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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

5/20/2019	AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEETING	CLASSROOMS	4:00—5:30 PM
5/21/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
5/22/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
5/23/2019	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING	BATES HALL	7:30—9:00 PM
5/24/2019	ASCENSION HOME-SCHOOL CO-OP	CLASSROOMS; BATES HALL	9:45—11:30 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, 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 20—MAY 26

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	+Joan Kozak
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Fr. Henry Januszkievicz
	4:00 PM	+Cheryl Carvalho
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Christopher Whelehan
	12:00 Noon	+Clete Mehringer

Save the Date: Bake Sale on Sunday, June 9 to benefit Vacation Bible School at Ascension this summer! Stop by for delicious goodies outside of the church after all Masses on Sunday, June 9th! Volunteers will be selling a variety of baked goods to benefit our parish's Vacation Bible School this summer. Stop by to support a good cause and pick up some tasty treats!

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.

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 are 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.

Father's Day Novena Cards Father's Day this year is celebrated on Sunday, June 16. If you would like to offer a Spiritual Bouquet of Masses for your living father or deceased father, special Father'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, June 11. The inside card and envelope is for your own use and can be mailed to your father. A novena of Masses will be offered beginning on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16.



Congratulations! This week's raffle winner is George Garrett!

Please Note: As a note of clarification, the special collection for the Feast of the Ascension will be taken up on the weekend of June 1-2, which is the weekend we will be celebrating that feast day (the envelope company did not put the date on the Ascension envelope). Thank you for your generosity!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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.

Knights of Columbus Summer Camp Registration for the Knights of Columbus Summer Camp has begun! We are preparing for our nineteenth summer in College Park, MD. We offer swim lessons, arts and crafts, games, sports, and free swim at our extensive facility. The registration form can be downloaded at <http://kofccamp.wordpress.com>. Please direct any questions to Anne Irwin at (240)389-2267 (voice or text) or kofccamp@gmail.com.

Experience His Presence in the Silence! "The Spiritual Exercises" The Spiritual Exercises are an opportunity to retreat from the hectic, noisy world and experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. These retreats touch on so many important aspects of the spiritual life. The central principles are self-knowledge, discernment of God's will for your life, and the decision to follow Christ more closely. Upcoming Dates--For Men: August 16-18 (3 day) cost is \$250.00 per person; For Women: May 31-Jun 2 (3 Day) cost is \$250.00 per person; Jun 20-27 (week-long) cost is \$600 per person. Registration is required. Find more information and links to register on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Unplug on a Personal Retreat Day at Our Lady of Bethesda: May 24 Sometimes we need some alone time with God! Jesus tells us to "Come away with me," ... Come to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. An experienced retreat master will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. With time for one-on-one spiritual direction, quiet reflection, continental breakfast and lunch, you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. The retreat will be held on May 24, 2019 from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM, \$120.00 per person. Registration is required. Sign up on our website, www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God ? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

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Readings for the Week of May 19, 2019

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
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/ Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/ Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/ Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/ Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/ Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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