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## Office Hours

**Saturday and Sunday**  
Sábado y Domingo  
9:00am to 7:30pm

## Weekdays

Los días de semana  
OPEN: 9:00am to 12:30pm  
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Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015



## 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 Wednesday (English)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz)	

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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

## Los Sacramentos (Español)

**Penitencia:** Sábado 4-5pm

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



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## Pastor's Letter Notas del Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

This season of Advent is rapidly coming to a close. During these brief days of Advent, we have placed our focus on Christ's return, his coming again in glory, although we know neither the day nor the hour. Now in these last days of Advent (December 17th -

December 24th), our preparation becomes more intimate as we place our focus more directly on the events leading up to the birth of Jesus.

Our Christmas celebrations will begin with a 5:00p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Mass will then be celebrated at Midnight. The midnight Mass will be Bilingual. There will, in addition, be organ music and carols beginning at 11:30p.m. on Christmas Eve. The choir will, of course, be singing at the midnight celebration. On Christmas day only two masses will be celebrated. The first in English at 11:00a.m. with the choir, and then at 12:30 in Spanish with the Walkirios. Christmas morning, the choir will begin singing carols around 10:40a.m. There will be no 6:00p.m. Jazz Mass on Christmas evening.

As an Ascension Community, we have much for which to be grateful. In keeping with our vein of "We Can Do it Together as an Ascension Community", the Finance Committee asked me to invite parishioners to consider making two Christmas gifts to Ascension Church. The first would be a monetary gift of \$250 - \$500 if you are able to provide one, but any extra donation is greatly appreciated. The second gift is signing up for the automated gift-giving system known as Faith Direct (see Faith Direct's website - Ascension Church's Code is "NY588"). We have added many parishioners to Faith Direct over the past year, but in order to be a financially self-sustaining Parish we need more support for Faith Direct. While we know much is being asked, we hope all would see the sacrifice as having great value for us as a Community.

On behalf of Fr. Rafferty and Fr. Daniel, I wish to extend to you and your families our prayerful best wishes for a blessed and peace-filled Christmas Season. As we thank God for our many blessings, we hold close to our hearts those who are suffering as well as those less fortunate than ourselves.

I pray that God will shower down his choicest blessings on all during the holy season.

Peace,

Fr. Kearney



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Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

Esta temporada de Adviento está llegando a su fin rápidamente. Durante estos breves días de Adviento, nos hemos enfocado en el regreso de Cristo – su regreso en gloria, -- aunque no sabemos ni el día ni la hora. Ahora en estos últimos días de Adviento (17 – 24 de diciembre), nuestras preparaciones se vuelven más íntimas mientras nos enfocamos en una manera más directa en los eventos que nos llevan al nacimiento de Jesús.

Nuestras celebraciones de Navidad comenzarán con una misa a las 5 de la tarde el día de Nochebuena. Después se celebrará la misa de medianoche (la misa de gallo). También habrá, además, música de órgano y villancicos comenzando a las 11:30 de la noche en la Nochebuena. Naturalmente, el coro cantará en la celebración de medianoche. El día de Navidad se celebrará solo dos misas – la primera en inglés a las 11 de la mañana con el coro y después a las 12:30 de la tarde en español con Los Walkirios. El día de Navidad el coro comenzará cantando villancicos alrededor de las 10:40 de la mañana. No habrá misa de Jazz a las 6 de la tarde del día de Navidad.

Como una comunidad de la Ascensión tenemos mucho por qué estar agradecidos. De acuerdo con el tono de "Juntos Podemos Hacerlo Como Una Comunidad de la Ascensión," el Comité de Finanzas me pidió que invitara a los feligreses a que consideraran dos regalos de Navidad para la Iglesia de la Ascensión. El primero sería un regalo monetario de \$250-\$500 – si puede proveer uno, pero cualquier donación adicional será grandemente agradecida. El segundo regalo es apuntarse en el sistema automático de dar donaciones conocido como Faith Direct (Fe directa – véase el sitio web de Faith Direct – el código de la Iglesia de la Ascensión es "NY 588"). Hemos añadido a muchos feligreses a Faith Direct durante este año pasado pero para ser una parroquia económicamente sostenible necesitamos más apoyo para Faith Direct. Mientras que sabemos que se está pidiendo mucho, esperamos que todos vean el sacrificio como uno de gran valor para nosotros como una comunidad.

De parte del Padre Rafferty y del Padre Daniel, deseo extenderles a ustedes y a sus familias nuestros mejores deseos piadosos para una temporada navideña bendita y llena de paz. Mientras le damos gracias a Dios por nuestras muchas bendiciones, mantengamos cerca de nuestros corazones a aquellos que están sufriendo al igual que aquellos menos afortunados que nosotros.

Le pido a Dios que derrame sus más grandes bendiciones sobre todos durante la santa temporada.

Paz,

Padre Kearney

Please  
pray for  
the sick

William Alcantara, Victorino Alcantara, Maria Eladia Garcia Alonza, Olivia Barnet, William Brown, Laura Moore Brown, Yveline Louis Charles, Paola Colon, Mariela Cristin, Luz Marina Cruz, Thomas & Maria Curr, Gina DeGivenchy, Javier DJuan, Milena Encarnacion, Julio Esteves, Alex Estevez, Sonia Feliz, Enercida Fernandez, Florentina Flores, Mary Font, Claire Gaudiani, David Glassberg, Altigracia Gomes, Fredes Gonzalez, James Griffin, Carlos Gutierrez, Rafael Guzman, Marjorie Hanson, Mariana Heras, Raquelly Heras, Yoshie Kato, Cassandra Kirk, Theresa Kubis, Paz Lual, Elba Luciano, Kathleen McNicholas, Paulino Reynaldo Navas, John O'Sullivan, Victor Parra, Joanna Pasquale, Rosa Peña, Creighton Redenbo, Andres Reyes, Benito Rivera, Carmen Rivera, Ramona Rocha, Gloria Rodriguez, Jennifer Rosario, Roger Rosenblatt, Ana Thillet Sola, Yuan Su, Jaime Daniel Urena, Carmen Vazquez



We can do it TOGETHER!

¡JUNTO Podemos Hacerlo!

We here at Ascension are very grateful for the exemplary way you willingly share the precious gifts of *time, talent, and treasure* God has given you.

October Collections		November Collections		December Collections	
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

# Novenas de Aguinaldos

Las misas de Aguinaldo comenzaran el Jueves 17 de diciembre a las 6:00am. Los grupos encargados de la celebracion:

## Grupos:

St, Vincent de Paul, Almas del Purgatorio, Grupo Intercesion.	Domingo 20 diciembre
Dominican Sunday, la Misericordia	Monday 21 diciembre
Los ministros de la Eucaristia y Lectores	Martes 22 diciembre
Sagrado Corazon de Jesus y el grupo Mariano	Miercoles 23 diciembre
Todos los grupos	Jueves 24 diciembre

EL ULTIMO DIA ES UN COMPARTIR TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS A TRAER ALIMENTOS, POR FAVOR HABLE CON ESPERANZA O MERY PARA A NOTAR LO QUE VAN A TRAER!



## Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 20 – Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45**

8:15am Anthony Torrusio, Justin Kwan

9:30am Jose Manuel Ureña, Alex Alvarez, Teofilo Alvarez

11:00am Homer Wright, Mother Christiane

12:30pm Jose, Felipe, Freddy, and Antonio Fernandez; Mercedes Vargas

6:00pm Justin Kwan

**Monday, December 21 – Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45**

7:00pm Livia Leon, Rafael Saltana

**Tuesday, December 22 – 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56**

7:00pm Jonnie Paredes

**Wednesday, December 23 – Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66**

12:00pm Nora McNicholas, Thanksgiving for Melanie Plesal

7:00pm Carmen Ramirez

**Thursday, December 24 – Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79**

5:00pm Juan Rosado

Midnight

**Friday, December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

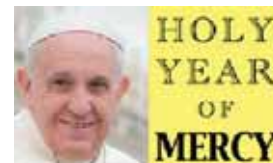
11:00am Baby Jesus for Melanie Plesal (Living)

12:30pm Teodora Tuya

**Saturday, December 26 – Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22**

5:00pm Nora McNicholas

6:15pm Flor Gallego



## Ascension's Activities

Toy drive, to benefit Catholic Charities' "St. Nicholas Project".  
**Now through Dec. 20**


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

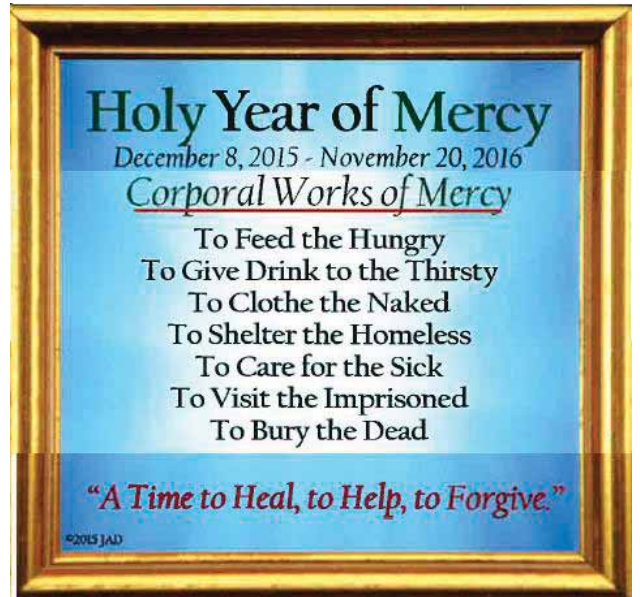
Coat Drive: Anticipated Jan 2016

Lenten Parish Ministries event: Anticipated Feb 2016





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
<b>Happy New Year!</b>	Saturday, January 02, 2016	No 12:10 Mass	Open
	Sunday, January 03, 2016	Open	Open



**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, bring it to the rectory, or visit [www.ascensionchurchnyc.org](http://www.ascensionchurchnyc.org).

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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**Attend Mass TWICE this weekend!**

At the 11:00am Mass TODAY, the Women of Ascension Choir present Britten's A Ceremony of Carols, Opus 28, plus Camille Saint-Saëns's setting of Ave Maria, with New York concert harpist Rita Costanzi.



Other choral works to be performed include Hans Leo Hassler's Dixit Maria and a rousing setting of Gaudete with percussion. Especially if you will be away for Christmas Eve and Day (and will miss the Christmas music), you are encouraged to return for the 11 o'clock mass this Sunday and support our Choir.

## MUSIC FOR THE MASSES IN ENGLISH – 5 P.M. & 8:15 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. At the 5 o'clock mass the Cantor is *Hayden DeWitt*; at 8:15, *Margarita Martinez*. Ascension Choir sings at 11 o'clock.

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### INTRODUCTORY RITES

- Organ, Savior of the nations, come – *Dieterich Buxtehude, ca. 1637-1707*
- Processional Hymn, Come, O long expected Jesus (*Stuttgart*) **364**
- Kyrie eleison – *Kyrie cum Jubilo* **274**  
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

- Responsorial Psalm 80 **777**  
*R.* Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
- Gospel Acclamation – *A Gregory Murray, OSB, 1958* **279**  
*v.* Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. /  
*May it be done to me according to your word.*
- General Intercessions – *Robert M. Hutmacher, OFM, 1979* **300**  
*R.* Jesus, Jesus, hear our prayer.

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- Offertory Hymn, People, look East (*French carol*) **359**
- 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.
- Organ, Fugues on the Magnificat – *Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706*

### CONCLUDING RITE

- Recessional Hymn, The angel Gabriel from heaven came (*Basque carol*) **695**
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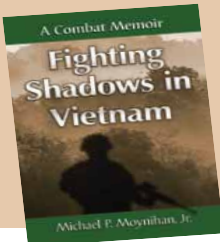
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