

EPISCOPAL  
**Church of the  
Ascension**



# This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for June 12](#)

[Link to Javier's Sermon "Jesus vs. Good Funeral" from June 5.](#)

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

## Calendar Highlights

### Saturday, June 11

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1

11am Al-Anon, Undercroft Commons

11am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1

### Sunday, June 12

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children, Chapel

11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel

11:15am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

1pm Pastoral Care Team, Library

5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

### Monday, June 13

11:30am Living with Serious Illness Group, Room 1

6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1

## Learning to See

I would have never seen my own white privilege if I had not been forced outside of my dominant white culture by travel, by working in the jail, by hearing stories from counselees, and frankly, by making a complete fool of myself in so many social settings--most of which I had the freedom to avoid! And so recognition was slow in coming. I am not only white, but I am male, overeducated, clergy (from clerics, the separated ones), a Catholic celibate, healthy, and American. I profited from white privilege on so many fronts that I had to misread the situation many, many times before I began to feel what others feel and see what others could clearly see. Many must have just rolled their eyes and hopefully forgiven me! Education about white privilege is the best doorway to help those of us who think we are not racists to recognize that structurally and often unconsciously we still are. Our easy advancement was too often at the cost of others not advancing at all.

Power never surrenders without a fight. If your entire life has been to live unquestioned in your position of power--a power that was culturally given to you, but you think you earned--there is almost no way you will give it up without major failure, suffering, humiliation, or defeat. The trouble is we cannot program that. All we can do is stop shoring up our power by our de facto idolization of money, possessions, power positions, superficial entertainment, the idolization of celebrities and athletes, and the war economy. All of these depend on our common enthrallment with being on top. As long as we really want to be on top and would do the same privileged things if we could get there, there will never be an actual love of equality, true freedom, or the Gospel. This challenges all of us to change and not just those folks who temporarily are "on the top."

Jesus' basic justice agenda was simple living, humility, and love of neighbor. We all have to live this way ourselves. From that position, God can do God's work rather easily.

- Richard Rohr

7pm Outreach Committee,  
Library

### Tuesday, June 14

6:30pm Spanish Class,  
Ascension House  
7pm Codependents  
Anonymous, Room 1  
7pm Stillwater Mindfulness  
Group, Chapel  
8:30pm AI-Anon, Room 1

### Wednesday, June 15

10am *Gilead* Book Group,  
Library  
7pm Ensemble Rehearsal,  
Main Church  
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,  
Chapel

### Thursday, June 16

10am Yoga, Chapel

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

## Worship Leaders

### Sunday, June 12

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-  
Wilkinson

*Flower Delivery:* Hawa Clemens,  
Eliane Dunn-Johnson

*7:45 AM Reader/Prayers:* Leslie  
Sanya, *Chalicians:* Diana Gustafson,  
Enid Cole, *Healing Prayer:* Meredith  
Horan, *Acolytes:* Ron Hayden,  
Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas,  
*Welcome Team:* Jean Cohn, Don  
Cohn, *Altar Guild:* Leslie Sanya,  
Wadai Dennis

*9:00 AM, Readers:* Betsy Hasegawa,  
Gary McLaughlin, *Prayers:* Sue Snay,  
*Chalicians:* Esther Tellu, Major  
Clemens, *Healing Prayer:* Susan  
McLaughlin, *Acolytes:* Kofi Dickson,  
Lisa Dickson, Kofi Kwamena-Poh,  
*Welcome Team:* Nii Armah Akuete,  
Ruby King, Charles Dickson, *Altar  
Guild:* Caryl Thomas, Adoma Baffoe,  
Dotty Pfadenhauer

*11:15 AM Reader:* Diana Gustafson,  
*Chalicians:* Christian Nwankwo, Avin  
Lalmansingh *Healing Prayer:* Laura  
Shay, *Welcome Team:* Alex Langley,  
Alice Padmore, *Altar Guild:* Anika  
Lalmansingh, Avin Lalmansingh

## Announcements

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### HEADLINERS

[Father's Day Food Drive](#)

[Game Night Work Camp Fundraiser, June 24](#)

[Church Yard Sale and Car Wash, June 25](#)

[Work Camp, 2016](#)

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

[Wednesday Morning Book Group: \*Gilead\*](#)

[Women's Retreat - with Registration Form](#)

[Education for Ministry, Fall 2016](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

### WORSHIP

[Worship Rosters, April-June, 2016](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

### SERVICE

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)

[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

### LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Ascension Softball](#)

[Summer Office Hours](#)

[Iftar Dinner](#)

[Living with Serious Illness Group](#)

[Keeping the Feast](#)

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

### PUBLICATIONS

[Link to the Annual Report and the Vestry Candidate](#)

5:00 PM *Reader/Chalicerist*: Howard Holland

Eucharistic Visitors: Pamella Irons-Forth, Barb Mansfield

Questionnaire

June Ascendant

Together We Shine

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**Prayers**

**FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:**  
In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for All Faith Church, Charlotte Hall, and Christ Church, Durham

**PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:**  
Carol, Helen, Helen, Sarah, Lea Ann, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, Toshi, 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.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love - as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

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

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