



Ascension Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 4:00pm (Vigil) | Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

DAILY MASS: Monday 9:00am | Tuesday 9:00am | Wednesday 9:00am | Friday 9:00am | Saturday 9:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD IN THE VESTING SACRISTY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday— 8:40-9:00am (before daily Mass)

Saturday — 8:40-9:00am (before daily Mass) | 3:00-3:30pm (before vigil Mass)

ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration: Please call the parish office for the door code

Weekday Adoration: before and after daily Masses (8:00-9:00am, 9:30-10:00am) | Monday 5:00-9:00pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30pm, Wednesday 9:30-4:30pm | Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00pm

PARISH STAFF

Administrator: Rev. Timothy Daniel

Secretary: Ms. Sharon Fanning | **Bookkeeper:** Mrs. Marilyn Donovan

Coordinator of Religious Education: Mrs. Maria Centeno | **Coordinator of Youth Ministry:** Ms. Emma Bigony

14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

Luke 10:8-9

July 3, 2022 | Fax: (301) 805-5053 | Email: office@ascensionbowie.org | www.ascensionbowie.org

Around Ascension

MASS INTENTIONS (July 4-10)

Monday 9:00am: +Maryellen Sondberg Johnson **Saturday 4:00pm:** +Howard Weber
Tuesday 9:00am: +Stan and +Betty Dietrich **Sunday 8:00am:** Parishioners
Wednesday 9:00am: +Holy Souls of Purgatory **Sunday 10:00am:** Ladies Auxiliary
Friday 9:00am: +Mr. & Mrs. Michael Simasek Sr. **Sunday 12:00pm:** Special Intention
Saturday 9:00am: Special Intention

A (+) indicates intention is for the repose of the person's soul

Summer Youth Retreat: Community & the Church

July 15-17, 2022 | \$15

Next month, Ascension will be hosting an overnight summer retreat for high school youth (9-12th grade) and rising college freshmen for the 2022-2023 school year. Our retreat is centered around community and the Church, with talks, games, activities, and most importantly, prayer time (Mass, adoration, confessions, liturgy of the hours, lectio divina). Please signup by July 6 end of day. For any signups past that date, please contact Emma Bigony directly.

To SIGNUP to attend, please go to <https://ascensionbowie.flocknote.com/signup/92832>. Permission forms are available on the parish website.

Email Emma Bigony via youthministry@ascensionbowie.org with any questions.

Next Family Night: Friday, July 8

Evening Prayer - Potluck Dinner - Talk for Adults & Activities for Children

Death Announcements & Funeral Arrangements

For an up-to-date listing of parish funerals, please visit ascensionbowie.org/funerals.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

Allen Barber, Francis Barnes, Mary Ann Boyer, Laura Chesnick, Al Cline, Rosita Dietrich, Elizabeth Dinsmore, David Divine, Cynthia Graham, Beverlee Lee, Bob Liggett, Robert Milburn, Ida Mullikin, Mary Murphy, Jean Mosby, Norma Perry, Norma Raffaele, Robert Raffaele Jr., Geralyn Roberson, Mickey Ryan, Bert Nemeth, Sr. Vincent de Paul OSF, Amber Wist, and Shirley Mackessy.

—Greetings from Fr. Tim—

Dear Parishioners,

Today we hear some strange but memorable words from St. Paul: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

What does Paul mean? The image implies that Paul is literally nailed to "the world," a term often used by Paul to describe human beings in their collective sinfulness, willfully opposed to God. But just as Christ died for the redemption of this "world," so Paul sees himself as offering his own life, preaching the Gospel for the sake of those who would believe, even when many others would reject him and cause him suffering. Being "crucified to the world" is thus an image of faithful charity, persevering in its proclamation of the Truth.

Our context is different from that of Paul. He was speaking specifically about the suffering he had to face from fellow Jewish Christians who were claiming that circumcision was necessary to follow Christ – something Paul consistently rejected. Hence his next words: "For neither does circumcision mean anything, not does uncircumcision, but only a new creation." For Paul, God's grace, available through repentance, belief in Christ, and a faithful moral life empowered by Baptism and the other sacraments, is what makes us truly children of God, a "new creation" – even if circumcision had indeed played an important symbolic role up to Christ's time, externally marking a person as a member of the people of God.

Nevertheless, we can appreciate the essential importance of Paul's words. In the midst of confusion about gender, sinful sexuality, the great sin of abortion (praise God for the recent Supreme Court ruling!), and the common misconception that everyone should simply "be free to live as they wish," we too are called to be "crucified to the world." We must proclaim the natural and scientific basis for sex (and not "gender"), the importance of male-female married sexuality, the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death, and the fact that true freedom means the ability to live virtuously. All of this we speak not simply to correct error, but in charity, hoping that many will repent, follow Christ, and so find true life – even when some will likely persecute us. "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me... Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

But this is no excuse to be rash, strange, or brow-beating when witnessing to Christ. We should try to be natural, approachable, and able to discuss serious matters with conviction that is based on experience and well-informed reasons. We should truly take an interest in others, so that they come to recognize in us many human virtues and the supernatural peace of Christ; friendship is the best means of evangelization. And we must also recognize that sometimes people will not be quite ready to discuss weighty matters until a more opportune moment arrives, when the Holy Spirit prompts us to know, "now is the time."

But neither can we shy away from saying what needs to be said when the moment comes, or deny the Truth when confronted by questions. To do would be to abandon Christ, like the apostles at Calvary, and miss the opportunity to persevere with Him and experience the deeper union that He wishes to give us. After all, Christ told us that the highest places in Heaven belong to those who are most conformed to Christ crucified: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

And so we need to pray for great fortitude and docility to the Holy Spirit in this time. Christ still looks for Simons of Cyrene to help Him carry his cross, and for more St. Pauls to share the Gospel. And the world needs the saving truth of Jesus Christ now as ever. If we do so, helped by Our Lady, we too will "boast" in the cross!

God bless,

Fr. Tim

Seeking Humanities Tutors

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St. Thomas Aquinas Tutorial, a hybrid classical homeschooling program in Anne Arundel County, is seeking tutors for the 2022/2023 academic school year. Tutors are needed to teach 4th grade humanities, and 7th grade humanities on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information about these positions, please contact Melinda Deras at director@statonline.org. For general information about STAT, please visit our website at www.statonline.org.

In need of more volunteers for Sunday donuts

Have you enjoyed the return of Sunday donuts?! We are still looking for volunteers for this summer, to help our parish enjoy our beautiful new patio and parents to reward their children! Individuals or families are needed to volunteer a few times a year to help facilitate ordering, set up or clean up after Sunday morning Masses.

Email admin@women-serving-women.com for signup details. This is a very low time commitment with a huge reward - thank you to all who have and will help!

Youth Ministry Summer Series: Prayer

All rising highschoolers, are invited to youth group for a summer series on prayer. Wednesday nights from 7-9pm, we will be looking at or practicing different types of prayer to help youth learn the importance of and habits for building a daily prayer life. Lessons will include prayer expressed by words, meditative prayer such as Lectio Divina, petitionary and intercessory prayer, and overcoming obstacles in prayer. While we will move through topics methodically, please feel free to join at any time. Signups are sent weekly to the High School Youth Ministry group on Flocknote. If you have any questions, contact Emma Bigony at youthministry@ascensionbowie.org.

DC Priest Vocations Events

Quo Vadis Camp 2022

Please register now for another great **Quo Vadis Camp** at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., from **Sunday, July 31, to Wednesday, August 3, 2022**. The Camp is open to young men in high school, including graduating seniors and rising 9th graders. **Please note that this camp is for young men who live within the Archdiocese of Washington only.**

****Bus transportation** will be available on Sunday and Wednesday. The stops will include Lexington Park, Md., Largo, Md., and Gaithersburg, Md. More information will be emailed to you, after you register.

The registration fee is \$140. In the case of financial need, a limited number of scholarships to cover registration/bus fees are available. Please email vocations@adw.org for more information about scholarships.

Registration can be found at <https://dcpriest.org/quo-vadis-camp-2022>

More information on discerning a vocation to the priesthood can be found at <https://dcpriest.org/am-i-called>

Save the Date: "Monumental" VBS

August 15-19, 2022



"Monumental" VBS is coming to Ascension soon! Registration opens on June 20th for kids grades K-5th. Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. VBS is open to all in Kindergarten through 5th grade, August 15-19, 2022 from 9:30am-12:00pm. Students in grades 6 and up are also welcome to join us as assistants.

In need of volunteers!

VBS wouldn't be successful without our generous volunteers! We are seeking Virtus-compliant adults, and student assistants in grades 6 and up. Help is needed with decorations, small group guides, station leaders, games, photography, set up/clean up, behind the scenes and more! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria Centeno at religionseducation@ascensionbowie.org so that she can add your name to the volunteer list!

Coloring Book Canvas Paint Nite

Share and Care will be hosting their first Paint Nite on Saturday, July 23. We are so excited to begin gathering again for some fun times. Tickets are \$30 each (includes dinner and painting).

Registration and payment may be made:

Online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/MD467/48270> **OR**

Cash or Checks payable to "Ascension". Place in envelope marked "Paint Nite" and drop at the office or in the collection basket no later than Sunday, July 17.

For more information, please contact Maureen Barber (301-928-0603 | Maureen.barber167@gmail.com) or Roberta Borger (240-535-7775 | bertborges@aol.com)

Congratulations to our raffle winner,
Jimmy DiGregory