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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

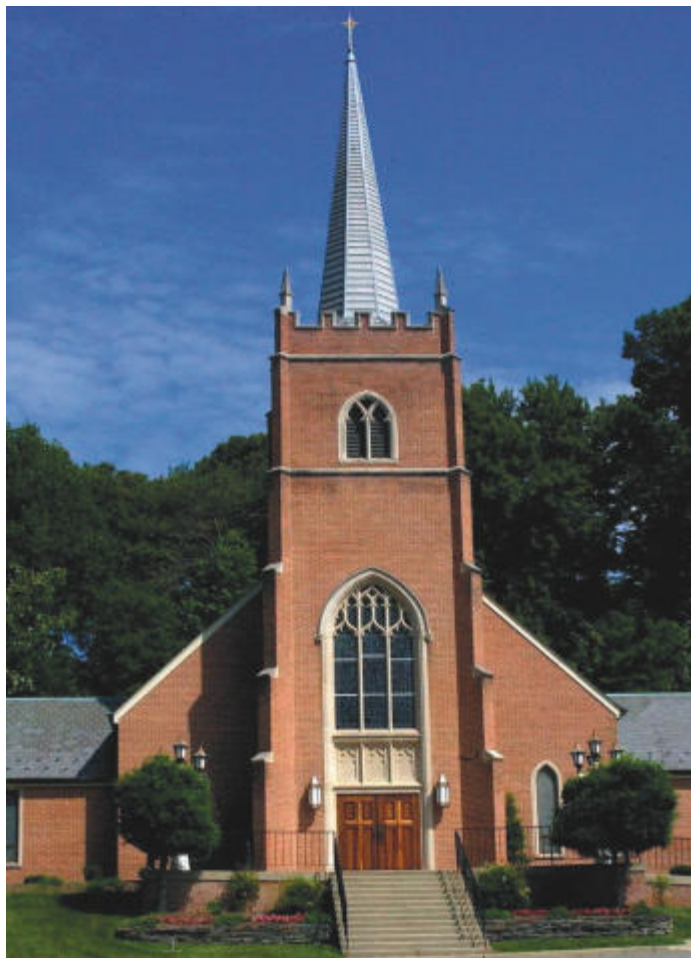
The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

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

5/12/2019	KSJ LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	BATES HALL	11:00 AM
5/14/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
5/14/2019	SHARE & CARE	ST. MARY ROOM	7:00 PM
5/15/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
5/17/2019	ASCENSION HOME-SCHOOL CO-OP	CLASSROOMS; BATES HALL	9:45—11:30 AM
5/17/2019	CONFIRMATION MASS	CHURCH	7:00 PM
5/18/2019	SUNRISE SUMMA MEN'S GROUP	RECTORY BASEMENT	6:30—8:00 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 for the Week

MAY 13—MAY 19

Monday	9:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
Friday	9:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
Saturday	9:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
	4:00 PM	+Ruffie Coco
Sunday	8:00 AM	Christopher Whelehan
	10:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
	12:00 Noon	Parishioners

PARISH NEWS



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS™
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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!

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.



Ladies Auxiliary Assisted Living Collection

Thanks to your kindness, we were able to collect almost 1000 comfort items to the residents at Arbor Terrace and Heartfields Senior Assisted Living Centers. These items included body wash, deodorant, wash cloths, hand towels, slipper socks and socks, puzzle books, jigsaws puzzles as well as beautiful lap blankets and jewelry, and much more. It was with privilege and joy that we presented these items on behalf of such a generous parish. In God and In Service, the Ladies' Auxiliary #109, Knights of St John International.

Vacation Bible School Update: Registration forms to sign up for Vacation Bible School are now available on the parish website! Vacation Bible School at Ascension will be held this year the week of August 12-16, 2019. The 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! For more information, see the Vacation Bible School tab on the parish website, or email ascensionscheduler@gmail.com with any questions. Volunteers are still needed! If you a teen looking for service hours or an adult who would like to get involved in this fun and impactful week for our kids, please email ascensionscheduler@gmail.com.



Congratulations! This week's raffle winner is Mr. Stephen W. Lawrence!

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.

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima The Archdiocese of Washington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to participate in a Mass and Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at the Basilica of the National Shrine on Monday, May 13 at 1:00 PM in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel. There will be blessings of articles after Mass. Msgr. Mariano Balbago will be celebrating.

Quo Vadis Camp- The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary on July 28-31, 2019. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or (202) 636-9020) with any questions.

Evenings with the Merciful Jesus On the 22nd of every month from 7:00-10:00 PM, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Please contact events@jp2shrine.org or visit jp2shrine.org for more information.

National Telephone Rosary A National Telephone Rosary in recognition of Fatima is held on the 13th of each month at 8:00 PM by the National Council of Catholic Women. Call (515) 739-1261 and insert code 703993#. Questions? Contact Province Director Cindy Perry at cindy.perry@hotmail.com.

Give the Gift of Service Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Easter

We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.

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Readings for the Week of May 12, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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