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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

5/27/2019	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	MEMORIAL DAY	
5/28/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
5/29/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00— 8:30 PM
6/1/2019	SUNRISE SUMMA	RECTORY BASEMENT	6:30— 8:00 AM
6/1/2019	HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS	CHURCH	9:30— 10:30 AM
6/2/2019	ASCENSION FEST	BATES HALL LAWN	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, 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, and Fedret Julian.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MAY 27—JUNE 2

Monday	9:00 AM	Megan and Greg Rozanski
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+Alethea Patten
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Rev. William Brailsford
Friday	9:00 AM	Bob Rapczynski
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Rosa Esperanza Cubillo
	4:00 PM	Adam Rozanski
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Terry Devaney
	12:00 Noon	Sodality

Altar Server Training - All kids who have completed the third grade are invited to become altar servers. There will be training on three Fridays- June 14, June 21, and June 28 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please contact Greg Rozanski to sign up or for more information.

PARISH NEWS

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.

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!

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. 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, 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.

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion On Monday, June 3 at 7:00 PM, there will be a training for all who would like to become Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and training for anyone interested in ministering to the homebound. Please contact Greg Rozanski at the parish office for more information.

RAFFLE **Congratulations!** This week's raffle winner is Laura Downey!

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.

Volunteer Opportunity at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Northeast Washington D.C. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel (Director of Visitor Services) via telephone at (202) 526-8300, ext.111, or via email (dsteel@bnsic.org). Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

Employment Opportunities at Catholic Cemeteries As part of the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic cemeteries and family counselors consider it a privileged ministry to assist families in a respectful, professional and ethical way. In his Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis writes of the beatitude of those who "*are unafraid to share in the suffering*" and "*know how to mourn with others.*" If you or someone you know in the parish is interested in the work of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, visit the employment opportunities section of the CCAW website. http://ccaw.org/about_employment.html.

Make a Difference for Christians in Syria The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or call 202-526-6800, x895.

Reflection for the 6th Sunday of Easter

Theology has two words to describe the space between God and us - transcendent and immanent. When we say God is transcendent, we speak of the One whose ways are not our ways, the placer of stars and maker of mountains. This is God who transcends our understanding, whose being goes beyond what we can know. When we say God is immanent, we mean His nearness to us. This is the way Jesus speaks of himself in today's Gospel. "Whoever loves me keeps my word...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

The Hebrews saw God as intimately involved with the fate of their people. But for all His care, God was still distant to most. He spoke through prophets and was represented in blazes of fire and pillars of cloud. Priests offered animal sacrifice to atone for the nation's sins. While we still know that God is transcendent - any morning's resplendent sunrise confirms this - Jesus introduces us to himself in a new way. Not only does Jesus walk among us, but the Holy Spirit dwells within us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit...will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you!"

How do you tend to view God? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God might fill our perception. Today's Gospel reminds us of something altogether different, something more intimate. Our God remains with us. He overcomes the confusion of the world and speaks peace to our troubled hearts. Our God is not far from us. The more we remain connected to Him and love as He loved, the more we will experience His nearness. We can have confidence in His presence and rest in His encouragement: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

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Readings for the Week of May 26, 2019

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
[7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,
14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/
Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn
16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
[6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

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