



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

9/8/2019	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	BATES HALL	11:00 AM—12:00 PM
9/10/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30—3:00 PM
9/10/2019	SHARE AND CARE MEETING	ST. MARY ROOM	7:00—8:30 PM
9/11/2019	YOUTH GROUP	ST. MICHAEL'S	7:00—8:30 PM
9/12/2019	K OF C MEETING	BATES HALL	7:30—9:00 PM

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, Michhole Moore, Jolly Verghese, Joy Moore, Ina Devine, Pat & Pete Chambers, Mary Ann Boyer, Elaine Martinez, Earl Perry,	Sylvia & Joe Palmer, Lois Kaufman, Briar Smith, Cheryl Hoyt, Monica Brady, Paul Buckley, Mary Corwin, Cynthia Graham, Joe Halbe Ida Mullikin,
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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 9-15

Monday	9:00 AM	+Deacon Finis Thompson
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+The family of Hattie Lee Johnson, Renard Thorn, & Miss Annie
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Donald Tayman
Friday	9:00 AM	+Harry & Audrey Givens
Saturday	9:00 AM	+James Charles Nueslein
	4:00 PM	+Michael Mangum
Sunday	8:00 AM	Emma Bigony
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
	12:00 Noon	Private Intention of Priest

CATECHESIS WITH FRANCIS



I need to disabuse you humans of a popular notion. Cat's do not have 9 lives. We have one life, and it is much shorter than yours on average. We only walk around down here about one quarter of the time that you all do typically. Our Heavenly Father knows when all his creatures die because he remembers us and we are all enveloped in his divine will. One need only recall the words of our Lord about the sparrows, "not one of them is forgotten before God" (Luke 12:6), or, "will fall to the ground without your Father's will" (Matthew 10:29). I think about my death quite often. It is a very healthy thing to do. According to the Catechism, "death lends urgency to our lives: remembering our mortality helps us realize that we have only a limited time in which to bring our lives to fulfillment" (1007). It follows that to be fully alive we ought to live in the constant awareness of our death. It reminds us of the ultimate meaning of our being and existence. We remain recollected about our origin and end and what we ought to be doing in the present. Our Lord counsels us to remain watchful, which is to transfix in our minds our ultimate purpose, which is to live for our Creator and long for the day when we shall meet him face to face. With this ever present supernatural awareness a Christian can actually look forward to his death! The Catechism proclaims, "In death, God calls man to himself. Therefore the Christian can experience a desire for death like St. Paul's: 'My desire it to depart and be with Christ'" (1011; Phil 1:23). If we live in this mindset we will have the strongest motivation to rid ourselves of the encumbrance of our sinful habits and make a determined effort to do God's will from one moment to the next. In this regard the Catechism quotes from the classic spiritual work of Thomas Akempis, entitled, the Imitation of Christ, where he says, "Every action of yours, every thought, should be those of a one who expects to die before the day is out. Death would have no great terrors for you if you had a quiet conscience" (1014). I have one life, and with whatever time remains I want to live for God.

Yer friend always, Francis



Congratulations! This week's raffle winner is Michael and Maria Murphy

PARISH NEWS

Share Food CO-OP September Food Packages

Orders may be placed after all masses on September 7th and 8th. Order Pickup is Saturday, September 21st from 8-9am in Bates Hall. If you're not interested in a package for yourself, feel free to purchase one and we will donate to a needy family.

- **VALUE Pack (\$22) HEALTHY, SEASONAL FOOD. BUY AS MANY AS YOU'D LIKE!** Family Pack of Chicken Drumsticks (3.3lbs.), Pollock Filets (1lb.), Bacon (1lb.), Chicken Strips (1lb.), plus 8-12 lbs. of the freshest fruits & vegetables we can find for you and your family.
- **MEGA MEAT BOX (\$28) – LIMITED!** Boneless, skinless chicken breast (4lbs.), Sirloin Steaks (4-4 oz.), Turkey Tenderloin (1.8lbs.), Pork Roast (3.9lbs.)
- **TEMPURA-FRIED SHRIMP (\$23) – LIMITED!** OVENABLE, battered shrimp (3 lbs.).
- **PEPPERONIE PIZZA SPECIAL (\$22) – LIMITED!** 20-5" Personal Pepperoni Pizzas
- **DESSERT BOX (\$16) – 3 Sara Lee Pound Cakes** with frozen strawberries, peaches, and blackberries.

Call Anne Powell @ 301-464-5448 for details or more information.

Children's Choir Starts Oct. 15 - Children in grades K-8 are invited to join our Children's Choir serving at the 10:00 Children's Mass later this fall. Choir practice will be every Tuesday night at 6:00 PM beginning October 15. Children will be asked to bring a parent to rehearsal and practice with them at home. Email Kevin (kevinschellhase.ascension@gmail.com) to get a schedule and sign up.

Sing with the Praise Band - Parishioners of all ages are invited to sing with our contemporary ensemble, the Praise Band, at the new Children's Mass beginning this fall. Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays at 5:15 PM. The Praise Band's role is to lead a modern worship song and assist the Children's Choir in singing the liturgy at the 10:00 Children's Mass. No commitment is required for singers; just attend Saturday rehearsal any weekend you plan to sing. Parents with small children are welcome! Email Kevin (kevinschellhase.ascension@gmail.com) to get a schedule and sign up.

'The Catholic Faith on Demand' Looking for ways to learn more about the faith, enjoy a movie or some spiritual reading, or provide wholesome shows for your children or grandchildren to watch? Check out FORMED On Demand (www.formed.org). We have a trial subscription for this service (username: trial@formed.org; password: Assumption19!) for September. Please check out the content and let us know whether you think the parish should invest in this for the next year. Contact ministry.ascension@gmail.com with any questions.

Ascension Religious Education begins this week! Sunday sessions for K-7 are from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (includes 10:00 a.m. Mass and class from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.). Students, remember to get to the church at 9:45 a.m. and find your catechist to let them know you have arrived before going to sit with your family. Our first Sunday session is this Sunday, September 8th. Wednesday evening sessions for 8th graders are in Bates Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. starting on September 11th. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible – it is not too late! See the Religious Education tab on the parish website to register and to download the Religious Education calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. Fees increase Sunday, September 15th. Questions? Contact DRE Maria Centeno at (301) 262-2227 or via email at ascensionscheduler@gmail.com

Traditional Choir Begins This Sunday - All adult parishioners who sing along at the Vigil and Noon Masses are invited to join the Traditional Choir for our 2019-2020 season. There are no rehearsals; the same order of music is provided at the Saturday Vigil Mass for anyone who wants to practice. You would only commit to attending Noon Mass on Sunday and participating with your fellow singers in the choir row. Music for each weekend is sent to the choir in advance. Email Kevin (kevinschellhase.ascension@gmail.com) to get your name on the list.

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

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