

# *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*

3/24/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
3/25/2019	NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
3/26/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
3/26/2019	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
3/27/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
3/28/2019	SENIOR CLUB MEETING AND LUNCHEON	AMERICAN LEGION POST	11:30 AM
3/28/2019	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING	BATES HALL	7:00 PM
3/29/2019	ASCENSION HOME-SCHOOL CO-OP	BATES HALL AND CLASSROOMS	9:45 AM—11:30 AM
3/29/2019	CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF CROSS	CHURCH	5:00 PM
3/29/2019	SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER	BATES HALL	5:15 PM—7:00 PM
3/29/2019	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHURCH	7:00 PM
3/31/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
3/31/2019	LENTEN 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 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 25—MARCH 31**

Monday	9:00 AM	+Edward Wineke
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+Margarite Collins
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
Friday	9:00 AM	+John and Eleanor McCart and family
Saturday	9:00 AM	Rev. William Brailsford
	4:00 PM	+Steven Fenwick
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
	12:00 Noon	+Donald Tayman

**Attention Seniors!** The Ascension Seniors Club is having their monthly meeting and luncheon on Thursday, March 28 at 11:30 AM at the American Legion post in Greenbelt, Maryland. All seniors of the parish are invited. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please RSVP to Charlie Aquilina at (301) 464-1765.

**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.

**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 Lina Martin!

**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 next 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.

**Share Food CO-OP April Food Packages** Orders may be placed after all Masses on March 30 and 31, or by emailing Anne Powell at [gpowell6@aol.com](mailto:gpowell6@aol.com) by noon on Friday, March 29. Order pickup is Saturday, April 13 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! Whole Roasting Chicken (5.5 lbs. avg.), Ground Turkey (1 lb.), Mild Italian Sausage (1 lb.), plus 8-12 pounds of the freshest fruits and vegetables we can find for you and your family. Spiral Easter Ham (\$20) – Glazed, spiral cut, bone-in Ham (7-9 lbs. avg.). Burger Box (\$28) – 20, 8oz. All Beef Burgers. Chicken Wings (\$25) – 10 lb. box, heat and serve. Mega Meat Lovers Box (\$26) – Boneless, skinless Chicken Breasts (1.8 lbs.), Boneless Pork Chops (4), Flank Steak (2-10 oz. packs), and BBQ Turkey Breast (4.5 lbs.). Call Anne Powell at (301) 464-5448 for more information.

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

**Lenten Rice Bowls may 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. 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*

**Lenten Fish Fry at Sacred Heart in Bowie:** The Monsignor Thomas Wells Society will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry at Sacred Heart Church in Bowie on Friday, March 29, 5:00 to 8:30 PM. Proceeds will be directed to the Sacred Heart Youth Group and the Msgr. Wells Society, which for 18 years has financially and prayerfully supported seminarians. Please join us up on the hill for mouthwatering fish, fries and coleslaw. Questions? Please call Kevin Wells at (240) 381-3533 or Kari Flynn at (301) 448-8618.

**Married Couples Retreat at Sacred Heart Church** will be held on Saturday, April 6, from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM, beginning with 9:30 AM Mass in the Main Church. Father Greg Shaffer will direct this retreat. The theme is "Marriage: A Path to Holiness." Register at the parish website [www.sacredheartbowie.org](http://www.sacredheartbowie.org). The cost is \$45 per couple. Checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church can be mailed to, or dropped off at, the Sacred Heart parish office at 16501 Annapolis Road. Questions? Contact Michele Sim at [simplicity03@gmail.com](mailto:simplicity03@gmail.com) or 410-721-2915.

**Catholic Charities** is starting an immersive and experiential week-long service program designed to introduce students to the work we do at Catholic Charities. All rising high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply! Throughout the week, students will visit and serve at several Catholic Charities sites to learn about the range of services provided to our clients. The program will run from June 24-28 from 9-5 each day. Apply by March 31!



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