



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for June 7](#)

[Link to Ms. Enid Cole's Sermon "The Virtue of Curiosity" from May 31.](#)

["What is this Good News?" Sermon written by Sue Conway, and read at her funeral](#)

[Link to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's Website](#)

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, June 6

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons
11am Al-Anon, Undercroft Commons
11am Overeaters Anonymous, Ascension House
3pm The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen, St. Martin's

Sunday, June 7

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
9am Godly Play, Room 6
9am ESOL Class, Room 1
10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children, Chapel
10:15 am A Joyful Path, Room 3
10:15 am Rite 13, and

What Are We Missing?

"We have made money our god and called it the good life. We have trained our children to go for jobs that bring the quickest corporate advancements at the highest financial levels. We have taught them careerism but not ministry and wonder why ministers are going out of fashion. We fear coddling the poor with food stamps while we call tax breaks for the rich business incentives. We make human community the responsibility of government institutions while homelessness, hunger, and drugs seep from the centers of our cities like poison from open sores for which we do not seek either the cause or the cure. We have created a bare and sterile world of strangers where exploitation is a necessary virtue. We have reduced life to the lowest of values so that the people who have much will not face the prospect of having less.

"Underlying all of it, we have made women the litter bearers of a society where disadvantage clings to the bottom of the institutional ladder and men funnel to the top, where men are privileged and women are conscripted for the comfort of the human race. We define women as essential to the development of the home but unnecessary to the development of society. We make them poor and render them powerless and shuttle them from man to man. We sell their bodies and question the value of their souls. We call them unique and say they have special natures, which we then ignore in their specialness. We decide that what is true of men is true of women and then say that women are not as smart as men, as strong as men, or as capable as men. We render half the human race invisible and call it natural. We tolerate war and massacre, mayhem and holocaust to right the wrongs that men say need righting and then tell women to bear up and accept their fate in silence when the crime is against them.

"What's worse, we have applauded it all—the militarism, the profiteering, and the sexism—in the name of patriotism, capitalism, and even religion. We consider it a social problem, not a spiritual one. We think it has something to do with modern society and fail to imagine that it may be something wrong with the modern soul. We treat it as a state of mind rather than a state of heart. Clearly, there is something we are

Confirm, not Conform,
Ascension House
10:15 am Choir Practice,
Choir Room
11am Bilingual Holy
Eucharist and Parish Picnic,
Bohrer Park Pond Pavillion
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Monday, June 8
6:30pm Ascension Softball
vs. St. Francis, Nike Field
6:30pm Overeaters
Anonymous, Undercroft
Commons

Tuesday, June 9
9:30am Staff Meeting,
Library
6pm Spanish Bible Study,
Room 3
7pm Education for Ministry,
Library
7pm Still Water Mindfulness
Practice, Chapel
8:30pm Al-Anon, Ascension
House

Wednesday, June 10
10am No Book Group
7pm Codependents
Anonymous, Ascension House
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,
Ascension House

Thursday, June 11
11am Yoga, Chapel
6pm Spanish Class, Room 3

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, June 7
Preacher: (the Rev.) Randy Lord-
Wilkinson

Flower Delivery: Adoma Baffoe,
Musu Rogers

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Jackson
Douglas, *Chalicians:* Leslie Sanya,
Wadai Dennis, *Healing Prayer:* Jean
Cohn, *Acolytes:* Raymond Chin,
Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas,

failing to see.”

– Joan D. Chittister, *Heart of Flesh: Feminist Spirituality for
Women and Men*

Announcements
(click for more info)

HEADLINERS

[Family Movie Night, June 5](#)

[Annual Parish Picnic, June 7](#)

[Hospitality Hour](#)

[Broadhurst Architect Presentation, June 14](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Christian Formation Summer Break](#)

[Godly Play, June 7](#)

[A Joyful Path, June 7](#)

[Rite-13 and Confirm, not Conform](#)

[The Portable Jung](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

WORSHIP

[Worship Rosters, April - June](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

SERVICE

[Work Camp 2015](#)

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)

[Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)

[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

[Ascension's Cancer Support Group](#)

LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Ascension Softball Schedule](#)

[Congratulations Graduates!](#)

Welcome Team: Herald Douglas,
Lisa Murdock, *Altar Guild:*
Georgette Dennis, Yarvo Jones

9:00 AM *Readers:* Susan Ahalt,
Suzy Gonzalez, *Prayers:* TBA,
Chalicians: Sari Stoddard, Shirley
Allen, *Healing Prayer:* Javier
Ocampo, *Acolytes:* Kayleigh Yankie,
Alex Hanson, Nuelle Johnson,
Welcome Team: Margaret Joseph,
Dorett Sutherland, James Black,
Jonathan Black, *Altar Guild:*

11:00 AM *Reader:* Peg Ruppel,
Chalicians: Rimie Sicard, Georgana
Maines, *Healing Prayer:* Alex
Langley, *Welcome Team:* Page
Salazar, Avin Lalmansingh, *Altar
Guild:* Georgana Maines, Alice
Padmore

5:00 PM *Reader / Usher:* Pete
Minderman

Eucharistic Visitors: Jean Cohn

Summer Office Hours

Father's Day Food Drive

ESOL Class

Prayer Request Updates

THE ASCENDANT NEWSLETTER

June

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

St. Columba's Church
St. Columba's Nursery School
St. Barnabas' Church of the Deaf
St. Barnabas' Church, Leeland
St. Barnabas' Church, Temple Hills

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Rameses, Lee, Peg, Jackson, Nan, Susan, Gary, Nancy, Peg,
Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, Ryan, and all those who, in this
transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any
other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our
country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and
their families. For all people affected by natural disasters,
violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended
Healing Prayer List.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by Nancy Carman, in loving memory of her parents
Shirley and William Thomas.

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