

# 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*

3/17/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
3/18/2019	AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEETING	CLASSROOMS	4:00—5:30 PM
3/18/2019	NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
3/19/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
3/19/2019	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
3/20/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
3/22/2019	ASCENSION HOME-SCHOOL CO-OP	BATES HALL AND CLASSROOMS	9:45 AM—11:30 AM
3/22/2019	CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF CROSS	CHURCH	5:00 PM
3/22/2019	SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER	BATES HALL	5:15 PM—7:00 PM
3/22/2019	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHURCH	7:00 PM
3/23/2019	CHOIR PRACTICE	CHURCH	5:00 PM
3/24/2019	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, Monica Brady, Paul Moore, Paul Buckley and Bill Deso.

*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 18—MARCH 25**

Monday	9:00 AM	+Fr. Seamus O'Kiely
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+Bill Hastings
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Joseph Dantone
Friday	9:00 AM	Rev. William Brailsford
Saturday	9:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
	4:00 PM	+Elizabeth Peters
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Rev. William Brailsford
	12:00 Noon	+Kathleen Neitzey

**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.

**Easter Egg Hunt at Ascension!**

On Saturday, April 20, 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.

**Vocations Tree this Lent:**

Ascension is again participating in the Vocations Tree project during Lent. If you have not already done so, 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.

**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 to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Friday, April 26.

**RAFFLE**

**Congratulations!** This weekend's raffle winner is Jimmy DiGregory!

**Lenten Food Drive 2019:** Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of March 30-31. Bags for your donations will be provided if you wish to use them. When you come to Mass that weekend, please leave your donation in the back vestibule. Our collection will be donated to those in need in our local community. Please be generous with your contribution. If you wish, you may make a contribution to “Catholic Charities” with a note that it is for the food drive. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

**Poverty Statistics in our Community:**

The term ‘Food-insecure households’ refers to any family which had difficulty at some time during the year providing enough food for all their members due to a lack of resources. Can you imagine what it is like not to know if you will have enough food for yourself and your family to eat- the stress and anxiety that goes along?

[www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/state-fact-sheets/frac.org/research/resource-library/household-food-insecurity-rates-rurality-state-2015-2017](http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/state-fact-sheets/frac.org/research/resource-library/household-food-insecurity-rates-rurality-state-2015-2017)

*Maryland:* 10.1% of the population is food-insecure  
*DC:* 11.4% of the population is food-insecure  
*The US as a whole:* 13% of the population is food insecure. 19.2% of households with children are food-insecure. In 2015, 16% of the total population in America lived in food-insecure households. A little over 300 million people live below the poverty line. 72 million children live in families that live below the poverty line

**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”), cross-word 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](mailto:shortcake220@gmail.com), or Yvette Ross at (301) 860-0835.

**Lenten Rice Bowls may once again be picked up at Ascension!** Join our faith community — and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. If you have not already done so, you may pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from the back vestibule of the church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!



*Easter Memorial Flowers*

Ascension Church invites all parishioners to consider a memorial flower contribution for Easter. A listing of names will be placed in the bulletin and all will be remembered in the Easter Masses. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below, cut it out, put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. An offering of twenty dollars (\$20.00) will assist in decorating the sanctuary and church for Easter.

**I wish to make a contribution to the Easter Memorial Flower Fund.**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In order for names to appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin, this form must be returned no later than APRIL 9, 2019.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**Rosary Rally at Sacred Heart:** Show your support for traditional marriage by reciting the Holy Rosary in front of Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, March 23 at 12:00 Noon. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Franklin at (240) 997-0152 or [gregbarb91@yahoo.com](mailto:gregbarb91@yahoo.com).

**The Way Retreat for Survivors of Abuse:** As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring retreats for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a men’s retreat on April 5-7, 2019, and a women’s retreat on April 12-14, 2019. These retreats are an occasion for survivors to reflect on God’s plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information and to register, go to <https://adw.org/the-way/retreat/> or call Deborah McDonald at (301) 853-4466.

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