



Ascension Catholic Church

PASTOR: Rev. Larry Young

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil — 4:00 pm
Sunday — 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

DAILY MASS

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., — 9:00 am

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturdays— 3:00-3:30 pm or by appointment
The first full weekend of the month after all Masses.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

24 hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Call parish office for door code.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary at 8:30 am before daily Mass
Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after daily Mass on Monday
Holy Hour/Exposition: first Saturday after daily Mass

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Marriage: please contact the office at least 6 months in advance
Baptism: please contact the office to schedule

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Wednesday 9:30 am—4:30 pm
CLOSED 12:30—1:00 pm

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office at any time to arrange for home Eucharist or pastoral visit for these valued members of our parish family. The **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** is for those who are seriously ill or injured, the dying and the elderly. Please call the office for more information. There is an after hours number on the parish voicemail for emergencies.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday — 9:45am—12:15 pm (includes 10:00 am Mass)
K—8 and Rite of Christian Initiation for Children
Contact Maria Centeno, Director of Religious Education, at 301-262-2227.

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS (RCIA)

For the non-Catholic who is considering joining the Catholic Church and the baptized Catholic who needs to complete the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. Contact the parish office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

For all newly confirmed and 9th through 12th graders. Contact youthmin.ascension@gmail.com for more information.

Want to publish in the Bulletin? Contact ascensionbowiebulletin@gmail.com at least 11 days before print.

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Weekly Calendar of Community Events

9/2/2019	SODALITY MEETING	ST. MARY ROOM	1:00—2:30 PM
9/3/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30—3:00 PM
9/4/2019	YOUTH GROUP	ST. MICHAEL'S	7:00—8:30 PM
9/7/2019	SUNRISE SUMMA	RECTORY BASE- MENT	6:30—8:00 AM
9/8/2019	CONFESSIONS	CHURCH	AFTER ALL MASSES
9/8/2019	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	BATES HALL	11:00 AM— 12:00 PM

**CATECHESIS
WITH FRANCIS**



Hanging in Fr. Larry's room is a glorious picture of the angel seated on the stone at the tomb of Christ with the women approaching. He has an LED spotlight illuminating it. I love to lay there and contemplate the power of that image. Why did he choose to hang this in his room? Well, I asked him if I could share this very personal story with you all. Fr. Larry's Father died 20 years ago when he was in the seminary, and then his Mother died just over three years ago. He has really struggled with the grief of the loss of his parents, and particularly when he lost his last remaining one, his Mother. I can attest to the intense pain of his grief because I am around him a lot. Well, one Sunday after all the Masses were over he was in his room at the rectory and the grief was settling in on him a few months after his Mother crossed into eternity. It became so unbearable that he asked the Lord for a word of consolation. He felt prompted to pick up his Bible and open randomly with his eyes shut and blindly put his finger down on a passage. When he opened his eyes what his index finger had landed on was the description of this angel at the tomb of Christ, "His appearance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow" (Matthew 28:3). This angel was the first herald of the resurrection of Christ! Fr. Larry said he felt like he had just received a communique from the other side! This experience consoled him a great deal and that was when he obtained an image of this scriptural scene to hang on his wall. At the end of the Creed we profess to believe in the resurrection of the dead. The Catechism expresses our resistance to believe how this could happen, "This 'how' exceeds our imagination and understanding; it is accessible only to faith" (1000). To the Sadducees who refused to believe in the resurrection, our Lord responded, "You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God" (Matthew 22:29). I particularly love when St. Paul declares, "Why is thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?" (Acts 26:8). I'd give anything to be at the tomb of Christ!

Yer friend, Francis

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Parishioners

Ronald & Cathy Tayman, Beverlee Lee, Terrence O'Brien Sr., Terrence O'Brien, Jr., Mary Burton, Bob & Norma Raffaele, Mary Mack,	Laura Chesnick, Mary-Kate Turner, Francis Barnes, Michole Moore, Jolly Verghese, Joy Moore, Ina Devine, Pat & Pete Chambers, Mary Ann Boyer,	Earl Perry, Sylvia & Joe Palmer, Lois Kaufman, Briar Smith, Cheryl Hoyt, Monica Brady, Paul Buckley, Mary Corwin, Cynthia Graham, Joe Halbe
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And Loved Ones

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 Rev. William Brailsford.
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Mass Intentions for the Week

SEPTEMBER 2—9

Monday	9:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+Althea Patten
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Private Intention of Priest
Friday	9:00 AM	Private intention of Priest
Saturday	9:00 AM	Harry Givens
	4:00 PM	Private intention of Priest
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Ladies Auxiliary
	12:00 Noon	Michael Simasek

PARISH NEWS

One week left to register for Religious Ed! We are in the final week before Religious Education classes begins on Sunday, September 8th! So far, registrations have been coming in steadily, but there are many students who have not yet been re-enrolled for the new school year. All families are asked to register their children in grades K-8 as soon as possible so that every class will be prepared with books and materials for all students. Children should be enrolled if they attend public or non-Catholic private school, or if they attend a Catholic school and will be entering second or eighth grade, which are sacramental years. Registrations can be done online via the parish website (see the Religious Education tab), or by calling Maria Centeno, Director of Religious Education, at the parish office. Also check the parish website for more information, including the complete Rel. Ed. 2019-2020 calendar. We look forward to a new and exciting year ahead!

Parish volunteers needed: We have a variety of projects and ministries, small and not so small, in need of volunteers. If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to greater involvement in the parish community, please consider helping with one (or more) of the following, most will only require a couple of hours/month:

- **Parish Weekly column:** We are looking for one or more volunteers to write short articles and/or take pictures of parish events on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

- **Middle School (gr. 6-8) Bible Study:** We need at least 2 male and 2 female adults to help lead this Bible Study beginning in October on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

- **Light maintenance:** Help is needed for routine maintenance activities in the parish, such as checking lights, changing filters, weeding the cemetery, cleaning liturgical items, etc.

- **Liturgical Ministries** - Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers and Ushers.

- **Ministry to the Bereaved:** Assistance before, during, and/or after funeral liturgies in the church, including setting up for the funeral, Altar servers, and Readers.

- **Parish office:** Answer phones, provide Mass cards, etc. on weekdays when the secretary is out of the office.

Please contact the office or ministry.ascension@gmail.com if you are interested with these or any other activities in the parish

Oktoberfest meeting: Our next planning meeting will be this Tuesday, 9/3 at 7pm in the St. Michael's Center. We are also still seeking donations for the basket raffles. If you haven't done so, please remember to sign-up to attend Oktoberfest on the sheets by the entrance to the church.

Perpetual Adoration at Ascension: Did you know you can spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at any hour of the day by visiting our Chapel of Our Lady of Czestochowa? Whether for an hour or a few minutes, He waits for you to visit Him. If you need the pass code, please contact the office or ask one of the ushers after Mass. If you do not want to sign your name in the book, please write "visitor" or your initials. This helps us know how many people are visiting. **Please remember**, the chapel is intended for personal, private, silent prayer, please do not sing or pray vocally. It is also critically important when no one is in the chapel, the doors to the tabernacle must be closed, so Jesus isn't "exposed" to empty pews. Directions for opening and closing the tabernacle doors are on the inside of the door to the chapel.

Prayer items in the church and chapel. The Rosary cards and Divine Mercy Novena prayer flyers in the church pews are intended for your use. You may take a copy of each for home prayer if you need one. If you wish to leave items in the church or chapel for others, please remember all materials must first be approved. Please contact the office before leaving information in the church or chapel.

Chipotle Fundraiser!! Come out to the Chipotle at Bowie Marketplace on September 22, 4-8 pm, for a fundraiser benefitting our American Heritage Girls! Tell the cashier you are supporting our American Heritage Girls, and they will donate 33% of the proceeds!

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RAFFLE

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