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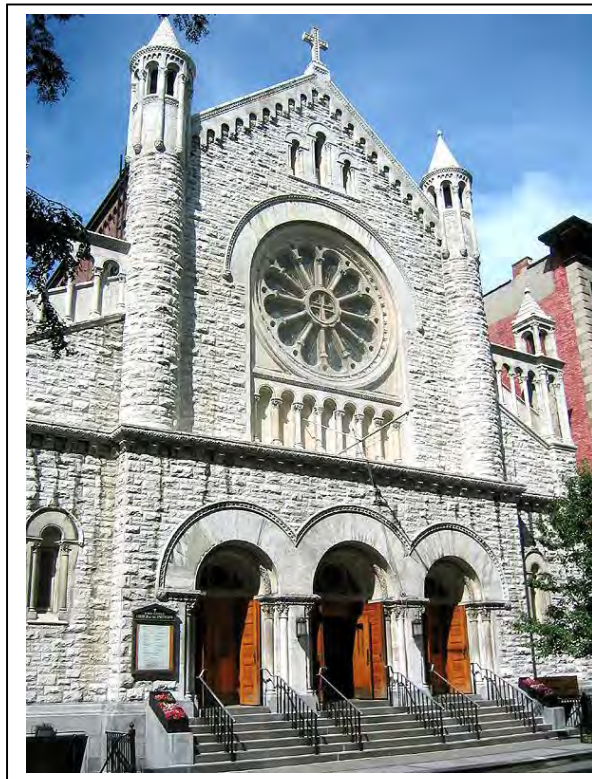
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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 2015



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**Penance:** Saturday 4-5pm

**Baptism:** Second Saturday & third Sunday. Contact Fr. Rafferty at sacraments@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](http://AscensionChurchNYC.org)  
*Planificaciones tienen que ser 6 semanas por adelantación.*

**Bodas:** Favor de hacer arreglos con anticipación con el Párroco o sacerdote.

**Ministry For The Sick/ Homebound**  
We are anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicap or age. Please call **Cipriano Lantigua** at the rectory.

## 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 <b>Wednesday</b> (English)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz)	

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Check the "PARISH NEWS" section on the [AscensionChurchNYC.org](http://AscensionChurchNYC.org) home page. Many upcoming dates and events have been added.  
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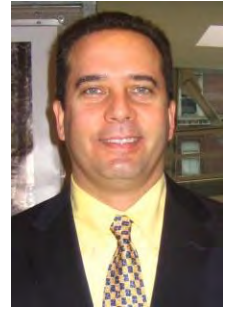
Pastor's Letter  
Notas del Pastor



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

The highly anticipated visit of Pope Francis to the United States begins this week. The Holy Father will be arriving in Washington DC on Tuesday, then he will be arriving here in NY on Thursday, September 24th. This is the very first time that a pope will address a joint session of Congress. When in the US, it's more than likely that Pope Francis will speak about the importance of protecting the environment and taking urgent action on climate change. It is thought that he will speak about world peace, helping the poor and marginalized, and no doubt he will bring to us an important message about the growing persecution of Christians in the Middle East, and in particular Syria and the plight of the Syrian refugees. Pope Francis has very much been a voice for the voiceless and vulnerable of the world. Pope Francis has been a very effective instrument of raising the level of consciousness of so many throughout the world, particularly as he speaks so eloquently about the poor and those who live in poverty. This should be a most historic visit as will be his message! I also invite you to visit <http://popefrancisnyc.org/>.

I would also like to congratulate Nelson Falcon. Nelson and his family have been faithful parishioners for many years. Nelson has officially been accepted into the Deaconate Program of the Archdiocese of New York. This past year, Nelson was in a year of inquiry. He now officially begins his studies as he prepares to become a deacon. The process is intense, particularly for those who are working and already involved in parish ministry. Nelson will be attending classes at the seminary twice a week for the next four years. Nelson remains actively involved in RCIA, Catechetics, as well as being a lector and a Eucharistic Minister. Deacons will be playing an extremely important role in the life of church here in NY, particularly as the number of priests continues to decrease. Please keep Nelson and his family in your prayers.



Please keep the pope in your prayers and let's pray together that his message will have a lasting impact on the world and our city.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

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Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

La muy anticipada visita del Papa Francisco a los Estados Unidos comienza esta semana. El Santo Padre llegará a Washington, D.C. el martes, después llegará aquí a Nueva York el jueves, 24 de septiembre. Esta será la primera vez que un papa se dirige a una sesión combinada del congreso. Una vez en los EE.UU. es más que probable que el Papa Francisco hable sobre la importancia de proteger al medio ambiente y tomar medidas urgentes sobre el cambio climático. Se piensa que hablará sobre la paz mundial, ayuda a los pobres y marginados y sin duda nos traerá un mensaje importante acerca de la creciente persecución de los cristianos en el Medio Oriente y en particular en Siria y la grave situación de los refugiados sirios. El Papa Francisco siempre ha sido una voz para los que no tienen voz y los vulnerables. El Papa Francisco ha sido un instrumento muy efectivo para elevar el nivel de conciencia de tantos a través del mundo especialmente cuando habla con tanta elocuencia acerca de los pobres y aquellos que viven en la pobreza. ¡Esta visita será una visita muy histórica al igual que su mensaje! También los invito a que visiten <http://popefrancisnyc.org/>.

También me gustaría felicitar a Nelson Falcón. Nelson y su familia han sido fieles feligreses por muchos años. Nelson ha sido aceptado en el Programa de Diaconado de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York. Este año pasado Nelson estuvo en un año de interrogación. Él ahora oficialmente comienza sus estudios mientras se prepara para convertirse en diácono. El proceso es intenso – especialmente para aquellos que trabajan y además están comprometidos en ministerios parroquiales. Nelson va a asistir a clases en el seminario – dos veces a la semana por los próximos cuatro años. Nelson continúa activo en RCIA, catequesis, al igual que ser un lector y un ministro eucarístico. Los diáconos van a representar un papel extremadamente importante en la vida eclesial aquí en Nueva York – especialmente cuando el número de sacerdotes continúa disminuyendo. Por favor, mantenga a Nelson y a su familia en sus oraciones.

Por favor, mantenga al papa en sus oraciones y oremos juntos que su mensaje tenga un impacto duradero en el mundo y en nuestra ciudad.

Paz, Padre Kearney



We will be starting a new "Ascension Welcoming Ministry" to greet and welcome people to Mass each weekend and answer any questions. Anyone interested please see Michael Elmore in the Sacristy after Mass or send us a message via [ascensionchurchnyc.org/contact-us](http://ascensionchurchnyc.org/contact-us)

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### Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

**Sunday, September 20 – Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37**

9:30am Jose Manuel Ureña, Massiel Sanchez, Milagros Ferreira

11:00am Deceased members of the McNicholas Family

12:30pm Ramona Toribio, Samuel Martinez, Innocencia Martinez, Arminda Laracuenta, Juanita Colon, Lourdes Castro, Gurillermina Najera, Elpidio Escamilla

**Monday, September 21 – Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13**

12:00pm Baby Jesus

7:00pm Matea Richiez

**Tuesday, September 22 – Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21**

**Wednesday, September 23 – Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6**

6:00pm Constancio "Jun" Olvido

7:00pm Lazaro Reyes, Israel Gerena

**Thursday, September 24 – Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9**

12:00pm Lady of Mercy, Carmen Rivera

7:00pm Juan Rosado

**Friday, September 25 – Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22**

12:00pm Constancio R. Olvido, Jr., Teodora Datac

**Saturday, September 26 – Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45**

6:15pm Flor Gallego, Christopher Adames, Olivia Rose



St. Francis

The annual  **blessing of pets**  will take place on the feast of St. Francis, **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** at **3:30pm** in front of the church.



**Liturgical Ministers**

We are holding training sessions soon for parishioners who want to serve as either lectors or Eucharistic Ministers at the English Masses at Ascension.

Lectors read the holy scriptures at Mass and Eucharistic Ministers assist in distributing the Precious Body and Blood at Communion. All Catholics who have received the sacrament of Confirmation can serve in these roles.

For information please contact Andrea Gilbert at 646-943-0916 or [andrea Gilbert212@gmail.com](mailto:andrea Gilbert212@gmail.com).



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July Collections		August Collections		Sept Collections	
5-Jul	\$ 5,378	2-Aug	\$ 4,473	6-Sep	\$ 5,453
12-Jul	\$ 4,403	9-Aug	\$ 6,835	13-Sep	\$ 5,788
19-Jul	\$ 4,133	16-Aug	\$ 5,802	20-Sep	
26-Jul	\$ 3,710	23-Aug	\$ 5,298	27-Sep	
		30-Aug	\$ 5,015		
Faith Direct: (110)	\$ 11,952	Faith Direct: (112)	\$ 12,285	Faith Direct: (113)	\$ 8,776
	\$ 29,576		\$ 39,708		\$ 20,017

### Today is Catechetical Sunday

The Ascension religious education's catechists and program volunteers will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. This is a great time for us to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing down the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. May God bless our catechetical volunteers:

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Maria Acuria         | Randy Meredith    |
| Emily Alvarez        | Teresita Navarro  |
| Francis Barth        | Edwin Oscar       |
| Lorna Buntin         | Miriam Ortiz      |
| Yonathan Casilla     | Brenda Parra      |
| Daniel Corniell      | Gladys Perez      |
| Jackie DeLeon-Santos | Jesus Ramos       |
| Sonia DeLeon         | Chelsea Rodriguez |
| Gilberte Desir       | Jeffrey Santana   |
| Nelson Falcon        | Jemny Santana     |
| Pat Gutierrez        | Joseph Santana    |
| Rita Houlihan        | Julia Soledispa   |
| Veronica Huntt       | Marco Uruchima    |
| Kathy Kearns         | Julissa Vargas    |
| Ruby Krajick         | Nece Whye         |
| Stella Krajick       | Paul Zakrzewski   |
| James Lalino         |                   |



### Ascension Gay Fellowship

Welcome Back Social. **Tues. Sept 22 7:00 - 8:30 pm Rectory Dining Room.** Bring your favorite finger food (chicken tenders, veggies and dip, cookies) or beverage, or just come with a friend. More information, **George at 212 749 7860.** Everyone's welcome. See you there!

Come "Light the Way" for a better world "Under One Sky" as we pray together in support of Pope Francis and in hope that world leaders gathered at the UN will listen to his address with an open heart and resolve to act. People of many faiths have been moved by his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*; let's show our gratitude for his courage and support his call for action.

**Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015**

**Dag Hammarskjold Park**  
2nd Ave & 47th St., NYC

**4:30 - 5:30 Multi-faith Prayer Vigil "We Will Light the Way"** in support of *Laudato Si'* and Pope Francis' call for climate action on the eve of his address to the world leaders at the UN

**6:00 - 7:45 A Rally/Vigil "Under One Sky"** to support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals...to be presented at the UN on Friday.

**8:00 on - An All-night Inter-faith Prayer Vigil** at the Church of Our Savior (Park and 38th). All are welcome.

Help spread the word.

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*Opera and Shakespeare  
in the Grace House Chapel*

**When:** Friday and Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:30 pm

**Where:** Grace House Chapel  
(218 W 108<sup>th</sup> Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

**Admission:** \$20 general admission  
tickets are available at the door

For a description and more details, visit:  
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**Schedule**

9/24, 10/8, 10/15, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, and 12/17

**Time:** 7:00 to 8:30 PM

**Location:** Ascension rectory dining room

For full details, visit:  
[ascensionchurchnyc.org/news/biblical-literature-discussion-group-dates-announced](http://ascensionchurchnyc.org/news/biblical-literature-discussion-group-dates-announced)

Pope Francis will be here very soon and we are excited to welcome him to NY. Please check out the website: [PopeFrancisNYC.org](http://PopeFrancisNYC.org) for information regarding his schedule, for information on purchasing commemorative items and other exciting news about his visit.

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**Desfile Mariano/Marian Day Parade**

Sabado 3 de Octubre/Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mas informacion/More information:

212-371-1000 ext: 2986 or 2982

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A partir del miércoles, 23 de septiembre inmediatamente después de la Misa de 7pm, habrá una novena en preparación para el desfile Mariano

Beginning Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the 7:00pm daily Mass, there will be a novena in preparation for the Marian Day Parade



On October 18<sup>th</sup> Bishop John O'Hara will return to Ascension to celebrate a bilingual Mass at 12:00 noon. At that time he will also bless all the new items from our "wish list".

El 18 de octubre el obispo John O'Hara regresará a la Ascensión para celebrar una misa bilingüe a las 12:00pm. En ese momento él también bendecirá a todos los nuevos artículos de nuestra "lista de deseos".

## 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!

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### INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ, Voluntary in D – *William Boyce, 1711-1779*

Processional Hymn, Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (*tune: Lauda anima*)

**530**

Kyrie eleison – *chant*

*Missal Page 221*

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo, (5pm and 8:15am) Gloria Simplex – *Richard Proulx, 1937-2010*

*Missal Page 225*

(11am) Choir, Mass in F major – *Andrea Gabrieli, ca.1510-1586*

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 54

*Missal Page 58*

R. The Lord upholds my life; the Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation – *chant*

**237**

v. *God has called us through the Gospel /  
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

General Intercessions – R. Lord, hear our prayer.

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem, (11am) Exultate justi – *Ludovico Grossi da Viadana, 1564-1645*

*English translation: Let the just rejoice in the Lord: it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Sing to him to the psaltery and the ten-stringed lute. Make him a new song: sing to him well with strong voice. (Psalm 32: 1-2)*

Offertory Hymn, The Church of Christ in ev'ry age (*tune: Dunedin*)

**626**

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.

Music at Communion, (5pm and 8:15am) Organ meditation

(11am) Anthem, My song is love unknown – *Malcolm Archer, b. 1952*

*The text may be followed in Worship: 439*

### CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn, O day of peace (*tune: Jerusalem*)

**654**

Organ, Choral Song – *Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-1876*

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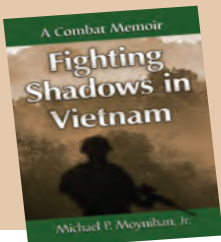
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