

# 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

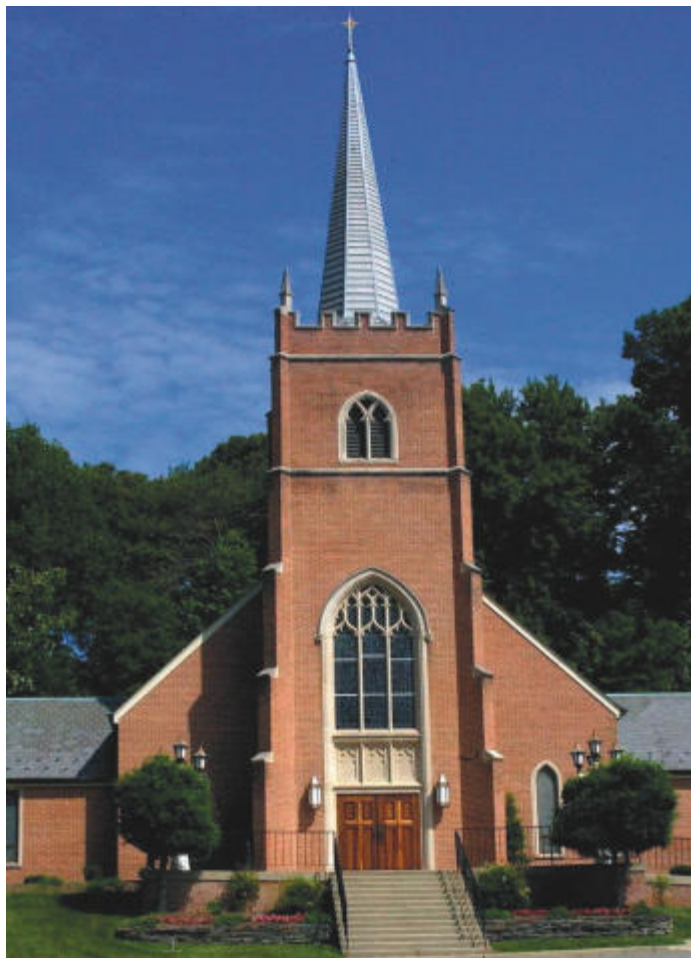
The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

## 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*

2/24/2019	PARISH BREAKFAST	BATES HALL	AFTER 8:00 & 10 AM MASSES
2/24/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
2/25/2019	NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
2/26/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
2/26/2019	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
2/27/2019	YOUTH GROUP MTG	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
2/28/2019	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG	BATES HALL	7:00 PM
3/1/2019	ASCENSION HOME-SCHOOL CO-OP	CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:30 AM
3/2/2019	SUNRISE SUMMA	RECTORY BASEMENT	6:30 AM
3/2/2019	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	5:00 PM
3/3/2019	REL. ED. MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
3/3/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. 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, Cheryl Hoyt Harry Givens, Monica Brady, Paul Moore and Paul Buckley.

*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, Eleanor Pearson and Bruce Landry.

**PARISH NEWS**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**FEBRUARY 25—MARCH 3**

Monday	9:00 AM	+Thelma Harris and Velma Mayfield
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+Tanner Kutchman
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Alice Newton
Friday	9:00 AM	+Tina Petrucci
Saturday	9:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
	4:00 PM	+Sr. Vincenzia Yogiaveetil
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Tina Petrucci
	12:00 Noon	Sodality

**Parish Breakfast Today!** Join us after the 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday, February 24, for a parish breakfast in Bates Hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus! Swing by for a delicious breakfast and parish fellowship. Donations are appreciated. Also, Earth Day this year is held on Monday, April 22, 2019. Once again this year, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Earth Day recycling collection. It begins now and will continue up until Earth Day on April 22nd. All parishioners are welcome to donate by dropping off gently-used items at Bates Hall on their way into breakfast. This is a great way to get started on your spring cleaning! You may also donate at the upcoming March breakfast, and possibly also the late April or early May breakfast (the date of that breakfast is still pending). Your donations will benefit Greendrop, an organization which supports Purple Heart and the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Thank you for your generosity!

**Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers on March 9:** 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 info.

**Share Food CO-OP March Food Packages** Orders may be placed after all Masses on March 2 and 3, or by emailing Anne Powell at [gpowell6@aol.com](mailto:gpowell6@aol.com) by noon on Friday, March 1. Order pickup is Saturday, March 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) Healthy, seasonal food. Buy as much as you'd like! Chicken Thighs (3 lbs.), Turkey Tenderloin (1 lb.), Pollack Filets (1 lb.), Cheddar Cheese (1 lb.), Pepper Strips (1 lb.), plus 6-9 pounds of the freshest fruits and vegetables we can find for you and your family. Pork Loin Box (\$28) – six 1.8 lb. pork tenderloins individually packaged. Almost 12 lbs. total. Fish Fry Box (\$31) – 10 lbs. of par-cooked haddock filets. Breakfast Sandwiches Box (\$12) – Sixteen 4.75 oz. sausage, egg, and cheese croissants. Pasta Meals Box (\$19) – Cheese ravioli (2-20 oz.), Cheese Manicotti (2-18 oz.), and Cheese-stuffed Shells (2-18 oz.). Call Anne Powell at (301) 464-5448 for details or more information.

**RAFFLE**

**Congratulations!** This weekend's raffle winner is Mrs. Alberta M Fricker!

**Easter Egg Hunt at Ascension!** On Sunday, April 21, 2019 at 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, the ministries of the parish will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 10 and under! It is open to children of the parish as well as our local community. Three different egg hunts will be held according to the following age groups: 3 and under, 4-7 years old, and 8-10 years old. The event will include music, games and lots of fun! Children who are participating should bring their own basket. This event is free, but donations of non-perishable canned food items and diapers to Share & Care will be accepted. These donations will benefit local families in need in our community. Sign up now so that we know how many eggs to prepare! A sign up sheet is set up in the back vestibule of the church.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**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](http://www.mdsmarchforlife.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](http://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 this 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](mailto: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 or are interested in coaching a team.

**“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 free 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](http://www.sacredheartbowie.org). For questions, contact Mary Regan at [sacredheartbowie.womensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartbowie.womensretreat@gmail.com) or (240) 245-6855.

## Reflection for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

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## Readings for the Week of February 24, 2019

Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday:	Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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