

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

Monday to Saturday - 9:00 AM

No daily Mass on Thursdays

Rosary: before daily Masses at 8:30 AM

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:

After Monday 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

12/30/2018	NO REL. ED. CLASSES		
12/31/2018	HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS	CHURCH	7:30 PM
1/1/2019	HOLY DAY MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
1/3/2019	ROSARY CLUB	ST. MICHAEL'S CLASSROOM	3:30—5:00 PM
1/5/2019	EPIPHANY PLAY	CHURCH	5:00 PM
1/6/2019	RELIGIOUS ED. MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
1/6/2019	RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES	CLASSROOMS	11:00—11:45 AM

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, Shirley Mackessy, and Fr. Henry Januszewicz.

Mass Intentions for the Week

DECEMBER 31—JANUARY 6

Monday	9:00 AM	Laura Feola
	7:30 PM	+Michael Mangum
Tuesday	10:00 AM	+Sarah and John Rogash
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Phyllis Zwirko
No Mass on Thursday, January 3		
Friday	9:00 AM	+Carla Middleton
Saturday	9:00 AM	Thank you for answering my intercessions to St. Jude—Nan Parson
	4:00 PM	+Wanda Larson
Sunday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Richard Lee
	12:00 Noon	Sodality

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 at 7:00 PM starting in January. The first class will be Monday, January 7th. All parishioners are invited to join us as we gather together to glorify God and immerse ourselves in His Word.

New Mass Times at Ascension: Starting December 31, daily Mass will once again be celebrated on Mondays at Ascension at 9:00 AM. Starting January 3, there will be no daily Mass celebrated on Thursdays. Thank you for your patience as we adjust to our new schedule. Several neighboring parishes offer morning Mass on Thursdays: 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.

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 as soon as possible. The first winner will be announced in the bulletin distributed on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Warm Nights at Ascension: January 13-20, 2019 Please mark your calendars and consider volunteering as Ascension helps those in need the week of January 13-20, 2019. To sign up please use Sign Up Genius Website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4CA8AC23A6FA7-ascension> OR see Ascension's website for a link: www.ascensionbowie.com. If you are not able to use the online sign-up sheet, please complete the form on the included flyer in the collection basket. Warm Nights is an inter-denominational program in Prince Georges County where 25-30 homeless individuals and families from Prince Georges County are provided a hot dinner, a warm safe bed, a nutritious breakfast and a bag lunch. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to answer our Lord's call to feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless. See the flyer included in today's bulletin for several ways in which one can help. For more information please contact Jeana Barber at jeanaforchurch@gmail.com or Anne Powell at Gpowell6@aol.com.

RAFFLE Congratulations! This weekend's raffle winner is Terry O'Brien!

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

(Additional names)

Ralph and Amelia Aquilina

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: Tuesday, January is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Mass times are as follows: 7:30 PM on Monday, December 31 (Vigil Mass), and Tuesday, January 1 at 10:00 AM. On Monday, there will also be the regular daily 9:00 AM Mass in the morning, in addition to the aforementioned Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM. The parish office will be closed for the New Year's holiday on Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 2.



Calling all children of the parish: "My Gift for the Savior" Epiphany Play at Ascension

This year, the Ascension Home-school Co-op will be hosting an Epiphany Play for all the children of the parish. All children 4 years and older are invited to participate as actors or narrators (older children).

Teens are welcome to help behind the scenes with costuming, stage directing, and props! Virtus-trained adults are also welcome to assist! The play will take place Saturday, January 5, 2019 after the 4:00 PM Mass in the church. Practices will be held Tuesday, January 2 at 4:00 PM in Bates Hall and Friday, January 4 at 4:00 PM in the church. Due to our limited time frame, attendance at the practices is mandatory! If you would like to sign up your child or would like to help out, please email Maria Centeno at ascensionscheduler@gmail.com. Please join us!

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.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Mass for Healing The archdiocesan Association of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities (AEMNC) invites you to pray with and for the Church at a special Mass for Healing. It will be held on Saturday, January 5 at 5:30 PM (the Vigil of the Epiphany) at Annunciation Church in Washington, DC (3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW). A reception afterward will provide the opportunity to meet and get to know the several movements that operate in the archdiocese. For more information, please email Ray Glennon at ray.glennon@1972.usna.com.

For Single Catholics: 21st Annual Epiphany Party at St. Raphael Church, 1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, MD 20854 on Saturday, January 12 starting at 7:00 PM. Includes delicious Greek dinner, salsa dance lessons, complementary wine and beer, DJ and more. Send \$21 donation by January 3 to SCS Epiphany Party, St. Raphael, 1590 Kimblewick Road, Rockville, MD 20854, or by credit card at <https://slsociety.org/epiphany-payment>, (\$25 cash or check at the door). For more information, call (240) 426-5589.

Opening and Closing Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception welcomes the faithful to the National Prayer Vigil for Life. On Thursday, January 17 at 5:30 PM, the Opening Mass will be held in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Chairman-Elect of the U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities. Also in the Great Upper Church, the Closing Mass will be held on Friday, January 18 at 7:30 AM, with principal celebrant and homilist Bishop Barry C. Knestout of Richmond. Events are open to the public, and no tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica offers free parking and is conveniently located within walking distance of the Brookland-CUA Station of Metro's Red Line. For more information, please call the Basilica at (202) 526-8300.

Help Our Marriage Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 1-3, 2019, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org.

Catholic School Open Houses Are you interested in finding the right Catholic school for you? Catholic schools instill a life-long love of learning in a safe and faith-filled environment. Take the first step by visiting an open house near you. Learn more at adwecatholicsschools.org.

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