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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

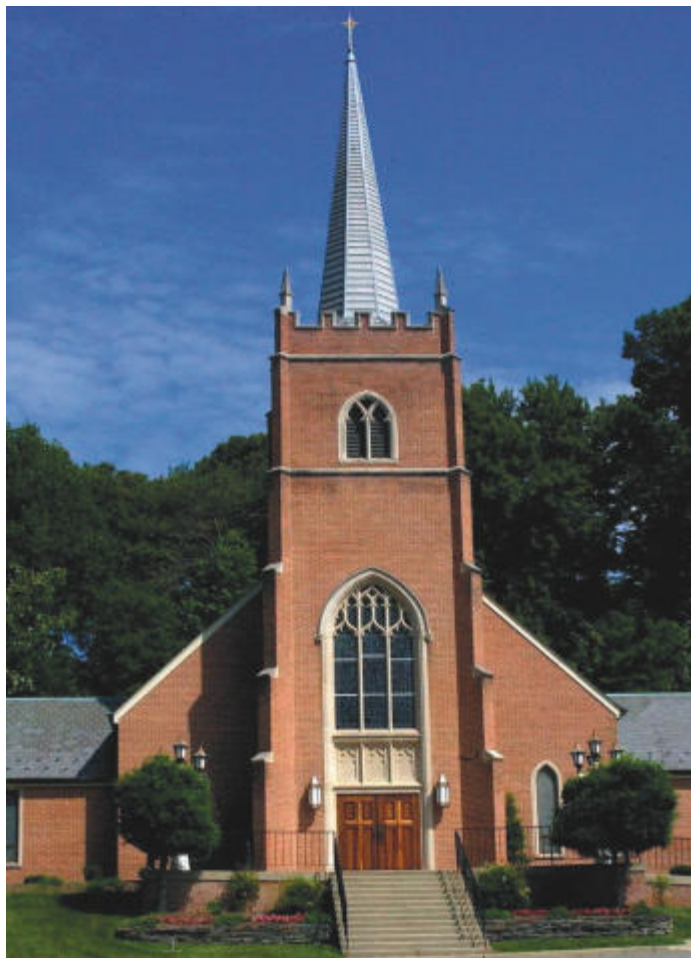
The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

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

7/21/2019	AHG BAKE SALE AND CAR WASH	OUTSIDE OF CHURCH	9:00 AM—1:30 PM
7/21/2019	ENDOW WOMEN'S GROUP	FACILITATOR'S HOME	8:00 PM—9:30 PM
7/24/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
7/25/2019	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG	BATES HALL	7:30 PM
7/28/2019	ENDOW WOMEN'S GROUP	FACILITATOR'S HOME	8:00 PM—9:30 PM

PARISH NEWS

Bake Sale and Free Car Wash this weekend!!! This Sunday, July 21, from 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Ascension's American Heritage Girls Troop MD0340 will be sponsoring a Car Wash fundraiser after all Masses. Pull up to the Religious Education Building to get your car washed before heading home from Mass! Donations accepted to benefit our Troop. We will also be offering baked goods and cold drinks for sale. Thank you for supporting our Troop!

Sign up for Vacation Bible School today! 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 info, see the Vacation Bible School tab on the parish website, or email ascensionscheduler@gmail.com. Deadline to register is now August 5, 2019, and the first 50 kids to register get free t-shirts! Register today!!

Religious Education Catechists and Catechetical Assistants needed! As we approach the 2019-2020 school year, we are seeking volunteers for our Religious Education program. We are in need of both catechists and catechetical assistants. If you feel you may be called to participate in this ministry for our parish's children, please contact DRE Greg Rozanski or our pastor Fr. Larry.

"A Christmas to Remember" - Ascension Ladies' Auxiliary #109 is sponsoring a trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to The Bird in Hand Dinner Theater on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. If you are looking for a low-key, gentle story about the meaning of Christmas, you might want to see the musical play, "A Christmas to Remember." As Christmas Day approaches and uncertainty reigns in the beautiful village of Paradise, Matthew and Mary, the new owners of a thrift store, face seemingly insurmountable challenges, including a parent with dementia, a sister with control issues, some *very* nosy and noisy neighbors, and a painting of unknown value – all of which make for a few "bumps in the road" during the most wonderful time of the year. Will the holidays bring heartache or be filled with healing? And what is the artwork worth? Join us and find out! All parishioners are invited. The cost is \$115.00 Adults – Children 12 and under \$70.00. Price includes coach bus transportation, snacks on the bus, admission to the play, and a dinner buffet - Refreshments, Music, and Movies. Please make checks payable to Ascension Ladies Auxiliary #109. For more information, please contact Jacqueline Bates at (301) 794-8640 or Ann Laverne Johnson at (301) 464-8920. The bus leaves at 7:30 AM and will return to Ascension Church at approximately 6:30 PM. Come join us!

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-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, Mary Corwin and Cynthia Graham.

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

JULY 22—JULY 28

Monday	9:00 AM	+Lindsay Ruland
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+Danny McAuliffe
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Victor Zangla
Friday	9:00 AM	+John Fanning
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Rosalie Fanning Gresh
	4:00 PM	+Philomena Dantone
Sunday	8:00 AM	+Lindsay Ruland
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
	12:00 Noon	+Don Sminkey

RAFFLE

Congratulations! This week's raffle winner is John V. Cartagirone!

Register your children now for the 2019-2020 Religious Education year! Our online registration system makes the process quick and easy—go to our parish website at www.ascensionbowie.com to sign up your children. Please contact Greg Rozanski at the parish office if you have any questions.

Attention Parishioners: We will be updating the sick list in the bulletin at the end of the month. If you would like for your name or the name of your loved one to remain on the list, please contact the parish office or email ministry.ascension@gmail.com.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Domestic Church Day: Man and Woman He Redeemed Them All married or engaged couples and families with children are invited to a half-day retreat on Saturday, July 27 from 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The day will include a presentation on The Theology of the Body for adults, engaging catechesis for teens and children, the opportunity to pray together as a family, and fun family activities. Refreshments included. For more information or to register, visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com. If you have any questions about the event, please email events@jp2shrine.org.

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 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. Contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

St. Hugh's Catholic School All Class Reunion St. Hugh's Catholic School in Greenbelt, Maryland is hosting an All Class Reunion on Saturday, August 31, 2019, from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Greenbelt American Legion. Information can be found on the St. Hugh's All Class Reunion facebook page event link, or by writing to the following email address: StHughesAllClassReunion@gmail.com. Tickets are \$35.00 each or 2 for \$60.00. Tickets can be purchased in advance at DouglasMangum@venmo.

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 Date for Men is August 16-18; Upcoming Date for Women is October 4-6; cost is \$250 per person. Registration is required. Find more information and links to register on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

Reflection for the Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.

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Readings for the Week of July 21, 2019

Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21--15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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