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September 11, 2016



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

**Penance:** Saturday 4-5pm

**Baptism:** Second Saturday & third Sunday. Contact the rectory at 212-222-0666 (Option 3 or Option 4) 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

**Bautizos:** 2do Domingo y 3er Sábado del mes. Contacte la rectoría para detalles o visite 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.

New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome





Pastor's Letter  
Notas del Pastor

Dear Parishioners and friends of Ascension,

I suspect that most of us remember vividly where we were, or what we were doing on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. That was a defining day in the history of our country. Time in our country now is often referenced as before or after 9/11. It's hard to believe that 15 years have passed since that horrible day. When the events

of 9/11 unfolded, we saw two things: we saw the worst of humanity and we saw the very best of humanity. Countless stories have been told and documented, and there are even more stories that have not been told, about the goodness of countless people who found themselves in Manhattan that day.

I had the good fortune of being one of the priests who went to Ground Zero on a regular basis after the attacks. There were always priests at the site because each time firefighters and/or first responders would find remains, before the remains were given to an on-site medical examiner, the remains were brought to the priest so that the priest could, with the firefighters, pray over the remains. That was such an important part of their finding remains - that their lost ones be remembered and prayed for. On few occasions in my life, have I ever felt such a sense of the sacred.

Now that fifteen years have passed, we reflect on some of the valuable lessons we have learned particularly for us as a people of faith. We learned, and continue to be reminded of the fact that healing is a process. You can never put a timeline on healing. Often it takes the length of a lifetime. The healing that continues to take place is physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. When events like 9/11 unfold, our values are challenged and it's then that we see what really matters most in life.

There is a never-ending supply of good in the world. It sounds strange, but over and over again we see that in the midst of terrible times, the good in people continues to shine. Americans all over the country came together after September 11th. For that moment in time, all races, ethnicities, and religions joined together to mourn those who were lost, rebuild what had fallen, and create a renewed sense of community. It wasn't the first time that would happen, — and it certainly wasn't the last. We saw it after Hurricane Katrina, after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, and after the shootings at Sandy Hook. We continue to see that on a day-to-day basis. September 11th taught us the value and impact of compassion and mercy. Our task is to live our lives at peak goodness and humanity, even when we're not in a crisis situation. If we do that, we'll never lose our sense of hope that the world truly can be a better place. Hopefully, on this fifteenth anniversary of 9/11, we will remember not only the tragedies of that day, but also the goodness that was put on display for the whole world to see. Wouldn't it be great if we could renew our commitment to faith, hope and charity vis a vis the events of 9/11.

Let's continue to pray for all those whose lives were affected and changed on 9/11, those who died, and those who reached out in goodness and charity without worrying about the cost or the risk. Let's also continue to pray for world peace.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

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Queridos feligreses y amigos de la Ascensión,

Sospecho que casi todos nosotros recordamos vivamente donde estábamos o lo que estábamos haciendo en la mañana del Martes de Septiembre del 2001. Ese fue un día de definición en la historia de nuestro país. Ahora en nuestro país muchas veces nos referimos al tiempo como antes o después del 9/11. Es difícil creer que han pasado 15 años desde ese horrible día. Cuando se desarrollaron los eventos del 9/11, vimos dos cosas; vimos lo peor de la humanidad y vimos lo mejor de la humanidad. Sin número de historias se han contado y documentado y todavía hay más historia que no se ha contado acerca de la bondad de incontables personas que se encontraron. En Manhattan ése día.

Yo tuve la buena fortuna de ser uno de los sacerdotes que fue a la zona cero en una base regular después de los ataques. Siempre había sacerdotes en el lugar porque cada vez que los bomberos y/o los apiladores encontraban restos, antes de que los restos se le entregaran a un examinador médico presente, los restos se le llevaban al sacerdote, para que el sacerdote pudiera junto con el bombero, orar sobre los restos. Esa era una parte tan importante del encuentro de restos que sus seres queridos fueran recordados y se orara por ellos. En pocas ocasiones en mi vida he tenido tal sentido de lo que fueran recordados y se orara por ellos. En pocas ocasiones en mi vida he tenido tal sentido de lo sagrado.

Ahora que han pasado quince años reflejamos sobre algunas de las valiosas lecciones que hemos aprendido, en particular para nosotros como personas de fe. Aprendimos y continuamos recordando el hecho de que la sanación es un proceso. Nunca se le puede poner fecha a la sanación a menudo toma el curso de toda una vida. La sanación que continúa tomando lugar es física, emocional, mental y espiritual. Cuando eventos como el del 9/11 se desarrollan, nuestros valores son retados y es entonces cuando en realidad nos damos cuenta de lo que verdaderamente es más

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importante en la vida.

Hay un suministro sin fin de bien en el mundo. Suena Extraño pero una y otra vez vemos que en medio de malos tiempos, lo bueno de las personas continúa brillando. Americanos a través de país se unieron después del 11 de Septiembre por ese momento en el tiempo, todas las razas, etnias y religiones se unieron después del 11 de Septiembre. Para llorar por los perdidos, reconstruir lo que se había derrumbado y crear un nuevo sentido de comunidad. No sería la única vez que eso ocurriría-y con seguridad no fue la última. Lo vimos después del huracán Katrina, después del terremoto del 2010 en Haití y después del tiroteo en Sandy Hook. Continuamos dándonos cuenta de que en base de día a día. El 11 de septiembre más enseno el valor y el impacto de la compasión la misericordia. Nuestra tarea es vivir nuestras vidas con Máxima bondad y humanidad aun cuando no nos encontremos en un sestercio critica. Se hacemos esto, nunca perderemos nuestro sentido de esperanza de qtre eB mwmdm pueda ser un lugar mejor.

Esperamos que en este quince aniversario del 9/11, No solo recordemos las tragedias de ese día pero también la bondad que se despiego para que el mundo entero viera, no sería estupendo si pudieramos renovar nuestro compromiso de fe, esperanza y caridad vio a vie de los eventos 9/11.

Continuemos orando por todos aquellos cuyas vidas fueron afectadas y cambiadas el 9/11, aquellas que murieron y aquellos que ayudaron con su bondad y caridad sin preocu parse del costo ni el riesgo También continuemos orando por la paz mundial.

Paz, Padre Kearney



Jeanette Checchia, Paula Corredor, Crispulo Corredor, Angela Hidalgo, Tadeo Sotomayor Jr., Yuan Su

*A person's name will appear for four weeks, after which it will be removed unless we hear from the family.*

*El nombre de una persona aparecerá durante cuatro semanas, después de lo cual se eliminará al menos que la familia se comuniquen con nosotros.*

### Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

**Sunday, September 11** – Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

8:15am Paola Rivera

9:30am Luis Robles, Efrain Robles, Yanet Vidal,  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Silvia & Manuel

11:00am Gerardo & Clara Velazquez

12:30pm Bienvenido Cuevas, Alcadio Suarez, Justa Suarez,  
Señor de los Milagros, Bertilia Santiago, Maria Betances, Betty Betances

**Monday, September 12** – 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

12:00pm Robert Testa

7:00pm Yaqline Paulino (living), Elena Quezada

**Tuesday, September 13** – 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

12:00pm Carmencita Salvador, Edeogina Salvador, San Lucia, San Miguel

7:00pm San Antonio, Santa Marta

**Wednesday, September 14** – Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

7:00pm Juan Feliciano, Miguel Antonio Paredes

**Thursday, September 15** – 1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

7:00pm Nelly Jorge

**Friday, September 16** – 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday, September 17** – 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

6:15pm Sofia Peralta



We can do it TOGETHER!

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July Collections		August Collections		Sept Collections	
3-Jul	\$ 3,534	7-Aug	\$ 3,736	4-Sep	\$ 3,461
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24-Jul	\$ 4,239	28-Aug	\$ 2,934	25-Sep	
31-Jul	\$ 3,242				
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	\$ 32,813		\$ 26,468		\$ 3,461

#### Upcoming Special Collections

September 11<sup>th</sup> - Mission Sunday

October 16<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph's Seminary

### "Back To School Martini Night"

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Following the 6pm Jazz Mass

All are invited. We'll have PIZZA and Salads

Bring your favorite dish or dessert

#### INVITATION TO ALL CONFIRMED TEENS!

The Ascension teen group, the 'Spirit Squad' will meet for the first time on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Rectory. Our first night will be Mass together, then a BBQ/meeting to discuss future plans, followed by a basketball game. **Don't miss out!**

To register contact **Robin** at:

rklueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org

or 917-363-4564.

**Pope Francis' "A Prayer for our Earth" from Laudato Si'**

***A Prayer for our Earth***

*All-powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.*

***Oración por nuestra tierra***

*Dios omnipotente, que estás presente en todo el universo y en la más pequeña de tus criaturas, Tú, que rodeas con tu ternura todo lo que existe, derrama en nosotros la fuerza de tu amor para que cuidemos la vida y la belleza. Inúndanos de paz, para que vivamos como hermanos y hermanas sin dañar a nadie. Dios de los pobres, ayúdanos a rescatar a los abandonados y olvidados de esta tierra que tanto valen a tus ojos. Sana nuestras vidas, para que seamos protectores del mundo y no depredadores, para que sembremos hermosura y no contaminación y destrucción. Toca los corazones de los que buscan sólo beneficios a costa de los pobres y de la tierra. Enséñanos a descubrir el valor de cada cosa, a contemplar admirados, a reconocer que estamos profundamente unidos con todas las criaturas en nuestro camino hacia tu luz infinita. Gracias porque estás con nosotros todos los días. Aliéntanos, por favor, en nuestra lucha por la justicia, el amor y la paz. Amen.*



**FAITH, CHRIST, CHURCH, SCRIPTURE, SACRAMENTS, SEARCHING?**

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?  
Are you a Catholic interested in receiving more Sacraments?  
Are you seeking a deeper understanding of the faith?**

Please join us in our faith-sharing group during the Period of Inquiry of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Weekly meetings will begin on **September 13th. @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Church rectory. For more information, contact: [rcia@ascensionchurchnyc.org](mailto:rcia@ascensionchurchnyc.org)

**Come join us!**

**FE, CRISTO, IGLESIA, BIBLIA, SACRAMENTOS, BUSCANDO?**

**Estas interesado en ser Catolico ?  
Eres Catolico y quieres recibir los sacramentos de Primera Comunion o Confirmacion ?  
Estas interesado en aprender mas de tu fe ?**

Participe en nuestro grupo de RICA (Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana para Adultos). Reuniones semanales empezando el **Martes, 13 de Septiembre a las 7 PM** en la Rectoria de la Iglesia de Ascension. Para mas informacion, comunicase a:

[rcia@ascensionchurchnyc.org](mailto:rcia@ascensionchurchnyc.org)



We will once again open our doors for the season on **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. This is a combined ministry with Holy Trinity Church, whereby we

work with established city drop-in centers to provide a hot meal, warm bed, and friendship for up to 20 men every Saturday evening throughout the winter.

Volunteers are needed to cook, set up and sleep over.

Please sign up at:

**<http://ascensionchurchnyc.org/homeless-shelter>**

**-or-**

**<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4baaa72faa8-shelter3>**

On Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. we will be hosting a volunteer orientation for anyone interested in getting involved with the shelter! If you can't volunteer your time, please consider a monetary donation which will be used for shelter supplies and food.

We are also in need of a small refrigerator for the shelter.

Contact Robin at [rkueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org](mailto:rkueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org).

# MUSIC FOR THE MASSES IN ENGLISH

## 5:00 P.M., 8:15 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

Boldface numbers refer to music found in the red Worship hymnal. The Order of Mass may be followed in the missals.  
The summer music is led by Cantor and Organ while the Ascension Choir is on vacation until late September.

**On the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 we offer special music and prayers of remembrance and reconciliation.**

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### **“A COMMUNITY MASS” – RICHARD PROULX, 1937-2010**

*(Congregational copies available from an Usher)*

#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Organ Voluntary, Elegy – *George Thalben-Ball, 1896-1987*

Processional Hymn, For the healing of the nations (*tune: Westminster Abbey*)

**643**

Kyrie eleison

Gloria in excelsis Deo

#### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Psalm 51

*Missal Page 54*

*R.* I will rise and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation – *Melchior Vulpius, ca. 1560-1616*

**286**

*v.* *God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ /  
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

Homily

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions

**296**

*R.* Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

#### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Offertory Hymn, America the Beautiful (*tune: Materna*)

**763**

Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation and Amen

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

Agnus Dei

At Communion, Aria, *Pie Jesu* from *Requiem* – *Gabriel Fauré, 1845-1924*

*Sung in Latin. Pious Lord Jesus, give them rest. Pious Lord Jesus, give them everlasting rest.]*

#### **CONCLUDING RITE**

Closing Hymn (*tune: Finlandia*)

*1.* This is my prayer, O God of all the nations,  
A prayer of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

*2.* My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations,  
A prayer of peace for their land and for mine.

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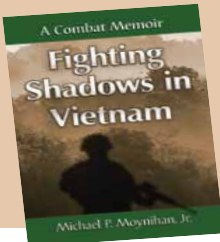
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