

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

A few hours before President-elect Obama's inauguration Tuesday, the Vatican released this congratulatory telegram from Pope Benedict XVI:

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC

On the occasion of your inauguration as the forty-fourth president of the United States of America I offer cordial good wishes, together with the assurance of my prayers that Almighty God will grant you unfailing wisdom and strength in the exercise of your high responsibilities. Under your leadership may the American people continue to find in their impressive religious and political heritage the spiritual values and ethical principles needed to cooperate in the building of a truly just and free society, marked by respect for the dignity, equality and rights of each of its members, especially the poor, the outcast and those who have no voice. At a time when so many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world yearn for liberation from the scourge of poverty, hunger and violence, I pray that you will be confirmed in your resolve to promote understanding, cooperation and peace among the nations, so that all may share in the banquet of life which God wills to set for the whole human family (Isaiah 25:6-7). Upon you and your family, and upon all the American people, I willingly invoke the Lord's blessings of joy and peace.

Benedictus PP.XVI

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Prayer

O my God and savior, who went through such sufferings for me with such lively consciousness, such precision, such recollection, and such fortitude, enable me, by Thy help, if I am brought into the power of this terrible trial, bodily pain, enable me to bear it with some portion of Thy calmness. Obtain for me this grace, O Virgin Mother who didst see thy Son suffer and didst suffer with him; that I, when I suffer, may associate my sufferings with His and with thine and that through His passion, and thy merits and those of all Saints they may be a satisfaction for my sins and procure for me eternal life.

--John Henry Cardinal Newman

We've been asked to pray for, Frank Rennie, James D'Eramo, Sangeles Valentin, Chanee Goins, Marcino Flores, Joanne Cantwell, Leone Villegas, George Reyes, Bernadette Gordon, Tommy Roe, Sook-Ja Choi, Laura Moore Brown, Lourdes Almonte, Marcia Tabia, Nuris Vasquez, Elly Lonon, Gene Traberse, Alice Porrell, Juanita Fagello, Elena Flores, David Ureña, Thora Nsaki, Leda Venero, Dionicio Rios, Venecia Britos, Jane Jacobus, George Cisneros, Barbara Austin who **are ill**. Nicholas Bonet **Who died in this past week.**



As Lent approaches, Faith Formation at Ascension is looking for new ways to fulfill the Lenten goals and needs of Ascension parishioners. Want to start a prayer group? Help put together a retreat? Have weekly dinner with other parishioners? Let us know! Email Mahri at ascensionfaithformation@gmail.com

La cuaresma se esta acercando y todos los anos celebramos la procesion del Domingo de Ramos y Viernes Santo y necesitamos Voluntarios para organizar ambas actividades. Si esta interezado llame a la rectoria y deje su numero de telefono y le llamaremos para una proxima reunion.

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos:

Honorable Barack Obama

Presidente de los Estados Unidos de América

La Casa Blanca

Washington, D. C.

Con motivo de su toma de posesión como el presidente cuadragésimo cuarto de los Estados Unidos de América le ofrezco mis más cordiales buenos deseos, y le aseguro al mismo tiempo mis oraciones para que el Dios Todopoderoso le conceda sabiduría y fuerza indefectibles en el ejercicio de sus altas responsabilidades. Que bajo su mandato puedan los americanos seguir encontrando en su impresionante herencia religiosa y política los valores espirituales y principios éticos para cooperar en la construcción de una sociedad realmente libre y justa, marcada por el respeto a la dignidad, la igualdad y los derechos de cada uno de sus miembros, especialmente los pobres, los marginados y los que no tienen voz. En una época en la que muchos hermanos y hermanas nuestros en todo el mundo claman por su liberación del flagelo de la pobreza, el hambre y la violencia, rezo para que usted confirme su resolución de promover la comprensión, la cooperación y la paz entre las naciones, para que todos puedan participar en el banquete de la vida que Dios ha preparado para toda la familia humana (cf. Isasías 25, 6- 7). Invoco de corazón sobre usted, su familia y sobre todo el

pueblo americano las bendiciones de Dios de la alegría y la paz.

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Ascension School Corner



Ascension School will be having another open house for new parents on **Thursday, January 29th at 6:30 pm**. Please call the school at 212-222-5161 for more information. If you would like to arrange a personal tour of the school during school hours, please contact the number above or email m003@adnyeducation.org. We are always happy to show people the wonderful programs and environment we offer at Ascension School.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will begin the week of January 25th. This year's theme is **celebrating service**. Please keep our students in your prayers as we celebrate this special week of recognizing the value and importance of Catholic education in our society.

**Lunes Eucarístico: El Grupo Carismático
"Los Vigilantes Del Señor"**

Te invitan a compartir el Poder de la Eucaristía en la Sanación, un lunes de oración, alabanza y exposición del Santísimo. Lunes, 2 de Febrero 2009. Comenzando con la Misa de las 7PM, Continuando en el centro debajo de la Iglesia. Para mas información llame a Aurora Sánchez al 212-932-8302

Religious Education Notice / Anuncion de Educacion Religiosa

The Religious Education invites the parents to a meeting for candidates of Confirmation on Wednesday, January 28th 2009 at 7:30pm in the Ascension school Gym.

Educacion Religiosa invita a los padres de los candidatos de Confirmacion a una reunion el miercoles 28 de enero del 2009 a las 7:30pm en el gimnasio de la escuela.

ASCENSION CHURCH THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY – (JANUARY 25, 2009)

We pray for the following
Parishioners...
Oremos por los siguientes
Feligreses.....



Saturday, January 24

5:00pm

6:15pm Jose Fernandez, Fredy Fernandez, Maria Vargas, Saul Jordan

Sunday, January 25

8:15am

9:30am Saul Jordan, Julia Peña, Carlos y Rosa Saa, Miguel Tavarez, Ana Julia Cabrera, Maria Martiaz Accion de Gracias por la salud de Fabio Fernandez

11:00am Yvette Arce

12:30pm Pablo Garcia Cacevez, Berba Francisco, Lucia Santos (de parte de su familia), Julia de la cruz, Juan Campos Villanueva, Magdalena Saltos Desedeña, Gerardo Sedeña, Jose Rafael Tineo

6:00pm The people of the Parish

Monday, January 26

8:30am

12 Noon

7:00pm Rafael Vivas, Saul Jordan, Flor Gallego, Norma Argetina Rodriguez Santana, Pedro Peña

Tuesday, January 27

8:30am Madeleine Clavel

12 Noon Jack Tully

7:00pm Saul Jordan, Saturino Acosta

Wednesday, January 28

8:30am

12:00pm

6:00pm Remedios Andrala

7:00pm Saul Jordan

Thursday, January 29

8:30am

12:00pm

7:00pm Saul Jordan

Friday, January 30

8:15am

12 Noon

7:00pm Juana Figueroa y Gisela Bazil Lorenzo, Ana Nery Cox Saul Jordan

Saturday, January 31

8:30am

12:10pm

Restauración / Restoration

Estamos contentos de haber recibido **\$150.00** la semana pasada en pagos de compromisos a la restauración. Hasta la fecha, la Campaña de Restauración ha recibido **\$737,489.69** (en pagos de compromisos y regalos) hacia la cantidad prometida de \$1,152, 522.51 para la campaña. ¡Gracias! *We are happy to have received \$150.00 in pledge payments last week. To date, the Restoration Campaign has received \$737,489.69 in pledge payments and gifts towards the total Campaign pledged amount of \$1,152,522.51.*

Stewardship/Ofrendas

I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued stewardship of our parish. Last week, **\$4,948.00** was offered in our first collection. **\$1,099.00** was offered in the school collection. Again, thank you.. La semana pasada **\$4,948.00** fueron ofrecidos en la primera colecta del domingo. **\$1,099.00** fueron ofrecidas en la colecta de la escuela. Gracias, por su continua generosidad a nuestra parroquia Fr. Duffell

Welcome! –! Bienvenidos!

If you would like to become members of our parish, please fill out the following information you may place it in the collection basket, mail it, or bring it to the rectory.

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, o traer a la rectoría.

Date/Fecha: _____

Telephone/Teléfono: _____

Name/Nombre: _____

Address/Dirección: _____

City/Ciudad: _____ State/Estado: _____

Zip Code/Código Postal: _____

Email: _____

- () *New to the Parish/Nuevo en la Parroquia*
() *New Address/Nueva Dirección*
() *I would like to receive contribución envelopes/Quisiera recibir sobres de la colecta.*

Readings for the Week of January 25, 2008

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Lecturas para la semana de 25 de Enero del 2008

Domingo: Jon 3, 1-5. 10/1 Cor 7, 29-31/Mc 1, 14-20
Lunes: 2 Tm 1, 1-8 o Tit 1, 1-5/Mc 3, 22-30
Martes: Heb 10, 1-10/Mc 3, 31-35
Miércoles: Heb 10, 11-18/Mc 4, 1-20
Jueves: Heb 10, 19-25/Mc 4, 21-25
Viernes: Heb 10, 32-39/Mc 4, 26-34
Sábado: Heb 11, 1-2. 8-19/Mc 4, 35-41
Domingo siguiente: Dt 18, 15-20/1 Cor 7, 32-35/Mc 1, 21-28

Agradecimiento

Gracias a todas las personas que colaboraron y participaron en las festividades en honor a la Virgen de la Altagracia en nuestra parroquia. Todo estuvo muy lindo. Felicitamos a Luisa Camarena, Iris de los Santos y Johanny Diaz ganadores de la rifa. Gracias a toda la Comunidad

Support Pax Christi Metro New York just by searching the Internet with GoodSearch.com (powered by Yahoo) or shopping online with GoodShop.com. Just indicate Pax Christi Metro New York as your charity, and thanks!



The youth group is having a Valentine's Dance on Feb. 14th 2009 from 7pm-12:30am in school gym. Please come and support the youth program.

El grupo juvenil va a tener un Baile para el día de los Enamorados el 14 de

febrero del 2009 de 7pm hasta 12:30am en el gymnasio de la escuela. Por favor venga y apoye el programa juvenil.

Liturgy of the Hours During Lent

Looking for a new goal during Lent? A way to deepen your prayer life? Join the Ascension community for Liturgy of the Hours morning prayer. 8-8:30 AM Monday-Friday

Beginning Wednesday, February 25th (Ash Wednesday), ending Wednesday, April 8 (before Holy Thursday)

To be led by Ascension parishioners. If interested, please contact Matt at ascensionbizmgr@aol.com or Mahri at ascensionfaithformation@gmail.com

Open House

La Salle Academy will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, January 31, 2009 (10am-1pm) for students and their families interested in the Ninth Grade. You can visit our website at www.lasalleacademy.org as we celebrate our 160th school year.



Music at Ascension presents:
Classical guitarist Peter Fletcher, on January 29th at 8 pm, as part of the "Six Thursdays at Eight" concert season.

This concert will feature selections from Fletcher's 2008 CD release on Tower Hill Records, Music of the

Baroque. Other repertoire will include the E minor Lute Suite of J. S. Bach; Fletcher's transcriptions of Erik Satie and Edvard Grieg; Usher-Waltz, an unusual and intense piece by Russian guitarist and composer Nikita Koshkin; Andrew York's Sunburst and music of Weiss and Reusner.

Mr. Fletcher studied at the Eastman School of Music. His six CD recordings have received critical acclaim, and on March 27th he will perform at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

REACH – Recruiting Excellence in Academics for Catholic High School. Regis High School, a tuition-free Jesuit high school, remains committed to recruiting more students from families who otherwise could not afford a superior Catholic High School education. REACH is a three-year educational and leadership program designed especially for Catholic boys completing the 5th grade who are high-achieving students and from families with limited financial resources. REACH prepares its students to compete for scholarships at Regis, as well as merit and need-based awards at other top Catholic high schools in New York City. Nominations for the REACH program will be accepted until March 1. For more information, attend the REACH Information Session at Regis, 55 East 84th Street, on February 11 at 6:30pm. www.regis-nyc.org

REACH, que en ingles significa "Reclutar Excelencia Académica par alas Escuelas Secundarias", es un programa patrocinado por la escuela Regis – una escuela secundaria católica jesuita situada en el noreste de Manhattan. Regis es una escuela gratuita para adolescentes varones católicos superdotados con expedientes sobresalientes que también demuestran la capacidad para liderazgo. REACH prepara a los niños de sexto, séptimo y octavo grados que provienen de familias de bajos recursos para cursar estudios en Regis y en otras escuelas católicas distinguidas de Nueva York. Para más información, visitan a la Escuela (55 East 84 Street) en el 11 de febrero a las 6:30pm. www.regis-nyc.org

Ascension Reading Group Schedule

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7PM in the rectory to discuss the following books.

Jan. 28 Vintage Jesus, Gerry Bershears and Mark Driscoll, Any questions, contact Elizabeth Hitz: evhitz@verizon.net"

Atencion Ministros de Lectores

Quiero dar gracias a Dios porque una vez más me ha permitido servirle através de la coordinación del Ministerio de Lectores. Ruego a Dios por intersección de su madre la Virgen Maria me de discernimiento, sabiduría, y humildad para hacer buen uso de este compromiso. Grandes bendiciones en este nuevo año.

Primera reunion de este año 22 de febrero, 2009
(después de la Misa de 12:30pm)

No faltes!!!!!!!!!!!!

St. Thomas Day Lecture "Aquinas on Romans" Professor Robert L. Wilken

On Wednesday, January 28th, the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer on Lexington Avenue at East 66th st. will hold its second annual St. Thomas Day Lecture. This year's featured speaker will be Dr. Robert L. Wilken, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia. An expert in early Christian history and the patristic exegesis of Scripture, Professor Wilken will reflect on Aquina's interpretation of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans—a fitting topic during this Year of St. Paul. The lecture will begin at 7:00pm, and a light reception will follow.