

Church of the Ascension

October 3, 2021

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WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday—Friday 9:15am

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

Saturdays 10:00am—Noon

BAPTISMS

Contact the Faith Formation
Office: 495-1886, 423

MARRIAGE

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



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 4:00pm
Friday 9:30am-1:00pm

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495-1886, 414



Good News From Father Daniel...Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel, Jesus once again uses the image of a little child as a model for us. When given good things by their parents, children do not question their own worthiness, but they accept these gifts with delight. May we also accept the gift of Jesus into our hearts.

In the gospel, Jesus holds up the ideal of lifelong marriage. A couple's vows are meant to be forever because the unity of spirit that should occur cannot be undone. However, sometimes, that unity does not happen and the two never truly became one.

Perhaps the two were hiding from each other during courtship or when they simply lived together. Perhaps they thought that marriage was really a mathematical calculation and were disappointed to find out that it is many times uneven.

Whether it be a marriage, friendship or ordination, a relationship must be renewed each day with trust and openness, asking and listening. We each bring something to the other and we each need to be on the lookout for a change in momentum. It's a bit like noticing that we have to put gas in the car.

In the case of a marriage that has failed to achieve the unity envisioned by Jesus, the Church has acknowledged that an annulment of the vow is permissible. What we call a "sacramental" marriage, a true oneness of spirit, never took place. The Church has recognized that Jesus calls us to peace.

The witness of a Christian life is the first and irreplaceable form of mission...

(From: Pope St John Paul II, *Redemptoriste Missio*, The Mission of the Redeemer, 1990, paragraph 42)

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:

Zelia Graham, Gerardo Quintos, Oliver Boyd, 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, Rita Brawner, Thomas Renfro, Tim Freeman, Gaynell Willard, Jeanmarie & Samuel Delosky, Avery Hill, Susan Fouhy, Patty Merhej, Christine Data, Barbara Duesberry, 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

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning which includes your church in your will.

Weekly figures are posted on our website for this week.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS



50th ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF WEEKEND

Join us outside after all Masses for the official KICK-OFF our 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Anniversary Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for the past fifty years.

Your Grace and Spirit have enabled our parish to proclaim the Word, celebrate the Eucharist, and serve our local community.

In thanksgiving, we pray for all those parishioners who set the parish's foundation and for all those who, throughout the years, have joined us in our mission, in our celebrations, or have sought our help.

Please continue to pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we will always be missionary disciples; joyful expressions of your Son within our parish and into our community.

We boldly proclaim that Jesus is alive in our parish, welcoming the lost and leading us all to new life in Him. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit as one God, forever and ever. Amen.

See the flyer for upcoming events and opportunities to participate on page 6

October 5-10



Tues. 9:15am **Anthony Olfato †**

Wednesday 9:15am **Alexander Kinder †**

Thurs. 9:15am **Justine Pahuyo †**

Fri. 9:15am **Mark Simonis †**

Sat. 5:30pm **Rev. Ven Ilano (living)**

Sun. 8:15am **Patrick Buckley †**

Sun. 10:30am **Jeffrey Francis Maurio †**

Sun. 12:30pm **Lygaya Octavo †**



**Congratulations
Deacon Myles Pocta!**

Next weekend, October 8 and 9, Deacon Myles will be giving the homily at all Masses. Please join us in the Coffee Bar for a reception after each Mass. Many of us recognize Myles as he and his wife, Renee, have been involved in many ministries over the years.

We are blessed to have Myles at our parish.



THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 2:00PM

**In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis:
Bring your pet(s) to the Blessings of the Animals
by Father Daniel at the Picnic Pavilion.**

We ask that you please have your pets contained or leashed. Thank you!



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 Events

Living as Missionary Disciples Workshop 1: An Introduction

The words Missionary, Missionary Disciples, Disciples, and Living as Missionary Disciples have been mentioned in homilies, the prayers of the faithful, and many other aspects of our Ascension communications. This workshop will help you learn what being a Missionary Disciple is all about, what it means for you as a member of our Ascension Faith Family, and why we are choosing to make Living as a Missionary Disciple part of the fabric of our parish.



We invite you to attend one of these 3 Workshops:

Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 5:30 pm (ACC)

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 5:30 pm (ACC)

Sunday, October 24, 2021, 12:00 pm (ACC)

Sign up via QR Code or contact Bridgett Passauer:

passauerb@ascensionvb.org

757-495-1886 x411



Save the dates for a gathering on...

Immigration, Meet Catholic Social Teaching: As a compliment to the September 21 Forum on Immigration, this gathering will explore the issue of immigration and what is said both biblically and in our Catholic Social Teaching. This one-hour meeting will provide both information and exploration to help us achieve a greater understanding of our faith.

Zoom: Monday, October 18, 2021, 7:00 pm (*registration required*)

In Person: Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 10:00 am (*no registration necessary*)

Contact: Bridgett Passauer at passauerb@ascensionvb.org or 757-495-1886 x411

Join members of your Ascension Family for a night of music and fellowship at the

Mercy Me concert on Friday, November 19

at the Chartway Arena (*formerly Ted Constant Center*) in Norfolk.

A limited number of tickets are available at \$40.50 each.

See Bridgett in Faith Formation to purchase yours today.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Come JOIN US!

Social Ministry Outreach



During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro).

Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life.

Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage. -usccb.org

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The theme for October is **Respect Life**.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.



CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION CHALLENGE for OCTOBER: Donate rather than discard

Did you know that you can donate left-over paint and building supplies? The Habitat ReStore is one location that will accept materials and also offers a low-cost option to find supplies for your next project.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

Social Ministry is so appreciative of the generous monetary donations that are received from our parishioners. Without you, we would not be able to provide rent or utilities assistance to our clients or many of the other ministries.

Please know that excess funds will be used at the discretion of the Social Ministry staff. Thank you!

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

Enter through the sliding doors under the blue awning (follow parking lot signs)

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We ask that you drop off cold foods only during food pantry hours, 10am-Noon Monday through Friday. Our stock of paper grocery bags is low! Please place clean, folded bags in the shopping carts or drop off at Social Ministry.

Food Pantry needs this week: **JELLY** (no grape, please), **CONDIMENTS**, **LOTION**, **DISH SOAP**, and **BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS**.

SAVE THE DATE

Rise Against Hunger will be held at Ascension on Saturday, October 23rd
Open to all ages! More details will be in next weekend's bulletin.





ASCENSION PARISH CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

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Join us over the next 8 months for events, remembrance, and joy for being together.

November — Saints, Souls, Veterans, and Giving Thanks

February 5th — Dinner Dance

Lent — 50 Hours of Eucharist Adoration

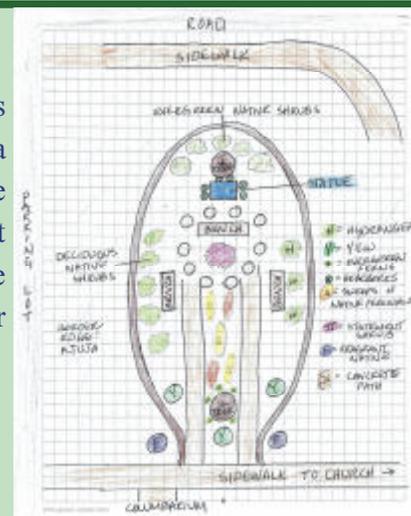
May 1st — Dedication of Mary's Garden

May 22nd — 50th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Knestout



Mary's Garden Update

The Mary's Garden Project is being planned as part of Ascension's 50th Anniversary. A team of parishioners has worked to develop a plan for converting the garden area across the walkway from the Columbarium into a beautiful Mary's Garden. The general layout is pictured here, as well as a picture of the Our Lady of Grace Statue that will be installed. The project completion is planned for May 2022 with a dedication and May Crowning.



Now that we are beginning the execution phase, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We have 2 key dates this fall to turn our Mary Garden into a reality:

Saturday, October 16 at 9:00am - Removal of existing shrubs and stumps and relocation of existing rocks.

Saturday, November 6, at 9:00am - Install new edging pavers, level new dirt, plant fall plants etc.

(Note: Rain dates for each day will be the following Saturday at the same time.)

Volunteers are needed who are willing to get their hands dirty and engage in physical work.

If you have any questions or are able to help, please contact **Chris Macchia (cjmacchia@gmail.com)** or **Amy Petersen (amypetersn@gmail.com)**

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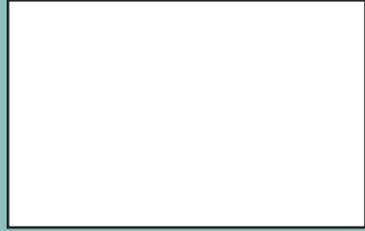
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