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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2015



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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)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz)	

**New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

Approximately two years ago, the Archdiocese began a very important process entitled *“Making All Things New.”* *“Making All Things New”* is a pastoral planning initiative of the Archdiocese of New York which seeks to address how the archdiocese can best meet the religious, spiritual, and pastoral needs of

the people of God now and well into the future. It was in some ways a difficult process, but it was necessary. One of the things it did was to bring to our consciousness the hard fact that our resources are becoming fewer and fewer -- particularly with our priests. Many difficult decisions had to be made. A century ago there were twice as many diocesan priests in New York as there are today, and back then the Catholic population was only half of what it is now. Also we are getting older. There are now more priests over the age of 80 than there are priests under the age of 30. While we are blessed to remain open (and work collaboratively with other parishes,) we also wish to act responsibly and be pro-active in re-evaluating our parish structure and make it realistic. While we are very blessed to have two very fine priests in residence -- for long term planning, we have to keep in mind that there is just one priest officially assigned to Ascension Parish.

At Ascension, as at most parishes, Mass and sacrament schedules were set up at a time when there were at least three priests assigned to any given parish. This is no longer the reality. While our number of priests has consistently decreased over the years, our schedules have remained the same. I have set up an Ad Hoc Committee to help us create a realistic parish Mass/Sacrament schedule, and parish structure. In many ways, this is an exciting period in the history of the church in that it makes us become keenly aware of the vocation of the baptized faithful. While we here in New York have been slow in recognizing and permitting the full range of lay ministries, it was Pope Paul VI who, after the Second Vatican Council, began to speak of its importance. In November of 1965, Paul VI wrote a document entitled, *“Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity.”* In this he wrote,

**“Modern conditions demand that the apostolate of the laity be broadened and intensified. With a constantly increasing population, continual progress in science and technology, and closer interpersonal relationships, the areas for the lay apostolate have been immensely widened. These factors demand their expert attention and study. Besides, in many places where priests are very few the Church could scarcely exist and function without the activity of the laity. An indication of this manifold and pressing need is the unmistakable work being done today by the Holy Spirit in making the laity ever more conscious of their own responsibility and encouraging them to serve Christ and the Church in all circumstances.”**

It's curious how Pope Paul VI, fifty years ago, pointed out so clearly, what we as a local church have been slow to heed. Since we wish for Ascension Church to continue well into the future as a strong, vibrant parish, without necessarily reducing our service, as a committee we have been prayerfully trying to consider some of the best ways to do that. While this committee will continue to meet and brainstorm about how best to do this, we have come up with a few concrete things we can do for the immediate future.

- **Weekday Masses.** On a rare occasion, it is necessary to seek the assistance of visiting priests. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to find priests given the fact that most other parishes are in the same situation. (It recently happened that a visiting priest committed himself to a particular mass, then did not show up.) At Ascension, we are also proud that we are an inclusive parish that welcomes people of many different backgrounds and lifestyles, and we would not want a visiting priest celebrating Mass at Ascension who does not respect and support the inclusive character of our Ascension parish community. To that end, on occasions when we are not able to find a priest to offer a particular *weekday* Mass, rather than cancel the Mass, we will offer a communion service. This is actually an official, approved rite of the Catholic Church called *“Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass.”* The simple rite consists of introductory rites, a penitential rite, reading of the word, and Holy Communion. We are currently in the process of preparing a small number of parishioners to do this. This, by the way, has been done for years in many Dioceses throughout the country.
- **Wake Services.** We are also in the process of developing a program to have English speaking parishioners lead prayers at wake services. This is already happening in the Spanish speaking community, but we will formalize this and offer more formal training to all those involved. If there might be anyone interested in assisting with this ministry, in either or both languages, I would ask that you e-mail me at [revdkearney@gmail.com](mailto:revdkearney@gmail.com)
- **Mass Schedule.** Currently the Archdiocese of NY is coming up with guidelines/norms as to how many masses a particular parish should offer. It is thought that guidelines will be based on the number of parishioners that attend Mass on a regular basis, and on the number of priests ‘assigned’ to a parish. While we will not make any decisions until the guidelines are published, and reviewed to see if they make sense for Ascension Parish, I think it is safe to say that realistically it does not make sense to offer 3 daily, weekday Masses with only one priest officially assigned to the parish. In September, our regular weekday mass schedule will be: 12:00 Noon in English, and 7:00PM in Spanish. We will have an 8:30 daily Mass

only on the school days when the children will be present for the Mass. (In the fall, more specific details will be in the bulletin about the school Mass schedule.)

In the meantime our Ad Hoc Committee will continue to meet, discern, and reflect. Hopefully, we can see this as an exciting time in the church as we become more and more attentive to the movements of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and in the life of Ascension Parish. She has never let us down, and I'm confident that God's Spirit will continue to lead us in good directions.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

*This letter will be repeated in the bulletin on June 28th*

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Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

Hace dos años, aproximadamente, que la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York comenzó un proceso muy importante titulado **“Haciendo Nuevas Todas las Cosas.”** **“Haciendo Nuevas Todas las Cosas”** es una iniciativa pastoral de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York que busca señalar de qué mejor manera la arquidiócesis puede enfrentar las necesidades religiosas, espirituales y pastorales del pueblo de Dios ahora y más allá en el futuro. Fue de alguna manera un proceso difícil, pero era necesario. Una de las cosas que hizo fue hacernos conscientes de la dura realidad de que nuestros recursos se están haciendo más y más escasos – en particular con nuestros sacerdotes. Muchas decisiones difíciles tuvieron que ser tomadas. Hace un siglo había el doble de sacerdotes diocesanos en Nueva York del que hay hoy en día y entonces la población católica era solo la mitad de lo que es ahora. También estamos envejeciendo. Ahora hay más sacerdotes que pasan de los 80 años que sacerdotes de menos de 30 años de edad. Mientras estamos bendecidos de permanecer abiertos (y de trabajar colaborativamente con otras parroquias), también deseamos actuar con responsabilidad y ser pro-activos en la reevaluación de la estructura de nuestra parroquia y hacerlo realísticamente. Al mismo tiempo que somos muy bendecidos de tener a dos magníficos sacerdotes en residencia – a largo plazo tenemos que tener en mente que solo hay un sacerdote asignado oficialmente a la parroquia de la Ascensión.

En la Ascensión, al igual que en la mayoría de las parroquias, los horarios de misas y sacramentos fueron establecidos cuando había por lo menos tres sacerdotes asignados a cada determinada parroquia. Esto ya no es la realidad. Mientras que el número de nuestros sacerdotes ha disminuido constantemente, a través de los años, nuestros horarios han permanecido igual. He formado un Comité Ad Hoc para ayudarnos a crear un horario realista de misa/sacramentos y estructura parroquial. En muchas maneras este es un período emocionante en la historia de la Iglesia, ya que nos hace intensamente conscientes de las vocaciones de los fieles bautizados. A pesar de que nosotros aquí en Nueva York hemos tardado en reconocer y permitir el amplio abarque de ministerios laicos, fue el Papa Pablo VI, quien después del Segundo Concilio Vaticano, escribió un documento titulado, *“Decreto Sobre el Apostolado de los Laicos.”* En esto él escribió:

**“Las condiciones modernas demandan que se amplíe el apostolado de los laicos y se intensifique. Con una población que constantemente aumenta, continuo progreso en la ciencia y la tecnología y relaciones interpersonales más cercanas, las áreas para los apostolados laicos se han ampliado inmensamente. Estos factores demandan su atención experta y estudio. Además, en muchos lugares donde hay muy pocos sacerdotes la Iglesia apenas existiría y funcionaría sin la actividad de los laicos. Una indicación de esta diversa y urgente necesidad es el inconfundible trabajo hecho hoy en día por el Espíritu Santo haciendo a los laicos cada vez más conscientes de su propia responsabilidad y animándolos a servir a Cristo y a la Iglesia bajo todas las circunstancias.”**

Es curioso como hace años, el Papa Pablo VI señaló con tanta claridad lo que nosotros como una iglesia local hemos tardado tanto en reconocer. Ya que deseamos que la Iglesia de la Ascensión continúe más allá en el futuro como una parroquia fuerte, vibrante, sin que necesariamente reduzcamos nuestro servicio, como un comité hemos estado considerando en oración las mejores maneras de hacer eso. Mientras este comité continuará reuniéndose para aportar ideas para encontrar la mejor manera de hacer esto, hemos encontrado unas cuantas cosas concretas que podemos hacer en el futuro inmediato.

- **Misas semanales.** En raras ocasiones es necesario buscar la ayuda de sacerdotes de visita. Se está haciendo cada vez más difícil encontrar sacerdotes, ya que la mayoría de las otras parroquias están en la misma situación. (Hace poco ocurrió que un sacerdote de visita se comprometió para una misa en particular y no apareció). En la Ascensión también nos sentimos orgullosos de que somos una parroquia inclusiva que le da la bienvenida a personas de diversa educación y estilo de vida y no nos gustaría que un sacerdote de visita celebrando una misa aquí en la Ascensión no respetara y apoyara el carácter inclusivo de nuestra comunidad parroquial de la Ascensión. Con ese fin, de vez en cuando, cuando no podamos encontrar a un sacerdote para que ofrezca una misa **semanal**, en particular, en vez de cancelar la misa, ofreceremos un servicio de comunión. Esto en realidad es un rito oficial y aprobado por la Iglesia Católica llamado *“Comunión y Veneración de la Eucaristía Fuera de la Misa.”* El sencillo rito consiste de ritos introductorios, un rito penitencial, lectura de la palabra y la comunión. Estamos actualmente en el proceso de preparar a un pequeño número de feligreses para hacer esto. Esto, a propósito, se ha hecho por años en muchas iglesias a través del país.

- **Servicios funerales.** También estamos en el proceso de desarrollar un programa para que feligreses que hablan inglés dirijan las oraciones en servicios funerales. Esto ya está ocurriendo en la comunidad de habla española, pero formalizaremos esto y ofreceremos más entrenamiento formal a todos los involucrados. Si hay alguien interesado en servir en este ministerio, en uno o los dos idiomas, les pido que me manden un correo electrónico a [revdkearney@gmail.com](mailto:revdkearney@gmail.com).
- **Horario de misas.** En la actualidad la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York está dando a conocer guías/normas de acuerdo a cuántas misas una parroquia en particular debe ofrecer. Pensamos que las directivas estarán basadas en el número de feligreses que asisten a misa en base regular y en el número de sacerdotes “asignados” a la parroquia. A pesar de que no haremos ningunas decisiones hasta que las directivas sean publicadas y revisadas para ver si tienen sentido común para la Parroquia de la Ascensión, yo creo que se puede decir con seguridad que en realidad no tiene sentido ofrecer 3 misas diarias con un solo sacerdote oficialmente asignado a la parroquia. En septiembre, nuestro horario regular de misas semanales será a las 12 del mediodía en inglés y a las 7 de la noche en español. Tendremos una misa de 8:30 de la mañana diaria solo en los días de escuela en que los niños estén presentes para la misa. (En el otoño más detalles específicos estarán en el boletín acerca del horario de la misa escolar).

Mientras tanto, nuestro Comité Ad Hoc continuará reuniéndose, discerniendo y reflejando. Espero que podamos ver esto como un tiempo emocionante en la Iglesia a medida que nos hacemos más y más conscientes de los movimientos del Espíritu Santo en nuestras vidas y en la vida de la Parroquia de Ascensión. Ella nunca nos ha fallado y yo confío que el Espíritu de Dios continuará guiándonos en buenas direcciones.

Paz, Padre Kearney

*Esta carta será repetida en el boletín del 28 de junio.*



Olivia Barnet, William Brown, Laura Moore Brown, Yveline Louis Charles, Paola Colon, Mariela Cristin, Luz Marina Cruz, Gina DeGivenchy, Javier DJuan, Milena Encarnacion, Julio Esteves, Sonia Feliz, Enercida Fernandez, Florentina Flores, Mary Font, Claire Gaudiani, David Glassberg, Altagracia Gomes, Fredes Gonzalez, James Griffin, Carlos Gutierrez, Rafael Guzman, Marjorie Hanson, Mariana Heras, Raquelly Heras, Yoshie Kato, Paz Lual, Nora & Kathleen McNicholas, Paulino Reynaldo Navas, John O'Sullivan, Victor Parra, Joanna Pasquale, Creighton Redenbo, William Alcantara, Victorino Alcantara, Rosa Peña, Maria Eladia Garcia Alonza, Carmen Rivera, Ramona Rocha, Gloria Rodriguez, Roger Rosenblatt, Rev. John Schlegel SJ, Hellen Shelly, Ana Thillet Sola, Yuan Su, Jaime Daniel Urena, Carmen Vasquez

*Notes/Notas:*

- A parishioner lost a wallet at Trivia Night last week. Anyone who knows of it's whereabouts please call John Norelli at 212-222-0666 opt. 3.
- Un miembro de la parroquia ha perdido una cartera en la Trivia Night la semana pasada. Si alguien sabe donde estara, llame a John Norelli a 212-222-0666 x3.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 AFTER THE 9:30 AND 11:00 MASSES WE WILL BE HOLDING A SIDEWALK SALE TO FUNDRAISE IN SUPPORT OF CIALINETT COLON'S PLANS TO JOIN THE SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY. WE WILL BE SELLING USED COSTUME JEWELRY, AS WELL AS TICKETS TO CIALINETT'S WINE AND CHEESE "SEND-OFF" WHICH WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 25 HERE AT ASCENSION. WANT TO HELP? [rklueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org](mailto:rklueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org)

- **Second collection** next weekend (6/27-28) for utilities.
- La proxima fin de semana tendremos una **segunda colecta** para gastos de electricidad.

**Daily Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, June 21** – Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

8:15am Frances Nieves

9:30am Divino Niño, Mildred Patricia Lopez, Luis Robles, Efrain Robles, Rosa Almonte, Damasio Solorzano, Saul Jordan, Juan Balven, Epifania Balven, Ana Rita Luciano,

11:00am Patrick Reilly

12:30pm Agueda Martinez, Maria Martinez, Teodoro Tuya, Alejandro Tuya, Anastacio Morales, Andres Perez Jimenez

**Monday, June 22** – Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday, June 23** – Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday, June 24** – Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

6:00pm Cenon & Damiana Tugaff

7:00pm Juan Rosado

**Thursday, June 25** – Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16; Mt 7:21-29

**Friday, June 26** – Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

7:00pm Flor Gallego

**Saturday, June 27** – Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

5:00pm Frank Discorfano

6:15pm David Vilma

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# MUSIC FOR THE MASSES IN ENGLISH – 5:00 P.M., 8:15 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

The Order of Mass may be followed in the paperback Missals, beginning at Page 4. (Nicene Creed, Page 100; Liturgy of the Eucharist, Page 104). Boldface numbers refer to music found in the red Worship hymnal, also found in the pews. The sung parts of the mass were composed by Chicago native Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ, We pray now to the Holy Spirit – *Dietrich Buxtehude, ca.1637-1707*

Processional Hymn, Immortal, invisible, God only wise (*tune: Saint Denio*)

**512**

Kyrie eleison

**251**

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo

*Missal Page 219*

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 107 – *chanted by all*

*Music provided from the Ushers*

Gospel Acclamation – *A. Gregory Murray, OSB, 1958*

**279**

*v. A great prophet has risen in our midst. / God has visited his people.*

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

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn, How great thou art (*Swedish traditional melody*) – *sung by all*

*Missal Page 279*

Sanctus and Memorial Acclamation

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

## COMMUNION RITE

Lamb of God

**256**

At Communion, Organ, "The Peace may be exchanged," from *Rubrics* – *Daniel Locklair, b.1949*

## CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn, How firm a foundation (*tune: Foundation*)

**585**

Organ, Trumpet tune – *David German, b.1954*

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### **Music Notices:**

**The Psalms for the summer months** will be led by Cantor and sung by all to simplified chants. Each week as you depart the Church, please return copies to the Ushers or place on the table so that they can be re-used.

**The Ascension Choir 2015-16 season** resumes mid-September. Happy summer break to all these dedicated singers! (See Ascension's new web site, [www.AscensionChurchNYC.org](http://www.AscensionChurchNYC.org), for recent choral recordings and photos.) Anyone interested in joining in the fall should contact Mr. Smith via e-mail, [PSmith@AscensionChurchNYC.org](mailto:PSmith@AscensionChurchNYC.org). Also, if you play a musical instrument and would be interested in sharing your talents in our worship, please communicate with Mr. Smith at your earliest convenience.



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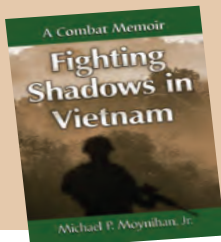
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