# Church of the Ascension
# August 15, 2021

*An open assembly of Catholic believers of the Diocese of Richmond*
*Proclaiming the Word of God • Celebrating the Eucharist • Serving the local Community*

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8:15am,
10:30am & 12:30pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday—Friday 9:15am

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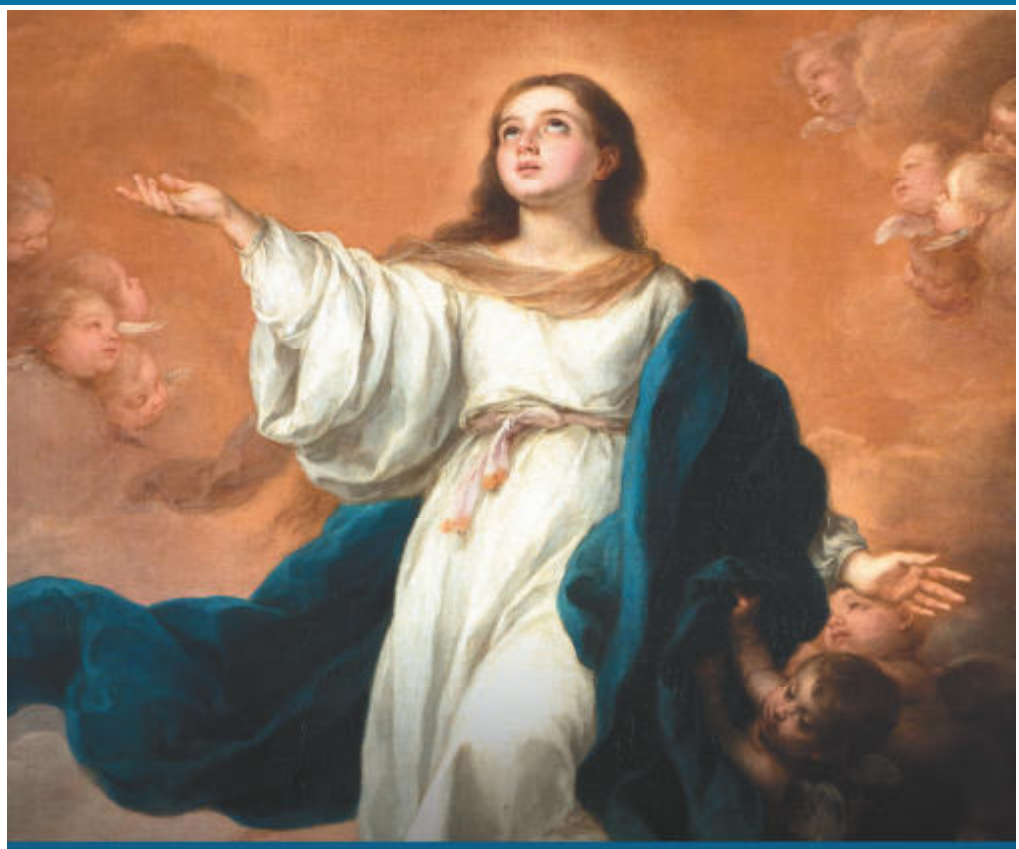
## SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION not offered through September 11

BAPTISMS
Contact the Faith Formation Office: 495-1886, 411

MARRIAGE
Engaged couples are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to selecting a wedding date & at least 6 months in advance



## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."
- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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# Kuyumba Halumo (*We Walk Together)*

## Good News From Father Daniel... Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus, today. Her central message has been the words she uttered to the wine stewards at Cana: *Do whatever he tells you.* Mary wants to direct our minds and hearts towards her Son, Jesus. As she says in the gospel when she went to visit Elizabeth, *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...*

Mary's core identity is to Proclaim. What does she proclaim? Not her greatness, but the Lord's greatness. Not herself, but Jesus. If devotion to Mary does not lead us to Jesus, then our devotion is not her devotion. She states: *My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

The Mission of the Church of the Ascension is first to Proclaim. What do we proclaim? We proclaim the gospel that God loves us and Jesus has saved us through his death and resurrection. This is our call as Missionary Disciples of which Mary is the first.

*Missionary activity renews the Church, revitalizes faith and Christian identity...*
(From: Pope St John Paul II, *Redemptoriste Missio*, The Mission of the Redeemer, 1990, paragraph 2)

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I am out of the country for several weeks but I have planned Good News articles for you in advance. Please pray for me as I am praying for you! Your pastor, Father Daniel

**Hail Mary in Swahili:**
***Salam Maria umejaa neema Bwana yu nawe umebarikiwa kuliko wanawake wote na Yesu mzao wa tumbo lako amebarikiwa.***
***Maria Mtakatifu, mama wa Mungu, utuombee sisi wakosefu sasa na saa ya kufa kwetu. Amina.***

## Prayer REQUESTS

**Please inform the Parish Office of anyone who is sick or hospitalized. For ACUTE patients who are parishioners, and with the patient's permission, we announce their name at weekend Masses. 495-1886, ext. 410.**

**For those with chronic illness we keep in our prayers:**

***Jean Moorman, Lindy Moorman, Betty Reid, Paul Theirgardt, Cynthia Gray, Addison Poole, Gary Cunningham, Selma Stone, Helen Meima, Nancy Tennien, Lucille Calvert, Virginia Stancil, Nate Hess, Jessica Bello, Rita Brawner, Fred Earley, Thomas Renfro, Tim Freeman, Gaynell Willard, Jeanmarie & Samuel Delosky, Avery Hill, Susan Fouhy, Patty Merhej, Christine Data, Barbara Duesberry, Mavis Love Epps, Sue Dalton, Dee Catlin, Rudy Bojo, Armanda Roelle, Lita Sison, Tony Baniqued, Phyllis Hunt, Diane Esposito, Tim McGeein, Gene Hevey, Irene Agustin-Meyer, Pauline Dusek, Susan Roberts, Rachel Olcheski-Doboga, Karen Harmeyer, Bob Wiese, Bernadette Lenahan, Steve Pfeiffer***

## Greetings from Father Daniel in Tanzania

*Many greetings from my Mom, siblings, and the Archbishop Paul Razuko in Tabora! They extend their greetings and good wishes to the parishioners of Ascension!*

*I am doing fine and still enjoying my vacation! I wear my mask most of my day, remaining faithful to wearing it as much as possible.*

*Yours in Christ,*
**Father Daniel**

## FINANCIAL NEWS Week 6

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| Weekly Budget ..... | $ | 21,000.00 |
| Actual Collection ..... | $ | 18,071.00 |
| Over (under) Weekly Budget | $ | (2,929.00) |
| Year-to-Date Budgeted ..... | $ | 127,150.00 |
| Year-to-Date Actual ..... | $ | 109,317.86 |
| Over or (Under) Yearly Budget | $ | (17,832.14) |
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| Capital improvement collection | $ | 355.00 |
| Capital Improvement wkly budget | $ | 673.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budgeted..... | $ | 4,038.46 |
| Year-to-Date Actual..... | $ | 3,458.00 |
| Over or (Under) Yearly Budget | $ | 580.46 |

# Liturgy & Safe Environment News

## Growing Into Our Future Update

Please consider supporting this parish-wide effort. We would love to hit our goal before Father Daniel returns from Tanzania.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Lisa in the business office: 495-1886 x422

**August 17-22**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. 9:15am **Paula Pellegrino** †

Wed. 9:15am **Elmer Abuel** †

Thurs. 9:15am **Frances Lozano** (living)

Fri. 9:15am **Jonathan Schihl** (living)

Sat. 5:30pm **Mary Wigandt** †

**Betty Hoffmann** †

Sun. 8:15am **Patricia Flynn Farrell** †

Sun. 10:30am **Laura Ann Hardwood** †

Sun. 12:30pm **Steve Genovesi** †

**Blessed Sacrament Candle Week of August 15**

**Memorial: Mary Ann DeLuca** †
*- friends of Mary Ann*

***How is God calling you? Do you need to be Baptized? Or join us from another faith tradition? Or maybe finish your sacraments - Eucharist and/or Confirmation?***

We welcome people whenever they want to know more about being baptized or becoming Catholic. If you feel the Lord calling you deeper or you know someone whose been thinking about becoming Catholic, we would love to talk and offer help for the journey.

**Contact Janet Jones: jonesj@ascensionvb.org or call 757-495-1886 x423**

## Ascension's Safety Team Needs Help!

***Do you have the expertise and willingness to serve?***

Ascension strives to maintain a welcoming and safe environment. A few years ago, we created a Safety and Medical Team to enhance our efforts. Our Medical Team includes individuals with medical training (doctors, nurses, emergency personnel), and our Safety Team members are volunteers willing to be "watchful" eyes during Mass and special events. The Safety Team ensures doors are locked, aisles are clear, medical emergencies are addressed swiftly, and watches for anything out of the ordinary. We need more Safety Team members.

If you have a background that makes this ministry a fit for you, please contact Don Bressette (breezenva@cox.net) or Lisa Liedl (liedll@ascensionvb.org or 757-495-1886 ext 422).

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We are also looking for a **Director of Safety** to schedule this group, identify training opportunities, develop procedures, and more. Please contact Lisa Liedl if you are called to help serve in this area.

Mass is being live streamed for use on digital media accounts, including but not limited to Church of the Ascension website and social media platforms. Photography and/or screenshot images from the livestream may be used in The Catholic Virginian print edition. If you do not wish to be captured by live streaming, please refrain from attending streamed Masses. Photography and/or video captured at parish events and activities may be used for promotional purposes in print and digital media, including but not limited to the parish website, bulletin, social media, and email distribution. If you do not wish to be photographed, please inform the event coordinator prior to the event.

# Faith Formation 2021-2022 Kick-Off

***We are ready to start taking registrations for the 21-22 Faith Formation year!***

## Family Faith Formation PK3-5th

The family gathers <u>once per month</u> for prayer, breaking open the Word, and hears a lesson in an age-appropriate manner on Sundays 9:25 am-10:20 am or Wednesdays 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**Begins: Sunday, September 26 or Wednesday, September 29**

*Two options for teaching the children beyond the monthly meetings:*

1. You, as a family, gather in your home and go over the weekly lessons (typically 3 per month). At the monthly gathering, you will receive lessons prepared for you by our catechists to prioritize what you should focus on and will include suggestions and materials for crafts. We provide all the resources and support to help you succeed. By doing the lessons together, you have an opportunity to learn what your child is learning and reignite your faith.

   ~ or ~

2. Children can attend the weekly Wednesday class option. This DOES NOT replace the **Family Faith Formation** session but is <u>in addition</u> to it. We will offer grade-specific, weekly classes on the other weeks of the month when there is no **Family Faith Formation** gathering (typically 3 classroom meetings per month).
   **QR Code for Family Faith Formation PK3-5:**

## Middle School Faith Formation

New Time: 6:45 pm – 8 pm

Meets weekly on Tuesday

**Begins Tues. Sept. 28**

6th-8th grade

**QR Code for Middle School:**

## High School Youth of the Ascension (YOA)

Meets weekly on Sunday

**Begins Sunday, Sept. 12**

9th-12th grade

**QR Code for High School:**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

All high school students in 10th grade or older who have not been Confirmed:

You are invited to attend the Parent/ Student Confirmation Orientation meeting on **Saturday, August 21 at 3pm in the Youth Room**. Come hear what Confirmation is about!

## Faith Formation News

### Volunteers Needed: Share your faith with the future of our church!

We need volunteers for our **Faith Formation PK3-8th grades**! Please contact
**Kim Kennedy: re_coordinator@ascensionvb.org or 757-495-1886 x426**

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**Children's Liturgy Update:**

This important ministry gathers our young children during Mass to hear the Word spoken in a way they can understand it. **We need volunteers so we can bring this ministry back!** Here are the requirements for a volunteer:

Children's Liturgy

**8:15am or 10:30am Liturgy**
**Two 6-week commitments from Sept. – May**
**Be dismissed with the children and guide them through their Liturgy of the Word**
**Scripts, lessons, and materials are provided for you**
**Middle and High School students can volunteer but I must have adults!**

If interested, please contact **Janet Jones: jonesj@ascensionvb.org or 757-495-1886 x423**

## Parish Events

### Seminar: Planning for the "Unexpected"

**Tuesday, August 31st in the Sanctuary**
**7:00pm-8:30pm**

We never know what the future holds so **being prepared** is vital.
This seminar is free and open to adults of all ages.

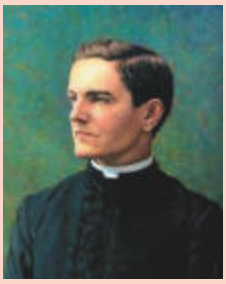
Topics covered include:

- **End of Life Medical Decisions**: Dr. Gregory Warth
- **Hospice Care: What is it really?** Jody Minnich, RN
- **Catholic Funeral Rite:** Deacon Gary Harmeyer

Knights of Columbus

St. Teresa Council 12117
invites you to help us celebrate the First Feast Day of our founder,
the Blessed Michael J McGivney, who was beatified on October 31, 2020.

The Knights are hosting an hour of prayer
built around the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary on
August 21 following Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Mass in the Sanctuary
(note the location change)
*Come pray with us and bring your intentions as we reflect on the life of the Blessed Michael J. McGivney.*



# Social Ministry News

***Food Pantry:*** *Open Monday — Friday, 10am — Noon*

We are back to pre-COVID operations. Enter through the sliding doors under the blue awning. Welcome!

*Ascension is an equal opportunity provider*

**The food pantry continues to serve a large number of clients each week.**

**The food pantry needs this week include: CANNED FRUIT, CANNED SOUP, DRIED POTATOES, MACARONI and CHEESE, and BAKED BEANS.**

## LAST WEEK for APPLE TREE

**All donations are due next Sunday, August 22 by 1:30pm**

**Please donations in the Commons grocery carts or use the wooden lockbox for monetary donations.**

School supply sorting will take place in the ACC starting at 1pm on August 22. All are welcome to help!

**Elisabeth Berry:** 497-5403, elisabeth710@verizon.net
**Teresa Alfes:** 495-1886 x427, alfest@ascensionvb.org

## A GRATEFUL CLIENT

A beautiful card with the following note was recently received by Social Ministry:

*Thank you so very much for the help you gave me with my power bill. My prayers are with you all, and I hope sometime in the future I'll be able to help pay it forward.*

Without your continued monetary support, Social Ministry would not have the means to assist our clients with utility bills and rental assistance. **Thank you so very much for your generosity!**

## SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH

**Beach Bags:** This program was created by Virginia Beach Education Foundation in response to food insecurity for public school students when school is not in session (weekends, summers, and holidays). Volunteers pack bags to be delivered to the schools at the end of each month. The program took a break from accepting donations during COVD, but need support once again!

**Beach Bag items needed:**

canned ravioli/spaghetti, small boxes of cereal or packets of oatmeal
individual fruit cups or applesauce, individual snacks, individual cartons of shelf-stable milk

**Eastern Shore Migrant Ministry:** Social Ministry is visiting the camp this weekend (Sunday afternoon, August 15) to deliver **athletic shoes in men's sizes 7-10 as well as dried beans**.

Please place all donations in the shopping carts in the Commons or drop them off at Social Ministry. Contact Ruth Brogan (broganr@ascensionvb.org or 495-1886 x414) with questions or to assist. Thank you!

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: SOLIDARITY

**The theme for August is Global Solidarity Awareness**

We are one human family. Solidarity "is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."

*Pope Saint John Paul II – Sollicitudo rei socialis*

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