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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

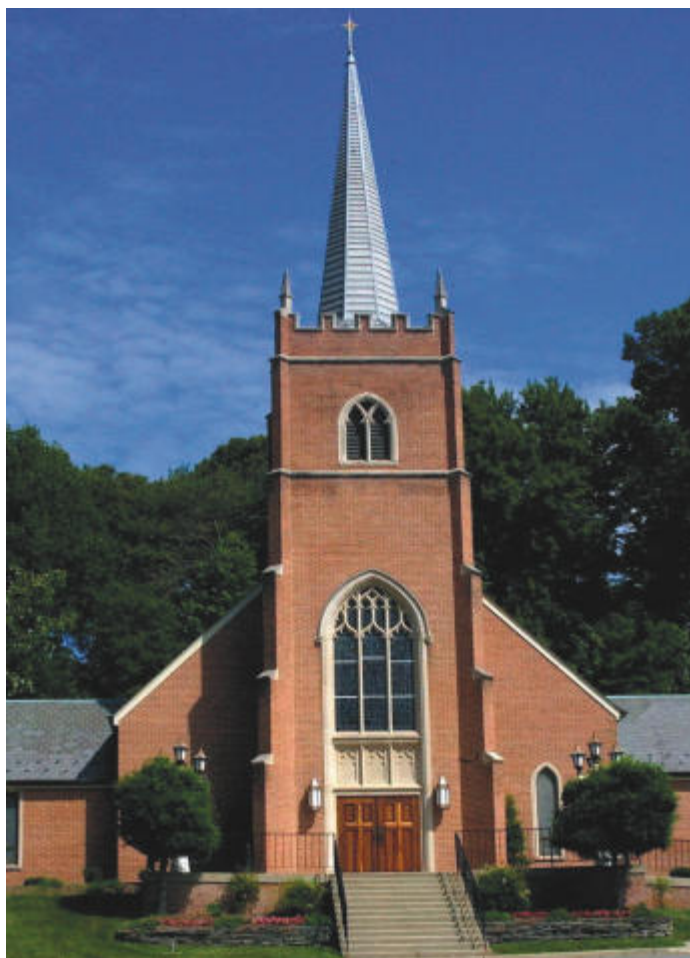
The sick, the shut-ins and the elderly are valued members of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office for Communion calls.

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 Maria Centeno, 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 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

7/28/2019	ENDOW WOMEN'S GROUP	FACILITATOR'S HOME	8:00 PM—9:30 PM
7/29—8/2/2019	ALTERED DAILY MASS SCHEDULE	CHURCH	9:15 AM
7/30/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30 PM
7/31/2019	YOUTH GROUP NIGHT	ST. MICHAEL'S ROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
8/3/2019	SUNRISE SUMMA MEN'S GROUP	RECTORY BASEMENT	6:30—8:00 AM
8/3—8/4/2019	CONFESSION WEEKEND	CHURCH	AFTER ALL MASSES
8/4/2019	ENDOW WOMEN'S GROUP	FACILITATOR'S HOME	8:00 PM—9:30 PM

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, Cynthia Graham, Joe Halbe and Ida Mullikin.

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 29—AUGUST 4

Monday	9:00 AM	+Sylvia Kroncke
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Brenda McKinney
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Bill Deso
Friday	9:00 AM	+Bill Deso
Saturday	9:00 AM	+Rosa Esperanza Cubillo
	4:00 PM	+Alethea Patten
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Allie Gaye Fanning
	12:00 Noon	Sodality

PARISH NEWS

Just one week left to register for Vacation Bible School! Now through August 5th, registration forms to sign up for Vacation Bible School are available on the parish website! It 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. 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 Maria Centeno at ascensionscheduler@gmail.com or by calling the parish office.

"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!

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 Maria Centeno by calling the parish office or via email at ascensionscheduler@gmail.com if you have any questions.

RAFFLE

Congratulations! This week's raffle winner is Richard Vondrak!

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.

Thank you from the American Heritage Girls! Thank you to all who donated towards our car wash and bake sale fundraiser last weekend. Thanks to you, it was our most successful fundraiser to date! With the money raised, we will be able to cover this year's programming fees, troop shirts, Camporee this fall, and more. God bless you for your generosity!

Second Collection next Weekend: On the weekend of August 4, 2019, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Catholic Communications and Human Development second collection. Funds for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) support organizations, both locally and in other parts of the country, that serve the poor and disenfranchised. Please urge your parishioners to give generously to the combined Catholic Communications and Human Development collection as a way they can participate in these two important outreach ministries of the Church.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Communion of Reparation Vigil Please join us for the Communion of Reparation Vigil at St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church (9475 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706) on the First Friday-Saturday of August, the 2nd and 3rd, from 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM. Join us as we make reparation to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary! Confessions are available through the evening. The Vigil Schedule is as follows: 8:00 PM—Scriptural Rosary; 9:00 PM—Holy Mass for the Sacred Heart, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart; 12:15 AM—Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 12:30 AM—Holy Mass for the Immaculate Heart. Questions? Email us at candaceharshaw@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 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.

Behold! Adoration and Confession Every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine hosts an event entitled Behold!, consisting of Adoration with prayerful music, silence, and Confession. Come join us!

Reflection for the Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling? Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas. It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation with money. It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone. It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. "Give us each day our daily bread."

This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable. Give us this day our daily bread implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile. So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need? After all, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give.

Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. "I tell you... he will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence." Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities. Be persistent in your pursuit of God! Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always. ©2019 LPI

Readings for the Week of July 28, 2019

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/ Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/ Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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