

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

3/31/2019	LENTEN FOOD DRIVE	CHURCH	ALL MASSES
3/31/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	9:45—11:45 AM
4/1/2019	SODALITY MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	1:00 PM
4/1/2019	AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEETING	CLASSROOMS	4:00—5:30 PM
4/1/2019	NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
4/2/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
4/2/2019	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
4/3/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
4/5/2019	ASCENSION HOME-SCHOOL CO-OP	BATES HALL AND CLASSROOMS	9:45 AM—11:30 AM
4/5/2019	CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF CROSS	CHURCH	5:00 PM
4/5/2019	SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER	BATES HALL	5:15 PM—7:00 PM
4/5/2019	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHURCH	7:00 PM
4/6/2019	SUNRISE SUMMA MEN'S GROUP	RECTORY BASEMENT	6:30—8:00 AM
4/7/2019	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

APRIL 1—APRIL 7

Monday	9:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
Friday	9:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Rosa Esperanza Cubillo
	4:00 PM	+Deanna Perucci
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
	12:00 Noon	Sodality

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.

Nationals Tickets Update: Thanks to all those who participated in bidding for the Nationals tickets to benefit our parish patio project! Thanks to your participation, we were able to raise \$860 for the project. Three unsold pairs of tickets remain: Friday, April 26 against San Diego at 7:05 PM (fireworks after game), Tuesday, April 30 against St. Louis at 7:05 PM, and Sunday, May 26 against Miami (kids 10 and under Max Scherzer Jersey). These three remaining pairs of tickets will be hidden in the Easter eggs during the Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 20 at Ascension. In each of the three egg hunts for the three different age groups (3 and under, 4-7 years old, and 8-10 years old), there will be one egg that will contain a slip of paper indicating the finder has won a pair of tickets to the Nationals' game. If you have not already done so, be sure to sign up your children ages 10 and under by writing their names and ages on the sign up sheet in the back vestibule of the church.

Share Food CO-OP April Food Packages Orders may be placed after all Masses this weekend. Order pickup is April 13 from 8:00 to 9:00 am in Bates Hall. For more information, including the different packages available this month, please see a volunteer after Mass or call Anne Powell at (301) 464-5448.

SAVE THE DATE!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ASCENSION:
AUGUST 12-16, 2019



Exciting News!! Once again this year, Ascension will be hosting Vacation Bible School for the children of Ascension and neighboring parishes. This year's theme will be "Discovery Mission: Catholic Vacation Bible School!" Open to children in grades K-5, this Vacation Bible School will be all about discovering vocations! Throughout the week, through fun crafts, games, prayer, skits and our special guests, we will learn more about God's call to the priesthood, religious life and marriage! Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more details and registration information. For now, be sure to keep the date reserved on your calendar!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In order for our Vacation Bible School to be a success, we need lots of volunteers to sign up! There are many different roles that can be filled. We will need a teacher and assistant for each of the rotating stations (Art, Games, Prayer, Role Play and Snacks). We will also need help with decorations and behind-the-scenes prep work, clean up, photography, infant/toddler care, and guides/assistants for each grade level. Childcare is available for young children of volunteers. Also, youth in grades 9-12 are welcome to sign up to help out, and can earn service hours for their assistance. Please consider volunteering your time, talents and efforts—VBS needs the help of lots of volunteers in order for it to be a great experience for our children! **If you are interested in helping out, please come to our first planning meeting on Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 PM.** To RSVP or to let us know you are interested in assisting even if you cannot make the meeting, please email us at ascensionscheduler@gmail.com or by calling (301) 262-2227.

Mini Lenten Mission at Ascension: While Fr. Larry is away with the Confirmation class on retreat during the weekend of April 6-7, visiting Dominican priests Fr. James Brent, O.P., and Father Ignatius Schweitzer, O.P., will come to celebrate and preach at all four weekend Masses at Ascension. They will also be hearing Confessions after all the Masses. Please come join us!

Mass Intentions Available! Have you ever thought of having a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased? There are Mass intentions available for the month of April and beyond. If you are interested, please call Sharon at the parish office at (301) 262-2227.

*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.

School Tuition Aid Program for Members of Regional Parishes — Important Information about Financial Aid *April 17 Deadline! The pastors of the four regional parishes of St. Pius X Regional School are pleased for the sixth year to open applications for tuition aid for the 2019-2020 school year. Application to the School Tuition Aid Program is open to all members of Ascension Parish, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Pius X Parish, and St. Edward the Confessor Parish who have children attending St. Pius X Regional School. Please note that you must have previously completed the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Application on TADS to apply for the School Tuition Aid Program. If you did not complete the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Application by the advertised deadline (December 1, 2018 for current families and February 4, 2019 for new families), you will not be eligible for this tuition assistance. To download the School Tuition Aid Program Application, you may go to the school website and download a copy. Hard copies are also available in the school office. Applications must be scanned and emailed to Therese Hungate at thungate@stpiusbowie.org by noon on Wednesday, April 17. If necessary you may submit a hard copy to the school office.

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. The theme is "Marriage: A Path to Holiness." Register at the parish website 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 or 410-721-2915.

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