

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, 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

1/20/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
1/20/2019	FIRST PENANCE/FIRST COMMUNION MTG	BATES HALL	10:00 AM
1/21/2019	NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
1/22/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
1/22/2019	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
1/23/2019	YOUTH GROUP MTG	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
1/25/2019	ALTAR SERVER TRAINING	CHURCH	6:00 PM
1/26/2019	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	5:00 PM
1/27/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
1/27/2019	CONFIRMATION MTG	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	10:00 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, and Shirley Mackessy.



PARISH NEWS

New Sunday Mass Time: As of January 27, 2019, the 8:30 AM Mass at Ascension will be moved to 8:00 AM going forward.

Senior Club Luncheon and Meeting: The next Senior Club Luncheon/Meeting will be held at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at First Watch restaurant at the Bowie Town Center, 15471 Excelsior Drive, Bowie, MD 20716. All seniors of the parish are invited.

Religious Education Sacramental Prep Meetings Update: Due to the inclement weather that occurred last weekend, the sacramental prep meetings have been moved ahead a week, as follows: the First Penance/First Communion meeting is now Sunday, January 20 at 10:00 AM, and the Confirmation meeting is now Sunday, January 27 at 10:00 AM. Students who are preparing for these Sacraments and their parents are expected to attend. See Greg Rozanski for more information.

Altar Server Training: All kids fourth grade and up are invited to become altar servers. Please contact Greg Rozanski to sign up. Training begins Friday, January 25 at 6:00 PM in the Church.

Fr. Goode's new address: For those who would like to visit or write to Fr. Goode, his new address is: Marian Assisted Living, 19109 Georgia Avenue, Brookville, MD 20833.

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 for more information about our school.

Mass Intentions for the Week

JANUARY 21—JANUARY 28

Monday	9:00 AM	Deborah Mangini
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Deborah Mangini
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Deborah Mangini
Friday	9:00 AM	Genevieve Gaia
Saturday	9:00 AM	Fr. Henry Januskiewicz
	4:00 PM	Roy Pierson
Sunday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Kirsten Ziess
	12:00 Noon	Fr. Joseph Kleinstuber

RAFFLE

Congratulations! This weekend's raffle winner is Ms. Yvette A Ross!

Giving Tree Thank You! This year we were able to help a total of 38 children and 13 adults. These extremely grateful recipients ranged in age from newborn to 80+ years old. Thirteen of the children received desperately needed new uniform shirts, sweat shirts and pants for school. This was only possible because of the generous and heartfelt donations from our parishioners and community supporters. These gifts are one manifestation of the love our parish has for those who are in need. Thank you to those who helped ensure that all our Giving Tree recipients received unique and personal gifts, some of which may have been their only gifts. But because of your generosity, they could experience the joy of opening a present that was selected just for them. A "special thanks" to Sue Buckley and Jodi Steinbauer for coordinating The Giving Tree, as well as Doodletoonz, CK Contracting, and TJ Elliott's. As a community, let us continue to pray for those that received these Giving Tree gifts. May they be an expression of our love and prayers for all who received them, and may this act of charity serve to remind us that Christ our King came into this world as a poor and lowly infant.

*Reflection for the
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves alone. They exist to help us love one another as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us. The string of green lights when you're running late. The sale on the replacement appliance you need. The friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now." The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?

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AROUND THE ARCHDIO-

World Youth Day in DC Join thousands of college students and young adults (ages 18-39) on Saturday, January 26 for a one-day Catholic festival at The Catholic University of America. Experience World Youth Day in Panama, including world-renowned speakers, live music, simultaneous streaming of Pope Francis in Panama, and authentic Panamanian culture! For more information and to register, visit www.wyddc.org #wydDC

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 tens of thousands 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, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email 3015@retrovaille.org.

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. For more information, contact the Office of Priest Vocations (202) 636-9020 or vocations@adw.org.

Readings for the Week of January 20, 2019	
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/ Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/ Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/ Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Saturday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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