

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

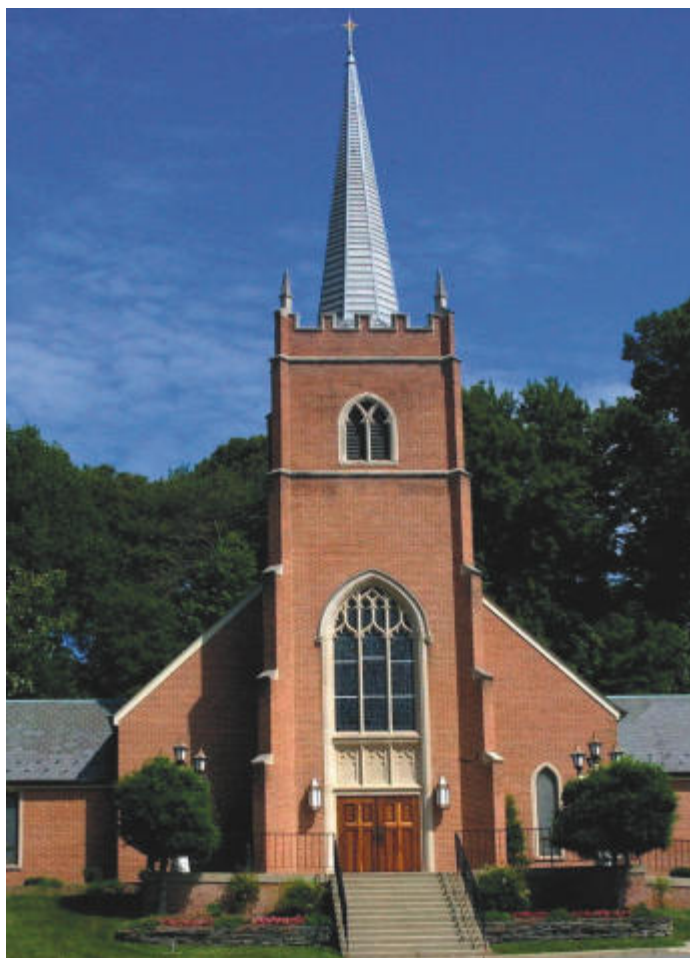
The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

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

3/3/2019	REL. ED. MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
3/3/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	11:00— 11:45 AM
3/4/2019	NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
3/5/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
3/5/2019	SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER	BATES HALL	5:00 — 7:00 PM
3/6/2019	ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES	CHURCH	9:00 AM, 7:30 PM
3/7/2019	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG	BATES HALL	7:00 PM
3/8/2019	ASCENSION HOME-SCHOOL CO-OP	CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:30 AM
3/8/2019	CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF CROSS	CHURCH	5:00 PM
3/8/2019	SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER	BATES HALL	5:15 PM— 7:00 PM
3/8/2019	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHURCH	7:00 PM
3/9/2019	DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS	CHURCH	9:00 AM— 1:00 PM
3/9/2019	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	5:00 PM
3/10/2019	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, 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

MARCH 4—MARCH 10

Monday	9:00 AM	+Tina Petruccelli
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+Bobbi Hill
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Bobbi Hill
	7:30 PM	+Allie Gaye Fanning
Friday	9:00 AM	+Florence Simasek
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Joan Kozak
	4:00 PM	+Allen Partington
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Ladies' Auxiliary Knights of St. John #109
	12:00 Noon	+Henry & Jeanette Jezierski

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Today is your last opportunity to sign up for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Delicious pancakes, bacon, beads, King Cake and even a "Pancake Flipping" Contest! \$5 each or \$20 for family of 4+. We also welcome help in the kitchen, serving, and cleanup. To RSVP and to volunteer your services, please see the signup sheets in the vestibule. We are also requesting donations for the Bowie Food Pantry. Greatest food item needs include canned soup, canned fruit, applesauce. Financial contributions may be designated for food or financial assistance; checks payable to the Bowie Food Pantry. Personal Care Items - travel size items as well as regular size shampoo, lotion, soap, deodorant. Please note that we cannot accept expired items.

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 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.

Lent Begins this Wednesday! Ash Wednesday Masses at Ascension will be this Wednesday, March 6 at 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the penitential season of 40 days which is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we unite ourselves to our suffering Savior and prepare for the joy of Easter. Read the following for the Church's rules on Lenten fasting and abstinence: Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are over 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid food between meals is not permitted. Liquids, however, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended. May your Lenten journey be filled with God's grace.

Lenten Soup & Salad Suppers and Stations of the Cross

Join your parish family for a delicious homemade meal every Friday during Lent, March 8 through April 12. Each Friday from 5:15 to 7:00 PM in Bates Hall, the meal will be prepared by one of the ministries of Ascension. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Stations of the Cross for adults and families will follow from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. For those with small children, we will also be offering a Stations of the Cross especially geared toward young children to be held in the church from 5:00 to 5:15 PM *before* the Lenten Suppers.

Vocations Tree this Lent: Ascension will again participate in the Vocations Tree project during Lent. On Ash Wednesday, please select a seminarian card from the tree in the vestibule and pray for him each day during Lent. This is a wonderful way to support our seminarians with prayer during the holy season.

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.

Ladies Auxiliary Assisted Living Collection: Last year, thanks to your generosity, the Ladies' Auxiliary #109 Knights of St. John International we were able to collect over 1400 comfort items furnished to residents at Arbor Terrace and Heartfields Senior Assisted Living Centers. We are asking you to open your hearts, minds and generosity once again as we collect for our special citizens at both homes. Due to your generosity last year, many of the items collected are still in supply. Requests for this year include: body wash (full-size bottles), deodorant, wash cloths, hand towels, socks with grips, gloves, hats, scarves, clip-on earrings, necklaces (their ladies like to dress to impress!), lap blankets (for keeping the chill away while watching TV or reading; size 36"x36" or 36"x48"), crossword puzzles, word search books, jigsaw puzzles. Items are needed by March 31, 2019! For more information, please contact Donna Dietrich at (301) 577-6748 or shortcake220@gmail.com, or Yvette Ross at (301) 860-0835.

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.mdmarchoforlife.com.

40 Days for Life College Park asks your participation to pray for God's favor to turn hearts and minds toward family life and away from abortion. Join us any hour between 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM on Ash Wednesday, March 6, on the public sidewalk at 5915 Greenbelt Rd., College Park. Here we will pray daily from March 6 to April 14. Invite your family and friends. Access our website for details and sign up for emails: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/college-park/>. For information, call Tom: (240) 593-6982.

"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.

RAFFLE

Congratulations! This weekend's raffle winner is Meredith Esguerra!

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