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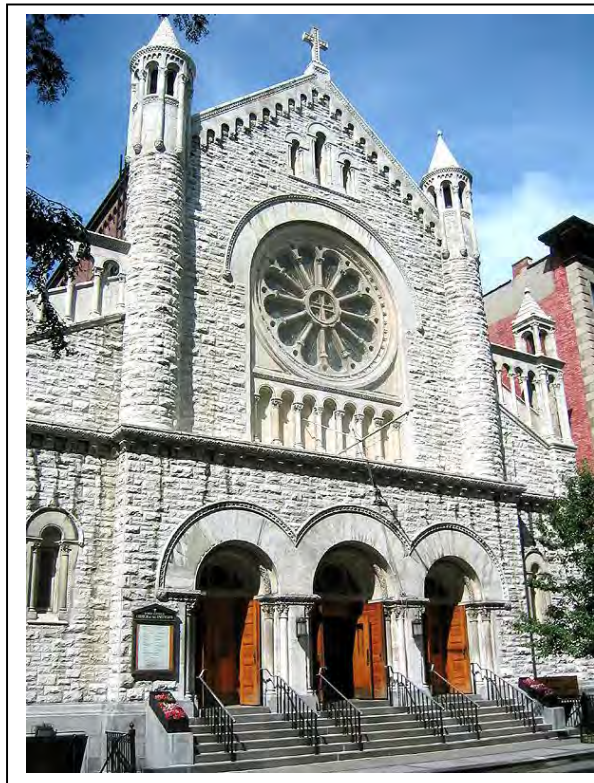
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Sacraments (English)

Penance: Saturday 4-5pm

Baptism: Second Saturday & third Sunday. Contact the rectory for details or visit AscensionChurchNYC.org
Plans need to be made at least 6 weeks in advance.

Marriage: Please make arrangements in advance with the Pastor or a Priest.

Los Sacramentos (Español)

Penitencia: Sábado 4-5pm

Bautismos: 2do Domingo y 3er Sábado del mes. Contacte la rectoría para detalles o visite AscensionChurchNYC.org
Planificaciones tienen que ser 6 semanas por adelantación.

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Ministry For The Sick/ Homebound

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Ministerio Para Los Enfermos

Ayudamos a todos los que no pueden venir a celebrar la Misa por enfermedad o otra razón. Favor de llamar a **Cipriano Lantigua** en la Rectoría.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturdays	Sundays	Weekdays
12:10pm (Spanish)	8:15am (English)	Noon (English)
5:00pm (English)	9:30am (Spanish)	7:00pm (Spanish)
6:15pm (Spanish)	11:00am (Choir)	6:00pm Wednesday (English)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz)	

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Pastor's Letter Notas del Pastor



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

Clearly, one of the most important ministries in every parish is that of catechesis, teaching and passing on the faith to both children and adults. One of the great things here at Ascension is our RCIA Program. RCIA is more of a process, a journey and discussion, rather than a formal classroom lecture. Although RCIA is geared towards those adults who are seeking baptism, confirmation, or Eucharist (any one of the three or all three), RCIA also invites those adults wishing to learn more about their faith to be part of this faith journey. Our faith journey has far greater value once we know and understand what our faith teaches and why. We have an excellent RCIA Team and so I would both invite and encourage all to consider this invitation. If you are interested in registering or if you have questions, please write to: rcia@ascensionchurchnyc.org. RCIA meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m beginning September 15th, 2015 in Grace House. Grace House is located at 218 West 108th Street.

The plight of Christians around the world has become a major catastrophe, particularly in the Middle East. Islamic extremists, like ISIS, are specifically attacking Christians because of their faith. Public attacks on Christians by ISIS terrorists and other militants have gained attention around the world, including kidnappings and gruesome public executions. In Iraq, 70% of Christians have been forced to flee their homes under threat of death, while those remaining live in constant fear. In Syria, Christians are caught in the middle of a bloody civil war, and two million have fled from their homes. The UN has identified close to 2.5 million internally displaced persons across Iraq, and over 12 million in need of humanitarian assistance in Syria. Almost 4 million have fled Syria as refugees, and over 7.5 million are internally displaced. Many of these refugees live in camps that do not have sufficient resources, and they may never return to their homes. It is curious that the Middle East is the birthplace of Christianity. It's the land of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. If your faith moves you to want to respond or help in some way, please visit: www.archny.org/persecution-of-christians. Might I invite you to pray this prayer on a regular basis.

“Almighty, everlasting God, look with compassion on all those who suffer persecution for justice's sake. Grant them grace to carry their cross with patience in the name of your beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let the chalice pass from them if such be your holy will; yet, in all things, may your will be done. Grant to those who persecute, light to see the truth, and the grace of mercy and forgiveness, for they know not what they do. Mary, Mother of Jesus, Comfort of the Afflicted, help your children in the time of bitter trial. O Lord our God, by the sign of your holy cross deliver us from our enemies. Amen.”

Pray for peace and for all those who are persecuted!

Peace, Fr. Kearney

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

Está claro que uno de los ministerios más importantes en cada parroquia es la de catequesis -- enseñando y pasando la fe a niños y adultos. Una de las grandes cosas aquí en la Ascensión es nuestro programa de RICA. RICA es más un proceso, un camino y una discusión que una conferencia formal de sala de clase. Aunque RICA está dirigida hacia aquellos adultos que buscan el bautismo, la confirmación o la eucaristía (una de las tres o las tres), RICA también invita a aquellos que desean conocer más de su fe a ser parte de este camino de fe. Nuestro camino de fe tiene mucho más valor una vez que sabemos y comprendemos lo que nuestra fe enseña y por qué. Tenemos un excelente equipo de RICA y por eso, al igual los invito y los animo a todos a considerar esta invitación. Si está interesado en registrarse o tiene preguntas, por favor, escriba a: rcia@ascensionchurchnyc.org. RICA se reúne los martes por la noche a las 7, comenzando el 15 de septiembre del 2015 en Grace House. Grace House está ubicada en el 218 oeste calle 108.

El dilema de los cristianos alrededor del mundo se ha convertido en una catástrofe, en particular en el Medio Oriente. Extremistas islámicos, como el Estado Islámico (EI), están específicamente atacando a los cristianos a causa de su fe. Ataques públicos a cristianos de terroristas del EI y otros militantes han ganado la atención de todos alrededor del mundo, incluyendo secuestros y horribles ejecuciones públicas. En Irak, 70% de los cristianos han sido forzados a dejar sus hogares bajo amenaza de muerte, mientras los que permanecen viven constantemente atemorizados. En Siria, los cristianos se encuentran en medio de una sangrienta guerra civil y dos millones han huido de sus casas. La ONU ha identificado casi 2.5 millones de personas internamente desplazadas a través de Irak y a más de 12 millones en necesidad de ayuda humanitaria en Siria. Casi 4 millones han huido de Siria como refugiados y más de 7.5 millones están internamente desplazados. Muchos de estos refugiados viven en campamentos que no tienen suficientes recursos y quizás nunca puedan regresar a sus casas. Es curioso que el Medio Oriente es el lugar donde nació el cristianismo. Es la tierra de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Si su fe lo conmueve a responder o a ayudar de alguna manera, por favor, visite www.archny.org/persecution-of-christians. Permítame invitarlo a que ore esta oración regularmente.

“Todopoderoso, Dios eterno, mira con compasión a todos los que sufren persecución a causa de la justicia. Concédeles la gracia para llevar su cruz con paciencia en nombre de tu adorado hijo, nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Deja que el cáliz les pase si es tu santa voluntad, sin embargo, que en todas las cosas se haga tu voluntad. Concédeles a aquellos que persiguen la luz para ver la verdad y la gracia de la misericordia y el perdón, porque no saben lo que hacen. María, Madre de Jesús, consuelo del afligido, ayuda a tus hijos en tiempo de amarga prueba. O, Señor, nuestro Dios, por la señal de tu santa cruz, libranos de nuestros enemigos. Amén.”

¡Oren por la paz y por todos aquellos que son perseguidos!

Paz, Padre Kearney



Olivia Barnet, William Brown, Laura Moore Brown, Yveline Louis Charles, Paola Colon, Mariela Cristin, Luz Marina Cruz, Thomas & Marie Curr, Gina DeGivenchy, Javier DJuan, Milena Encarnacion, Alex Estevez, Julio Esteves, Sonia Feliz, Enercida Fernandez, Florentina Flores, Mary Font, Claire Gaudiani, David Glassberg, Altagracia Gomes, Fredes

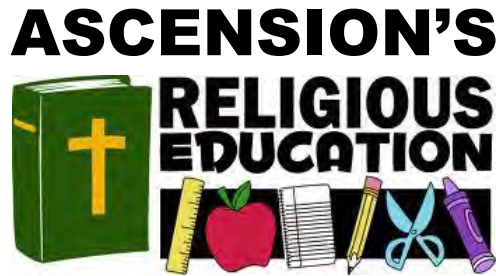
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**Pope Francis announces
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

Pope Francis has decided to set up a "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation" which will be celebrated on September First annually. Visit AscensionChurchNYC.org/news for full details and a link to the Vatican announcement.

**Papa Francisco anuncia
Día Mundial de la Oración
para el Cuidado de la Creación**

Papa Francisco ha decidido establecer un "Día Mundial de la Oración para el Cuidado de la Creación", que se celebrará en el primero de septiembre anualmente. Visita AscensionChurchNYC.org/news para más detalles y un vínculo para el anuncio del Vaticano.



**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM?**

We are looking for new volunteers; assistant catechists, health and safety officers, administrative assistance, music and arts and crafts expertise. Come be part of our team! We will be holding orientation meetings Tuesday, August 18th and Monday, August 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room. For more information contact: rklueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org

EARLY-BIRD SPECIAL!

Tuition for this fall's Religious Education program is reduced by \$50 if you register by September 1! We offer classes for children aged 3 through high school. This year we are holding classes both Sunday mornings and on weekday afternoons. Classes start the week of September 13. To be sure you get the day you want, and to take advantage of the early bird special, please see Robin after the Sunday masses, or contact her at 917-363-4564, or rklueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org.

**INTERESADO EN SER VOLUNTARIO EN EL
PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA?**

Estamos buscando nuevos voluntarios; catequistas auxiliares, oficiales de seguridad y salud, asistencia administrativa, de música, artes y experiencia artesanías. Venga y sea parte de nuestro equipo! Llevaremos a cabo reuniones de orientación Martes, 18 de agosto y el lunes, 31 de agosto a las 6:30 pm en el comedor de la Rectoría. Para más información contactar: rklueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org

OFERTA DE RESERVA ANTICIPADA!

La matrícula para el programa de Educación Religiosa ha sido reducida por \$50 si se inscribe antes del 1 de septiembre! Ofrecemos clases para niños de 3 años de edad hasta la secundaria. Este año estamos ofreciendo clases en las mañanas de los domingos y en las tardes durante la semana. Las clases comienzan la semana del 13 de septiembre. Para asegurarse de que reciba el día que desee, y para aprovechar la oferta de reserva anticipada, por favor comuníquese con Robin después de las misas dominicales, o póngase en contacto con ella en 917-363-4564 o rklueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 16 – Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

8:15am Luis Rivera

9:30am Efrain Robles

11:00am Yolende Rowe

12:30pm Gregoria Carmona, Santa Lucia

6:00pm Leticia Gonzalez, Altagracia Barsey, Jose Barsey

Monday, August 17 – Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

12:00pm Jesus Christ

7:00pm Maximillian Valdez

Tuesday, August 18 – Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

12:00pm Madre de Schoenstatt, Mercedes Davuet

7:00pm Francisca Hernandez

Wednesday, August 19 – Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

6:00pm Jaima and Constancio Olvido Jr.

Thursday, August 20 – Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

7:00pm Jose Manuel Ureña

Friday, August 21 – Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

7:00pm Francisco Suedo

Saturday, August 22 – Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12



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June Collections		July Collections		August Collections	
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14-Jun	\$ 3,872	12-Jul	\$ 4,403	9-Aug	\$ 6,835
21-Jun	\$ 5,119	19-Jul	\$ 4,133	16-Aug	
28-Jun	\$ 5,443	26-Jul	\$ 3,710	23-Aug	
				30-Aug	
Faith Direct: (110)	\$ 13,289	Faith Direct: (110)	\$ 11,952	Faith Direct: (112)	\$ 9,408
	\$ 34,273		\$ 29,576		\$ 20,716

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA at Ascension is a faith-sharing group accompanying adults in their preparation for the reception of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. This process includes interactive discussions about the different aspects of the Catholic faith. If you are considering becoming a Catholic or are already baptized and would like to receive the sacraments of 1st Communion and/or Confirmation, the RCIA is the right place for you. Sacraments can be received at the Easter Vigil.

RCIA meets every Tuesday night at 7 PM, beginning September 15th, 2015 in Grace House. Grace House is located at 218 West 108th Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue).

The RCIA also welcomes all Catholics who received the Sacraments, and seek to revive their faith and share their views of the Catholic Church.

For more information about RCIA, please e-mail the RCIA team at: rcia@ascensionchurchnyc.org

RICA

El programa de Iniciacion Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) es un grupo que se reune para compartir la fe entre los adultos que quieren recibir los sacramentos de iniciacion (Bautizo, Primera Comunion y Confirmacion). Si estas considerando ser Catolico o ya estas bautizado pero no has recibido los sacramentos de Primera Comunion o Confirmacion, la RICA es para ti.

Este proceso incluye discusiones interactivas acerca de los diferentes aspectos de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. El programa de RICA se reune los Martes en la noche, empezando el Martes, 15 de Septiembre, 2015 a las 7:00pm en Grace House (localizado en el 218 West 108th Street, entre Broadway y Amsterdam Avenue).

Para mas informacion, por favor enviar un correo electronico a: rcia@ascensionchurchnyc.org



To register as a parishioner:

ascensionchurchnyc.org/register

To learn about our parish groups:

ascensionchurchnyc.org/parish-groups

For news and goings on at Ascension:

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For present and past weekly bulletins:

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For information on the Papal visit to NY:

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MUSIC FOR THE MASSES IN ENGLISH – 5 P.M., 8:15 A.M. & 11 A.M.

The Order of Mass may be followed in the paperback Missals, beginning at Page 2. (Nicene Creed, Page 102; Liturgy of the Eucharist, Page 106). Boldface numbers refer to music in the red Worship hymnals. Please sing!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ, Prelude in G major, S. 541 – *J. S. Bach, 1685-1750*

Processional Hymn, Joyful, joyful, we adore you (*tune: Hymn to Joy*)

525

Kyrie eleison – *chant*

Missal Page 221

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Gloria in excelsis Deo – *Gloria Simplex (Richard Proulx, 1937-2010)*

Missal Page 225

Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, We adore you, we glorify you, We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, Receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, Have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm 34 – *chanted by all*

Music provided from the Ushers

Gospel Acclamation – *chant*

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*v. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood /
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

General Intercessions – *R. Lord, hear our prayer.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn, I am the Bread of life (*Suzanne Toolan, b.1927*)

738

Sanctus and Memorial Acclamation – *Michael Joncas, 2010*

Missal Pages 215-216

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

Lamb of God - *Joncas*

Missal Page 218

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us. (*repeat*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion music

(*Saturday*) Anthem, Ave verum corpus – *W. A. Mozart, 1756-1791*

Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man, Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, Be for us a foretaste In the test of death.

(*Sunday*) Organ, Communion (*Triptyque, Op. 58*)– *Louis Vierne, 1870-1937*

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn, O Jesus, joy of loving hearts (*tune: Wareham*)

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Organ, Fugue in C – *Dietrich Buxtehude, ca.1637-1707*

Cantors for the masses: Hayden DeWitt (Saturday); Margarita Martinez (Sunday).

Interested in singing with the Ascension Choir? The season resumes Sunday, 20 September. Please contact Mr. Smith at PSmith@AscensionChurchNYC.org. (This summer bulletin notice has already produced two new choristers for the fall! Tenors especially needed.)

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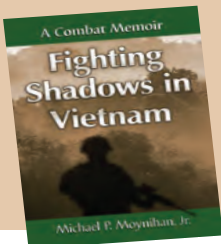
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