



# *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.

## Weekly Calendar of Community Events

9/15/2019	CHILDREN'S MASS	CHURCH	10 AM
9/15/2019	RELIGIOUS ED	CLASSROOMS	11—12:15 PM
9/16/2019	AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS	ST. MICHAEL'S	4—5 PM
9/16/2019	INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT	ST. MICHAEL'S	7:00—8:30 PM
9/17/2019	PRAYER GROUP	CHURCH	2:30—3 PM
9/18/2019	YOUTH GROUP	ST. MICHAEL'S	7—8:30 PM
9/20/2019	HOMESCHOOL CO-OP	CLASSROOMS	9:45—12:15 PM
9/21/2019	SUNRISE SUMMA	RECTORY BASEMENT	6:30—8 AM
9/21/2019	SHARE FOOD PICKUP	ST. JOSEPH'S ROOM	8—9 AM

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

### Parishioners

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 Vergheze, 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, Vince Dantone
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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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 Fr. Larry Young

## CATECHESIS WITH FRANCIS



Fr. Larry often reminds folks, “There is a 100% mortality rate for all of us!”. He says that always gets a chuckle, but the reality is we can be tempted to live our lives ignoring this inescapable reality. What happens when we die? The Catechism tells you humans that, *“Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven --- through a purification or immediately, --- or immediately and everlasting damnation”* (1022). To ignore this fact is supreme folly. For what it is worth it is corroborated by near death experience. It is extremely common for folks to report some kind of ‘life review’. However, the decision making process for us is reserved for this life only. There is no opportunity to change our minds when we cross over into eternity, *“Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ”* (1021). Once we cross over our decision has been made and it is final much like the decision for or against God that the angels made. Their decision was total and irrevocable since they were created in eternity outside time and space. Traditionally the Church refers to the four last things as: death, judgment, heaven or hell. I think about these things all the time! It is a vital salutary daily meditation. In his famous essay, ‘The Weight of Glory’, C.S. Lewis put it this way, *“You have never talked to a mere mortal... it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit --- immortal horrors, or everlasting splendors... all day long we are, in some degree helping each other to one or the other of these destinations”*. According to the doctrine of the faith, there will also be a Final Judgment immediately after the general resurrection of both the just and the unjust. We will all stand in our resurrected bodies before the one who is the Truth. The Catechism states, *“The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life”* (1039). We will be either with the sheep or the goats! Every day I pray, “Lord, help me to be a sheep!”.

Yer friend always,  
Francis

## PARISH NEWS

**Fr. Larry's Introduction to the Old Testament!** Come to the St. Michael's Room Monday nights from 7 to 8:30 pm for Fr. Larry's teaching of an Introduction to the Old Testament. This is not your typical discussion bible study, but rather more of an instructional setting with direction teaching from Father. Sound interesting? Good. We'll see you Monday nights!

**St. Pius X ESP** is looking for enthusiastic and organized persons interested in working with elementary aged students in the Extended School Program (ESP). Part time positions are available every day of the week. ESP teachers work with students from 3:00—6:00 pm. Teachers supervise students as they complete homework, socialize, and play. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. If you are interested please email mpickering@stpiusb Bowie.org

**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.

**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

**RAFFLE**

**Congratulations!** This week's raffle winner is Grady Billberry

**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](mailto:kevinschellhase.ascension@gmail.com)) to get a schedule and sign up.

**Join the Traditional Choir** - 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. To get you name on the email list, email Kevin ([kevinschellhase.ascension@gmail.com](mailto:kevinschellhase.ascension@gmail.com))

**Annual Taste Feast!** Join District #1 of Maryland Ladies' Auxiliary, Knights of St. John International for their **ANNUAL TASTE FEAST** this afternoon (9/15) here at Ascension's Bates Hall from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. There will be lots of delicious dishes and home-made desserts to eat and enjoy. The cost of tickets will be \$12.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for Children ages 12 and under. "Eating is a necessity but cooking is an art."

**'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](http://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](mailto:ministry.ascension@gmail.com) with any questions.

### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

**SEPTEMBER 16-22**

Monday	9:00 AM	Private Intentions of Priest
Tuesday	9:00 AM	+Deceased members of the Lorditch family
Wednesday	9:00 AM	+Deceased members of the Bischof family
Friday	9:00 AM	Rosa Elivra Gonzales
Saturday	9:00 AM	Private Intentions of Priest
	4:00 PM	+Stephen C. Yednock Jr.
Sunday	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	+Mercedes Rivera
	12:00 Noon	Private Intention of Priest

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