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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

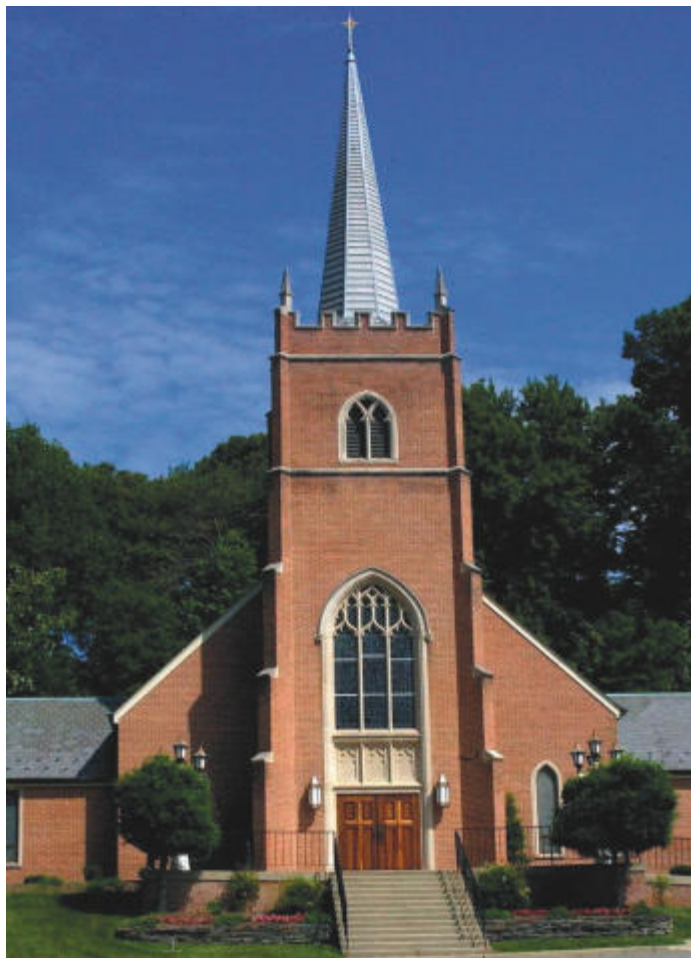
The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

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

5/5/2019	FIRST COMMUNION/ REL. ED. END OF YEAR MASS	CHURCH	10:00 AM
5/6/2019	SODALITY MTG	ST. MARY ROOM	1:00 PM
5/6/2019	AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MTG	CLASSROOMS	4:00— 5:30 PM
5/7/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
5/8/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00— 8:30 PM
5/9/2019	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG	BATES HALL	7:30— 9:00 PM
5/10/2019	ASCENSION HOME- SCHOOL CO-OP	CLASSROOMS; BATES HALL	9:45— 11:30 AM
5/12/2019	KSJ LADIES AUXILIA- RY MEETING	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, 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.

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 May and beyond. If you are interested, please call Sharon at the parish office at (301) 262-2227.



Congratulations! This week's raffle winner is Mr. Bernard Heilig, Jr.!

PARISH NEWS

Mass Intentions for the Week

MAY 6—MAY 12

Monday	9:00 AM	+John Farrell
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	Mary Rapczynski
	4:00 PM	+Carolyn McCart
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John #109
	12:00 Noon	Mother's Day Novena



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The Ascension American Heritage Girls Troop MD0340 is sponsoring a Diaper Drive! The troop is collecting donations of baby diapers, wipes and onesies to give to the Gabriel Network, which serves and houses local women in crisis pregnancies and their babies. All sizes/brands are welcome! Both small packs and large boxes are appreciated. At this current time, the Gabriel Network is especially in need of: a) size 6 diapers, and b) onesies sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo and 6-12 mo (gender-neutral colors). Please place donations in the portable crib in the vestibule anytime between May 4 to May 25. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Mother's Day Luncheon "Be Still and know that I am God," Psalm 46:10. Please join the Ascension Ladies' Auxiliary #109 Knights of Saint John International for our Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Bates Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Our keynote speaker will be Charlotte James speaking on "Be Still." There will also be a Creative Hat Fashion Show, door prizes and other activities! Enjoy a continental breakfast and lunch and fellowship with others. A donation of \$10.00 per person (paid at door) is requested to defray costs. Please respond by May 4, 2019. RSVP to: Barbara Lyles via phone at (301) 805-8492 or email at edwardina36@gmail.com.

Mother's Day Novena Cards Mother's Day this year is celebrated on Sunday, May 12. If you would like to offer a Spiritual Bouquet of Masses for your living mother or deceased mother, special Mother's Day cards are available in the back vestibule of the church. Please return the outside envelope with your offering by placing it in the collection basket or giving it to the usher at the end of Mass. You may also drop it off at the office by Tuesday, May 7. The inside card and envelope is for your own use and can be mailed to your mother. A novena of Masses will be offered beginning on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12.

Holy Hour for Vocations at Ascension on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Ascension will extend the usual first Saturday adoration on June 1 to host a Holy Hour for Vocations from 9:30-10:30 AM to pray and to be in solidarity with the Ordinandi as they prepare for Holy Orders. The Holy Hour is also a great encouragement to those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Ascension's summer seminarian is scheduled to speak at the Holy Hour.

Catholic Relief Services Collection next weekend! Funds from this second collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Men's Discernment Dinner A Men's Discernment Dinner will be held at Saint John Paul II Seminary on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington D.C. area. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at (202) 636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at www.DCpriest.org.

DC Padres First Game of 2019! All are invited to come out this Sunday, May 12 at the Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf, Maryland for a double header starting at 2:05 PM! After the first game between the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs and the New Britain Bees, the DC Padres will be playing the St. Mary's Ryken Knights! Tickets are \$4 each (with flyer) at the stadium; cost covers both Blue Crabs and DC Padres games. See www.dcpadres.com or DC Padres Facebook page for details. Visit sacredheartlaplata.org for more information. Mark your calendars and tell your friends. Let's fill the stadium in support of our priests and seminarians!

Attention Young Adults: Upcoming Universitas Formation Program Catholics are increasingly being challenged by the secularization of society, with its repercussions in almost every facet of life. It's not enough that our faith simply survive the challenge; we are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Do you want to be better formed and equipped to meet these challenges? Join the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word for their annual formation program called Universitas in the foothills of the NY Catskill Mountains. For more information, visit <https://www.vocesverbiusa.org/universitas.html>. The program is open to all young adults (college age and up).

Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'" Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."

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Readings for the Week of May 5, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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