

# Ascension Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday through Wednesday  
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Office closed 12:30 – 1:00 PM daily

## 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](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*

1/6/2019	RELIGIOUS ED. MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
1/6/2019	RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES	CLASSROOMS	11:00—11:45 AM
1/7/2019	SODALITY MTG	ST. MARY CLASSROOM	1:00 PM
1/7/2019	NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
1/8/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
1/8/2019	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
1/8/2019	SHARE & CARE MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	7:00 PM
1/9/2019	YOUTH GROUP MTG	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
1/10/2019	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG	BATES HALL	7:30 PM
1/12/2019	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	5:00 PM
1/13/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
1/13—1/20/2019	WARM NIGHTS	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
1/13/2019	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, 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 Janusczewicz.

**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](http://www.masstimes.org). We continue to pray for an increase in vocations and the availability of another priest for our parish.

**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](http://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](mailto:jeanaforchurch@gmail.com) or Anne Powell at [Gpowell16@aol.com](mailto:Gpowell16@aol.com).

**Christmas Flowers Correction:** In the list of those whose names were included in all the Christmas Masses as part of our Christmas Flowers Memorial, Ruth Nickson's name was misspelled as Rick Nickson. We apologize for the mistake.



**Congratulations!** This weekend's raffle winner is Mary Rapczynski!



*Mass Intentions for the Week***JANUARY 7—JANUARY 13**

Monday	9:00 AM	+Scott Uslin
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+Stephan Butler
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Marjorie Antunes
Friday	9:00 AM	+Michael Mangum
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Msgr. James McDonald
	4:00 PM	+Kenrick Phelps and +Elaine Vespy
Sunday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John #109
	12:00 Noon	+Phyllis Zwirko

**St. Pius Regional School Open House—Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM** Saint Pius X Regional School, a 2016 national Blue Ribbon school, will host an Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Families are invited to tour the campus, and meet faculty, administration, students and parents. Prospective families will also learn more about the academic program and extracurricular activities. Please visit [stpiusbowie.org](http://stpiusbowie.org) for more information about our school.

**Readings for the Week of January 6, 2019**

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**Men's Discernment Retreat** St. John Paul II Seminary invites men in their 20's – 40's who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held the weekend of February 1 – 3, 2019 at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. The weekend will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God's call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the seminary and priesthood. Registration is now open at [www.DCPriest.org](http://www.DCPriest.org). For more information, contact the Office of Priest Vocations (202) 636-9020 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

**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.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration** All are invited to the annual archdiocesan Celebration of the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 19 at 4:30 PM at St. Luke Catholic Church in Washington, DC (4925 East Capitol St.). This celebration of Dr. King's life provides a special occasion of renewed inspiration for courageous conversations that help us build respect and solidarity within our communities, bearing witness to God's boundless love for all the human family. For more information, contact the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at (301) 853 -5335 or [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org).

**The Art of Prayer** Taking place on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE), The Art of Prayer includes a presentation on interior prayer, time for silent meditation, and a sung Sunday Vespers service. For more information, visit [jp2shrine.org](http://jp2shrine.org) or email [pastoral\\_programs@jp2shrine.org](mailto:pastoral_programs@jp2shrine.org).

**Behold! Adoration and Confession** Behold the face of God every Thursday evening from 7-8pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE). During this time, there is Adoration with prayerful music, silence, and Confession. For more information, email [pastoral\\_programs@jp2shrine.org](mailto:pastoral_programs@jp2shrine.org).

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