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## 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)
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**Marriage:** Please make arrangements

## 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)  
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Pastor's Letter  
Notas del Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

On behalf of Fr. Daniel, Fr. Rafferty, and Msgr. Shelley, I wish you a very happy and healthy 2016. The Christmas story is one of peace and hope. For some who are marginalized, that can be a difficult message to hear. Hopefully our prayers during these days of Christmas will, in some small way, uplift those who are alone or sad during these days of Christmas.

I wish to thank those who worked so very hard in making these Christmas celebrations so beautiful. A special word of thanks to Mery Madera and all those who decorated the church. The church is always beautifully decorated for all the different seasons - but in particular, during the Christmas and Easter Seasons. We also thank all of the liturgical ministers – the altar servers, the lectors and the Eucharistic Ministers. Of course, one of the things that make the liturgies at Ascension so beautiful and memorable is the music. Thanks to the Walkirios for their music on Christmas Day at the 12:30 Mass, and for their concert last Sunday. I would like to extend a special word of thanks to Preston Smith, the director of music. Each of the Masses were beautiful, but distinct one from another. The Choir sang beautifully at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day at 11:00a.m. Last Sunday at 11a.m. , the choir incorporated Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols into the Mass. As always, very uplifting and well done. We certainly must have one of the finest music programs in all of New York.

So many have done so much during this past year! Thank you one and all. On Friday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary: Mother of God. I invite you to join us on Friday, for Mass in English at 11, and Mass in Spanish at 12:30. There will also be two vigil masses celebrated on Thursday evening, 5p.m. in English and 7p.m. in Spanish. At those masses we can pray together for peace.

I wish you God's choicest blessings for the remainder of the Christmas Season and I wish you much health and happiness as we begin a New Year together.

Peace,

Fr. Kearney

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Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

De parte del Padre Daniel, Padre Rafferty y Mons. Shelley, les deseo un muy feliz y saludable 2016. La historia de la Navidad es una de paz y esperanza. Para algunos que están marginados, éste puede ser un mensaje difícil de escuchar. Espero que nuestras oraciones durante estos días de Navidad de alguna pequeña manera le levanten el espíritu a aquellos que se encuentran solos o están tristes durante estos días de Navidad.

Deseo dar las gracias a todos los que trabajaron tan duro para hacer estas celebraciones de Navidad tan bellas. Una palabra especial de gracias a Mery Madera y todos los que decoraron la iglesia. La iglesia siempre está decorada bella para todas las diferentes temporadas – pero en particular, durante las temporadas de Navidad y la Pascua Florida. También damos las gracias a todos los ministros litúrgicos – los monaguillos, los lectores y los ministros de la Eucaristía. Por supuesto, una de las cosas que hace que las liturgias de la Ascensión sean tan bellas y memorables es la música. Gracias a Los Walkirios por su música el día de Navidad en la misa de las 12:30 de la tarde y por su concierto el domingo pasado. Me gustaría extender una palabra especial de gracias a Preston Smith – el director de música. Cada una de las misas fue bella pero distinta la una de la otra. El coro cantó bellamente en la misa de medianoche en la Nochebuena y el día de Navidad a las 11 de la mañana. El domingo pasado el coro incorporó en la misa "Ceremonia de Villancicos" de Benjamín Britten. Como siempre, -- fue muy animado y bien hecho. Definitivamente, debemos de tener uno de los mejores programas de música en todo Nueva York.

¡Tantos han hecho mucho durante este año pasado! Gracias a uno y a todos. El viernes celebramos la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios. Los invito a que se reúnan con nosotros el viernes para para la misa de las 11 en inglés y la misa de las 12:30 de la tarde en español. También habrá dos misas de vigilia celebradas el jueves por la tarde a las 5 en inglés y a las 7 de la noche en español. En esas misas podemos orar juntos por la paz.

Les deseo las mejores bendiciones de Dios para lo que falta de la temporada de Navidad y les deseo mucha salud y felicidad al comenzar juntos un Año Nuevo.

Paz,

Padre Kearney

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pray for  
the sick

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4-Oct	\$ 6,714	1-Nov	\$ 5,290	6-Dec	\$ 6,925
11-Oct	\$ 4,456	8-Nov	\$ 6,603	13-Dec	\$ 4,470
18-Oct	\$ 6,559	15-Nov	\$ 5,975	20-Dec	
25-Oct	\$ 4,897	22-Nov	\$ 5,739	27-Dec	
		29-Nov	\$ 4,681		
Faith Direct: (116)	\$ 11,481	Faith Direct: (120)	\$ 12,809	Faith Direct: (120)	\$ 11,656
	\$ 34,107		\$ 41,097		\$ 23,051

**December 27<sup>th</sup> figures were not available by the holiday bulletin deadline.**



### Ascension's Activities

Ascension Homeless Shelter moves in Dec. 15, Opens Dec. 19

Coat Drive: Anticipated Jan 2016

Lenten Parish Ministries event: Anticipated Feb 2016

May **GOD** be with you through **NEW YEAR** and fill your life with **COMFORT, LOVE and CHEER.** May this day and the days ahead, Hold many **BLESSINGS** for you and yours.

**Happy New Year!**

### Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 27** – Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52  
9:30am Carmen Castillo  
12:30pm David Vilma, Porfirio Perez Diaz

**Monday, December 28** – 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
7:00pm Ana Fernandez, Elena Peralta, Haime Sainvill

**Tuesday, December 29** – 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
7:00pm Lidia Pichardo, Humberto Rodriguez Jr.

**Wednesday, December 30** – 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

### Thursday, December 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

### Friday, January 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

12:30pm Carmen De Tanco, Susana Tanco

### Saturday, January 2 – 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

5:00pm Francisca Castillo, Concepcion Ortoll, Lourdes Valdes

**Due to the holiday bulletin deadline, names entered after December 17<sup>th</sup> are not listed above.**

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The Corpus Christi Chapter of the **International Thomas Merton Society** will close the Merton Centennial year on **Saturday, January 30, 2016** at the church, 529 West. 121st St., Manhattan. The program begins at 2:00PM with Daniel P. Horan OFM as keynote speaker. This will be followed by speakers who will talk on the women who shaped Merton's thought and spirituality, especially Baroness Catherine de Hueck Doherty and Sisters Therese Lentfoehr. Father Rafferty will celebrate Mass at 5:00PM and a reception will follow. Free to chapter members. \$10 to others.

### Ascension's Holiday Schedule

2015

Holiday	Date	Church	Rectory
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2015	5:00pm English Midnight Mass Bilingual	Open
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2015	11:00am English 12:30am Spanish	CLOSED
	Saturday, December 26, 2015	No 12:10 Mass	Open
	Sunday, December 27, 2015	Open	Open
New Year's Eve	Thursday, December 31, 2015	5:00pm English 7:00pm Spanish	Open
New Year's Day	Friday, January 01, 2016	11:00am English 12:30am Spanish	CLOSED
	Saturday, January 02, 2016	No 12:10 Mass	Open
	Sunday, January 03, 2016	Open	Open

### Welcome! – Bienvenidos!

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Si quisiera ser miembro de nuestra parroquia, favor de llenar la siguiente información. Lo puede poner en la cesta de la colecta, enviar por correo, traer a la rectoría, o [www.ascensionchurchnyc.org](http://www.ascensionchurchnyc.org).

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### Parish & Community Outreach (English)

AA	<b>Tuesday</b> Parish Center 6:00pm, Step Meeting 7:30pm, Beginner's Meeting
Adult Choir	<b>Sunday</b> (Contact Music Director)
Nicotine AA	<b>Saturday</b> 6:00-7:30pm, Rectory Meeting Room
RCIA	<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 pm, Grace House
SLAA	<b>Wednesday</b> 6:00pm, Parish Center <b>Sunday</b> 4:00pm, Rectory Meeting Room
St. Vincent de Paul	<b>Every Saturday and Second Sunday</b> Clothing give away 9:30am to 2:30pm Parish Center Donations accepted during church hours at the St. Vincent de Paul drop box located at the end of the alley on the right of the church.
Gay Fellowship	<b>Third Tuesday</b> of each month, Rectory Dining Room
Biblical-Literature Discussion Group	<b>Every Other Thursday</b> Rectory Dining Room
Ascension Reading Group	<b>As announced</b> Rectory Dining Room

### Reuniones (Español)

AA	<b>Lun, Miér, Vier Y Dom.</b> 7:30pm Grace House
Circulo de Oración	<b>Lunes</b> 7:45pm, el Centro
Comité Guadalupano	<b>Viernes</b> 7:00pm, la Cafetería
Grupo Desfile Mariano	<b>Viernes</b> 7:30pm, salón debajo la Rectoría
Cursillistas	<b>Jueves</b> 7:45pm, el Centro
La Hermandad del Corazon de Jesus	<b>Primeros Miercoles del mes:</b> 7:30om en el Centro parroquial
Legión de María	<b>Jueves</b> 5:30pm, la Rectoría
Ministerio Mariana	<b>Sábados</b> 11:00am, La Iglesia
RICA (iniciación adulta)	<b>Miercoles</b> 7:00pm, Grace House
Los Walkirios	<b>Miercoles</b> 8:00pm, La Iglesia
San Vicente de Paul	<b>Cada Sabado y Segundo Domingo</b> distribución de ropas 9:30am-2:30pm en el Centro parroquial. Donaciones aceptadas durante horas de operación de la iglesia en la caja de San Vicente de Paul situado al final del pasillo a la derecha de la iglesia.
Grupo Jovenes Adultos	<b>Viernes</b> en el Centro 7:45pm
Grupo de Oracion... las Almas del Pulgatorio	<b>Primeros Jueves del mes</b>
Grupo Virgen de Schoenstatt	<b>El ultimo miercoles del mes</b> 7:30pm, salón debajo de la Rectoría
Grupo de parejas	<b>Tercer Domingo del mes,</b> 2:00pm el Centro
Divina Misericordia	<b>Viernes</b> 8:00pm, salón debajo de la Rectoría

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

Italicized page numbers refer to the paperback Missals found in the pew racks (The Order of Mass, Page 2; Nicene Creed, Page 112; Liturgy of the Eucharist, Page 116). Boldface numbers are for music in the red Worship hymnals. The Cantors for the weekend are *Hayden DeWitt* and *Margarita Martinez*; Ascension Choir is on vacation.

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### INTRODUCTORY RITES

- Organ, Prelude on *Divinum mysterium* – *Wilbur Held, 1914-2015*
- Processional Hymn, Angels, from the realms of glory (*Regent Square*) **377**
- Kyrie eleison – *chant* *Page 207*  
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.
- Gloria in excelsis Deo **376**
1. Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*
2. See him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

- Responsorial Psalm 128 *Page 68*  
*R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*
- Gospel Acclamation – *A Gregory Murray, OSB, 1958* **279**  
*v. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; /*  
*let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*
- General Intercessions – *Robert M. Hutmacher, OFM, 1979* **300**  
*R. Jesus, Jesus, hear our prayer.*

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- Offertory Hymn, Once in royal David's city (*Irby*) **402**
- Sanctus and Memorial Acclamation – *Michael Joncas, 2010* *Pages 201-202*  
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

- Agnus Dei – *Joncas* *Page 204*  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (*repeat*)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
- Solo, I wonder as I wander – *John Jacob Niles, 1892-1980*

### CONCLUDING RITE

- Recessional Hymn, Good Christian friends, rejoice (*In dulci jubilo*) **391**
- Organ, From heaven above to earth I come – *Held*
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**NEXT SUNDAY, 3 January, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, at 11 o'clock:** Ascension Choir sings Peter Cornelius' *The Three Kings* (*Michael Rice, soloist*) and David Willcocks' stirring setting of *The First Noel*. Organ works include Vaughan Williams' *Greensleeves* and Buxtehude's *How brightly shines the morning star*.

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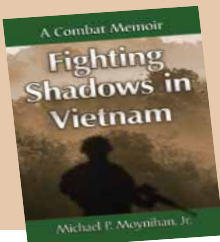
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