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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 – 8:00 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

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office.

CARE OF THE SICK, SHUT-INS, ELDERLY

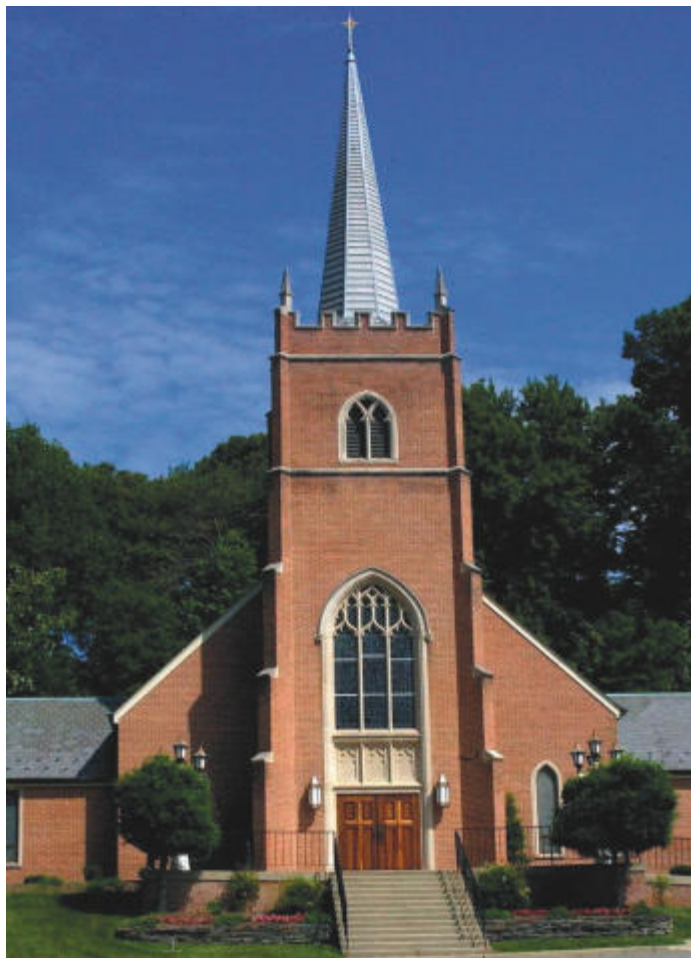
The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

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 Fr. Larry Young for more information.

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

2/3/2019	AHG BAKE SALE	DONUT ROOM	AFTER ALL MASSES
2/3/2019	REL. ED. MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
2/3/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	11:00—11:45 AM
2/4/2019	SODALITY MEETING	ST. MARY CLASSROOM	1:00 PM
2/4/2019	AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEETING	CLASSROOMS	4:00—5:30 PM
2/4/2019	NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
2/5/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
2/5/2019	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
2/6/2019	YOUTH GROUP MTG	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
2/7/2019	ASCENSION HOME-SCHOOL CO-OP	CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:30 AM
2/9/2019	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	5:00 PM
2/10/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
2/10/2019	FOOD DRIVE	CHURCH	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, Briar Smith, Cheryl Hoyt and Harry Givens.

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, Janet Doty and Eleanor Pearson.

RAFFLE

Congratulations! This weekend's raffle winner is Brenda McKinney!

PARISH NEWS

The following letter was recently sent to the Ascension parish community from Ellen Januszkiewicz:

Our family would like to extend our deepest and sincerest appreciation to Bishop Michael Fisher, Father Larry, Deacon Joseph Salser, altar servers, music director and cantor, sacristan, Knights of Columbus and Knights of St. Johns, all concelebrating Priests, and all parishioners and friends of Ascension Catholic Church for the love, support and compassion expressed to us before, during and after the funeral services for Fr. Henry Januszkiewicz. It was very evident how much Fr. Henry was loved, and it was very comforting for our family to hear how much of an impact he had on your faith as many of you shared so many wonderful stories and beautiful memories of how he touched your life individually.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the friends and parishioners, especially Pam and Laverne Johnson, for organizing at last minute notice the repast afterwards, and all those who worked tirelessly in the kitchen to provide the wonderful and delicious delicacies, especially for the love and thoughtfulness of making sure some Polish foods were included on the menu! Fr. Henry always relied on and trusted in his dedicated and loyal parishioners to always come through when he needed them most when he was Pastor at Ascension, and you came through for him again as always! I'm sure he is smiling down on all of you with love from Heaven! May he remain in your memories and may his strong faith and teachings continue to live on in you and your families always.

Sincerely,

Ellen Januszkiewicz (always known as 'Fr. Henry's niece').

Share Food CO-OP February Food Packages Orders may be placed after all Masses on February 2 and 3, or by emailing Anne Powell at gpowell6@aol.com by 12:00 Noon on Friday, February 1. Order Pickup is Saturday, February 16 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) - Split Chicken Breasts (3.8 lbs.), Ground Turkey (1 lb.), Tilapia Filet (1 lb.), Beef, Turkey and Pork Meatballs (1 lb.), plus pasta, tomato sauce and 8-10 pounds of the freshest fruits and vegetables we can find for you and your family. Double Protein Box (\$15) - Add this to your order and double the proteins in this month's Value Pack, a total of almost 7 pounds of meats and fish. Seafood Medley (\$25) - Wild-caught Salmon and Tuna Filets. 8-10 Tuna portions and 4-6 Salmon portions. Flank Steak Box (\$28) - sixteen 5 oz. steaks. (5 lbs. total weight). Pork Chop Box (\$23) - fifteen 6 oz. Steaks. (5.6 lbs. total weight). Call Anne Powell at (301) 464-5448 for details.

*Mass Intentions for the Week***FEBRUARY 4—FEBRUARY 10**

Monday	9:00 AM	+Kirsten Zeiss
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+Clete Mehringer
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Kirsten Zeiss
Friday	9:00 AM	+Carolyn McCart
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Kirsten Zeiss
	4:00 PM	+Elizabeth Peters
Sunday	8:30 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	KSJ Ladies' Auxiliary #109
	12:00 Noon	+Clete Mehringer

Parish Food Drive Next Weekend: Next weekend at all the Masses, the St. Vincent De Paul Society of Ascension will be hosting a food drive to benefit those in need in our local community. All who would like to participate are asked to drop a non-perishable or canned good item(s) in the designated chest in the vestibule on your way into Mass next weekend. Thank you for your generosity to those in need! The food drive is held monthly at Ascension on the second weekend of the month.

Weekend Piano Lessons are offered by Kevin Schellhase, Director of Sacred Music at Ascension. Kevin is a studio piano instructor with 15 years of experience. Space is limited, call or text 240-427-8669 to inquire.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Are you interested in Catholic education for the 2019-2020 school year? Get the financial assistance you need to make that possible by completing an Archdiocese of Washington tuition assistance application by searching "ADW Tuition Assistance" or visiting our website for the direct link (www.stjosrcs.org) or the following website at <https://adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance/archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-program/>. The deadline to apply is February 4. Please be sure to upload all appropriate documentation to qualify.

National Day of Prayer for the African-American and African Family Sunday, February 3 will mark the 30th year of National Day of Prayer for the African-American and African Family, founded in 1989 by Fr. Jim Goode, OFM. A resource aid for this occasion, which contains a prayer composed by Fr. Goode, suggested activities to celebrate the day, and a catechetical reflection is available at Solid Ground Ministry (solidgroundministry.com).

The Pregnancy Clinic Ministry will offer a Volunteer Training Course beginning Wednesday, February 6 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Faith Community Church, 1306 Riedel Road in Gambrills. This ministry empowers women to make positive, life-affirming choices which changes their lives and saves the lives of their preborn babies. To register, visit our website at www.helphopeandhealing.org or call Angela Murray at (410) 431-5000.

Reflection for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

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Readings for the Week of February 3, 2019

Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 27b]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/ Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/ 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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