

# *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*

4/13— 4/14/2019	FOOD DRIVE	CHURCH	ALL MASSES
4/14/2019	NO REL. ED. CLASSES	PALM SUNDAY	
4/15/2019	AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEETING	REL. ED. CLASSROOMS	4:00— 5:30 PM
4/16/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
4/16/2019	RCIA	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00 PM
4/17/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00— 8:30 PM
4/18— 4/22/2019	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		
4/18/2019	NO 9:00 AM MASS	CHAPEL CLOSED BEGINNING AT 12:00 MIDNIGHT	
4/18/2019	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	CHURCH	7:30 PM
4/18/2019	SEVEN CHURCH PILGRIMAGE	LEAVE FROM PARKING LOT AFTER 7:30 PM MASS	
4/19/2019	NO 9:00 AM MASS		
4/19/2019	CONFESSIONS	CHURCH	12:00 NOON— 3:00 PM
4/19/2019	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	CHURCH	3:00 PM
4/19— 4/27/2019	DIVINE MERCY NOVENA PRAYERS	SEE SCHEDULE IN BULLETIN BLURB	
4/19/2019	LORD'S PASSION	CHURCH	7:30 PM
4/20/2019	NO 9:00 AM MASS, NO CONFESSIONS, NO 4:00 PM MASS	CHAPEL REOPENS AFTER EASTER VIGIL MASS	
4/20/2019	BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD	CHURCH	10:00 AM
4/20/2019	EASTER EGG HUNT	BATES HALL LAWN	10:30 AM— 12:00 NOON
4/20/2019	EASTER VIGIL MASS	CHURCH	8:00 PM
4/21/2019	EASTER SUNDAY MASSES	REGULAR SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE	
4/21/2019	NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES	EASTER SUNDAY	

**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.

*PARISH NEWS*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**APRIL 15—APRIL 21**

Monday 9:00 AM +Betty DeMar  
 Tuesday 9:00 AM Private Intention of Priest  
 Wednesday 9:00 AM +Rev. William Brailsford  
 Thursday 7:30 PM +Alice Newton  
 Saturday 8:00 PM +Mildred G. Baldwin  
 Sunday 8:00 AM Parishioners  
 10:00 AM +Thomas J. Julien, Sr.  
 12:00 Noon +Fr. Paul Bryan, CSsR

**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 Office Closed:** In observance of the Easter holiday, the parish office will be closed from Holy Thursday, April 18 through Easter Monday, April 22.

**RAFFLE** Congratulations! This week's raffle winner is Mr. F.A. Kozak!

**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.

**Palm Sunday Procession:** This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday. Each year, the Mass for Palm Sunday begins with the blessing of palms and a solemn procession. At the 10:00 AM Mass this weekend, the solemn procession will begin outside the Church according to the rubrics, at Bates Hall. 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 emailing: [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

**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 benefit local families in need will be accepted. 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.

**Save the date: Vacation Bible School at Ascension August 12-16, 2019** 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. If you are an adult or in grades 6-12 and would like to volunteer to help out, your time and talents would be much appreciated! Please email [ascensionscheduler@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionscheduler@gmail.com) for more information.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass:** The Office for Family Life is hosting the Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years, on **Sunday, June 16** [please note the corrected date] at 2:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to your parish office by Friday, April 26. If you have any questions please contact Carla Ferrando-Bowling, Director Office for Family Life Phone at (301) 853-4546 or via email at [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org).

**Veneration of the Relics of Christ's Passion** The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites the faithful on Good Friday, April 19, to participate in the Exposition of the Relics of the Passion in the Crypt Church from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The relics will be displayed for veneration by the faithful throughout the day except for the hour between 12 Noon and 1:00 PM, at which time the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated. Following the Stations, the relics will be returned for veneration until 6:00 PM. The relics include a particle from the table of the Lord's Supper, stone particles from the Garden of Gethsemane, particles of the pillar of the scourging, the purple garment worn by Jesus, a spine from the crown of thorns, stones particles from Mount Calvary, a particle of the inscription tablet, shavings of the nails or spikes, particles of the sponge and reed, particle of the seamless linen garment worn by Jesus, the lance which pierced his side, the bindings and cloths used in the burial of Jesus, stones from the Holy Sepulchre, and a particle of the True Cross. Also displayed are relics of Mary, the Mother of Jesus; her sister, Mary, wife of Clopas; Mary of Magdala; the Twelve Apostles; and Saint Paul. This event is open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica offers ample free parking and is conveniently located within walking distance of the Brookland -CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information, please call the Basilica at (202) 526-8300.

**Catholic Cemetery Stations of the Cross on Good Friday** Have you ever walked the Way of the Cross at a Catholic cemetery? Come experience this moving encounter with Jesus and his Mother on the way to Calvary. This prayerful walk through the mystery of Christ's passion and death is a spiritual work of mercy for the souls at the cemetery who await their own fulfillment in his Resurrection from the dead. In addition to the Good Friday services here at the parish, you are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross at a Catholic cemetery of the Archdiocese at 12:00 Noon on Good Friday, April 19, 2019. For more information on Good Friday Stations, contact the Catholic cemetery manager at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, (301) 871-6500 or Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE., Washington, DC, (202) 399-3000; Resurrection Cemetery, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD, (301) 868-5141 or visit [ccaw.org](http://ccaw.org).

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