

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 – 8:00 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

2/17/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
2/18/2019	AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEETING	CLASSROOMS	4:00—5:30 PM
2/18/2019	NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
2/19/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
2/19/2019	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
2/20/2019	YOUTH GROUP MTG	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
2/22/2019	ASCENSION HOME-SCHOOL CO-OP	CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:30 AM
2/23/2019	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	5:00 PM
2/24/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—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, Cheryl Hoyt Harry Givens and Monica Brady.

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 Gerald Richard!

Save the Date— Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers: Ascension is hosting a day of reflection for all liturgical ministers on Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please contact Greg Rozanski at the parish office for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Mass Intentions for the Week

FEBRUARY 18—FEBRUARY 24

Monday	9:00 AM	Ed Wineke
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Bob and Norma Raffaele
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Alice Newton
Friday	9:00 AM	+Alice Newton
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Alice Newton
	4:00 PM	+Tina Petruccelli
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Alice Newton
	12:00 Noon	Harry and Rosemarie Givens

February Mass Intentions Available! Have you ever considered having a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased? There are several upcoming weekday Masses available if you would like to reserve a spot, just call the parish office during office hours for more information.

Attention Bargain Shoppers! Share & Care of Ascension collects year round for the S.O.M.E Shoebox project held each year in the Christmas season. Consider looking for deals on warm hats, gloves, and scarves now to donate toward this project to help those in need in our community!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Attend a Silent Retreat and improve your relationship with Christ! Sign up now and plan a weekend get-away with Him. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers silent weekend retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola throughout the year. Here are some upcoming weekends: Spiritual Exercises for Women: March 28-31, 2019 / 4-day retreat/ \$330.00 per person; April 12-14, 2019 / 3-day retreat/ \$250 per person. Spiritual Exercises for Men: March 15-17 / 3-day retreat during Lent/ \$250.00; April 4-7 / 4-day retreat during Lent/ \$330.00.

Unplug on a Personal Retreat Day at Our Lady of Bethesda: March 22 & May 24. Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells us to "Come away with me," ... to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. In the short, focused, weekday hours from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, an experienced retreat master will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. With time for one-on-one spiritual direction, quiet reflection, Mass, Confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and hot lunch, you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. \$120 per person. Registration required. www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Join us at the Maryland March for Life! Be a voice for the vulnerable. The March will be held on Monday, March 4, 2019. The day's activities will include a youth rally at 4:30 PM, prayer services at 5:15 PM, and the March and Main Rally at 6:15 PM. The rally will feature Ryan Bomberger, Jonny Brenns and Kelly Stauffer. Activities begin at St. Mary's 109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis, Maryland 21401. For more information, visit www.mdsmarchforlife.com.

Upcoming AOH Meeting The Ancient Order of Hibernians Charles Carroll Division #2, Bowie, will meet Monday, February 18, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church in the Hogan Center on the hill. All members are requested to attend. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining this fine Irish Catholic Fraternal organization, please contact our Division Organizer, Bob April, at (301) 526-8451 for more information. The Ancient Order of Hibernians is America's oldest Irish Catholic Fraternal Organization founded concurrently in the coal-mining region of Pennsylvania and New York City in May, 1836. The Order can trace its roots back to a series of similar societies that existed in Ireland for more than 300 years. We invite all Catholics of Irish birth or descent to seek admittance to the FINEST Irish Catholic Organization in the World — all we would ask is for you to live our motto of: "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity". We include many Cardinals, Bishops and clergy in our membership and support the sanctity of Life, religious vocations and local parishes as well as promote Irish culture, history and a fair immigration policy. Additional information about our organization can be found at: www.aoh.com.

Register Now for 2019 Baseball and Softball! Open to parishioners of Ascension Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, St. Pius X Church and St. Pius X Regional School Students. To register, visit www.stpiusbowiecyo.com and click Sports Pilot to register. Join a team and practice in one of the area's premier batting cages. Hurry! Registration closes Sunday, February 24, 2019. Baseball fees are \$90 per player, softball fees are \$115 per player. For questions, please contact Alex Cabellon, baseball commissioner, or Suzie and Kerry Sweeney, softball commissioners, at softball@stpiusbowiecyo.com. CYO (Catholic Youth Organization): We are run by volunteers. Please consider coaching or assistant coaching a team. This season, we are offering a 50% registration discount to head baseball and softball coaches! Please contact the Commissioners if you have questions regarding registration or are interested in coaching a team.

2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass: The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of the church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned into the parish office by Friday, April 26.

Reflection for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich? who are filled now? who laugh? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor? you who are now hungry? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

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"Revelation: Assessing God's Will"—Sacred Heart Women's Lenten Retreat Join us at Sacred Heart in Bowie for a retreat on Saturday, March 9, 2019 for a Lenten retreat to be hosted by Fr. Jack Berard, parochial vicar at St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood, Maryland. The retreat will take place in Carroll Hall (below main church). A \$25 retreat fee includes continental breakfast and full lunch. Registration begins at 9:00 AM. We will attend Mass at 9:30 AM. Confessions will be available from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. To register, you may register by picking up a registration form at the rectory or in the rear of the church, or online at www.sacredheartbowie.org. For questions, contact Mary Regan at sacredheartbowie.womensretreat@gmail.com or (240) 245-6855.

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