.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Sunday TV Mass Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshiping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30 AM on WDCW-50. No cable; Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Ch. 50; Comcast: Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland; RCN: Ch 15; Verizon: Ch. 3. .

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