

# 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*

4/7/2019	REL. ED. MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
4/7/2019	REL. ED. CLASSES	CLASSROOMS	11:00— 11:45 AM
4/8/2019	NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	ST. MICHAEL CLASSROOM	7:00 PM
4/8/2019	SODALITY MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	1:00 PM
4/9/2019	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
4/9/2019	SHARE & CARE MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	7:00 PM
4/10/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
4/11/2019	VBS PLANNING MEETING	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
4/11/2019	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG	BATES HALL	7:00 PM
4/12/2019	ASCENSION HOME-SCHOOL CO-OP	BATES HALL AND CLASSROOMS	9:45 AM— 11:30 AM
4/12/2019	CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF CROSS	CHURCH	5:00 PM
4/12/2019	SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER	BATES HALL	5:15 PM— 7:00 PM
4/12/2019	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHURCH	7:00 PM
4/13/2019	FOOD DRIVE	CHURCH	ALL MASSES
4/13/2019	NO REL. ED. CLASSES	PALM SUNDAY	
4/14/2019	KSJ LADIES AUXILIARY MTG	BATES HALL	11:00 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, Monica Brady, Paul Buckley, Bill Deso and Mary Corwin.

*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, Bruce Landry and Rev. William Brailsford.

**PARISH NEWS**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**APRIL 8—APRIL 14**

Monday	9:00 AM	+Bobby Dolan
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	+Jerry Krum
	4:00 PM	+Mildred G. Baldwin
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Ladies' Auxiliary Knights of St. John #109
	12:00 Noon	+Richard Stascavage

**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.

**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.

**Parish Food Drive Next Weekend:** Next weekend at all the Masses, the St. Vincent De Paul Society of Ascension will be hosting a food drive to benefit those in need in our local community. All who would like to participate are asked to drop a non-perishable or canned good item(s) in the designated chest in the vestibule on your way into Mass next weekend. Thank you for your generosity to those in need! The food drive is held monthly at Ascension on the second weekend of the month.

**April Sodality Meeting:** The Sodality meeting for this month was incorrectly listed in last week's bulletin as being held on April 1. The actual meeting date is Monday, April 8 at 1:00 PM (i.e., the Monday after the first Sunday) in the St. Mary room of the Religious Education center. We apologize for any confusion.

**RAFFLE**

**Congratulations!** Last weekend's raffle winner was Cherie Greenlee! This weekend, the raffle winner is Beatrice Bah Bihai!

**Palm Sunday Procession:** Each year, the Mass for Palm Sunday (which falls this year on April 14) begins with the blessing of palms and a solemn procession. This year at the 10:00 AM Mass, the solemn procession will begin outside the Church according to the rubrics, at Bates Hall . Please join us for this unique Mass. The procession at the other Masses will begin in the back of the church.

**Easter Children's Choir** - Your child(ren) in grades 1-12 are invited to sing with the Children's Choir at the 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass! Two Saturday afternoon rehearsals will be held on April 13 and April 20. Sign up now by emailing Kevin at [kevinschellhase.ascension@gmail.com](mailto:kevinschellhase.ascension@gmail.com).

**Divine Mercy Novena** Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter. The Divine Mercy Novena leading up to Mercy Sunday begins Good Friday. The prayers each day take about 10 minutes (They are in the red Divine Mercy pamphlets in the pews). The tentative schedule is below. We encourage parishioners to sign up to lead the novena prayers. Please sign up in the back of the church or by e-mailing: [ministry.ascension@gmail.com](mailto:ministry.ascension@gmail.com).

- Good Friday (4/19): after 3pm Stations of the Cross
- Holy Saturday (4/20): after the 10am food blessing
- Easter (4/21): after the noon Mass
- Monday (4/22): after the 9am Mass
- Tuesday (4/23): after the 9am Mass
- Wednesday (4/24): after the 9am Mass
- Thursday (4/25): 10 am in the Adoration Chapel
- Friday (4/26): after the 9am Mass
- Saturday (4/27): after the 9am Mass

**Holy Thursday 7 Church Pilgrimage** In the tradition of the 7 Church Devotion, we visit the "new" temporary home of the Blessed Sacrament in the altar of repose at seven different churches, spending a few minutes in silent prayer at each. It is symbolic of the ancient practice of visiting the seven basilicas of Rome as an act of penance; and also allows us time to reflect on Jesus's call to be with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Our pilgrimage will begin after the Holy Thursday Liturgy and end at approximately midnight. Parishioners who want to ride on the bus are asked to sign up by adding their name to the sheet in the back of the church, or by e-mailing us at [ministry.ascension@gmail.com](mailto:ministry.ascension@gmail.com). Parishioners may also follow the bus on the pilgrimage in their own cars.

**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, Sacred Heart, St. Pius X, and St. Edward's 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](mailto:thungate@stpiusbowie.org) by noon on Wednesday, April 17. If necessary you may submit a hard copy to the school office.

**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 Vocation 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. 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. Adults and youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to consider helping out. Our first planning meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 PM in the St. Michael classroom. 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](mailto:ascensionscheduler@gmail.com) or by calling (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.

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