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The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016



## 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)	

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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 in advance with the Pastor or a Priest.

## 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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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,

There are many different titles ascribed to Jesus during the Christmas Season, one of which is Prince of Peace. When Jesus was preparing to leave this world, he made a specific promise to his gathered disciples: "Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

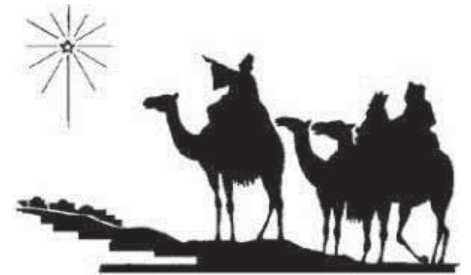
In the Scriptures, Jesus speaks of peace on more than 100 occasions. Jesus, during the Final Discourse at the Last Supper, in his high Priestly Prayer, spoke of his great desire that one day, all people throughout the world would be one in the same way that He is one with the Father and with the Spirit. Clearly, Jesus believed that peace and unity could one day be a reality.

Unfortunately, this past year has reminded us of the fact that we seem to be light years away from that reality. On an ongoing basis, we hear news story after news story of random acts of violence, acts of terrorism, and acts of homicidal hatred. We need to pray fervently for the end to violence and for peace in our city and in our nation.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The Epiphany is what we traditionally call the Feast of the Three Kings. Today is the 12th day of Christmas. Symbolically, this is a very important feast because it was through the events of the Epiphany that the divinity of Jesus was revealed for the very first time. This was the first of the three manifestations of Jesus' divinity: Epiphany, The Baptism of Jesus, and the Wedding Feast of Cana (the first public miracle of Jesus.) As people of faith, we recognize the fact that every person is made to the image and likeness of God. Our challenge is to see and find that in every person.

On behalf of Fr. Rafferty, Msgr. Shelley, and Fr. Daniel, we wish you God's choicest blessings for a happy and healthy New Year!

Peace,  
Fr. Kearney



Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

Hay muchos títulos diferentes atribuidos a Jesús durante la temporada de la Navidad – uno de los cuales es Príncipe de Paz. Cuando Jesús se preparaba para dejar el mundo, él les hizo una promesa especial a sus discípulos reunidos: “La paz les dejo; mi paz les doy. Yo no se la doy a ustedes como la da el mundo. No se angustien ni se acobarden” (Juan 14:27). En las escrituras, Jesús habla sobre la paz en más de cien ocasiones. Jesús, durante su discurso final en la última cena, en su elevada oración sacerdotal, habló de su gran deseo de que algún día, toda la gente a través del mundo fuera una de la misma manera en que él es uno con el padre y con el Espíritu. Claramente, Jesús creía que la paz y la unidad podían un día ser una realidad.

Desafortunadamente, este año pasado nos ha recordado que estamos años de luz lejos de esa realidad. Regularmente escuchamos historia tras historia en las noticias de actos de violencia imprevistos, actos de terrorismo y actos de odio homicida. Necesitamos orar con fervor por el fin a la violencia y por la paz en nuestra ciudad y en nuestra nación.

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía. La Epifanía es lo que tradicionalmente llamamos la fiesta de los tres Reyes Magos. Hoy es 12vo día de Navidad. Simbólicamente, ésta es una fiesta muy importante porque fue a través de los eventos de la Epifanía que la divinidad de Jesús fue revelada por la primera vez. Esta fue la primera de las tres manifestaciones de la divinidad de Jesús: -- la Epifanía, el bautismo de Jesús y la boda de Caná (el primer milagro público de Jesús). Como personas de fe, reconocemos el hecho de que cada persona está hecha a la imagen y semejanza de Dios. Nuestro reto es ver y encontrar eso en cada persona.

¡De parte del Padre Rafferty, Mons. Shelley y el Padre Daniel, les deseamos las mejores bendiciones de Dios para un feliz y saludable año nuevo!

Paz,  
Padre Kearney



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, Altagracia 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



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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	\$ 5,596
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)	\$ 17,560
	\$ 34,107		\$ 41,097		\$ 34,551

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



**Ascension's Activities**

Ascension Homeless Shelter opened **Dec. 19**

*Coat Drive: Anticipated Jan 2016*

*Lenten Parish Ministries event: Anticipated Feb 2016*

**Daily Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, January 3 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
 8:15am  
 9:30am  
 11:00am  
 12:30pm Francisca Castillo, Ricardo Kirchheim  
 6:00pm

**Monday, January 4 – 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25**

12:00pm  
 7:00pm

**Tuesday, January 5 – 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44**

12:00pm  
 7:00pm

**Wednesday, January 6 – 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52 12:00pm**

6:00pm  
 7:00pm Rafael Andre Reye

**Thursday, January 7 – 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a**

12:00pm  
 7:00pm

**Friday, January 8 – 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16**

12:00pm  
 7:00pm Juana Aquero

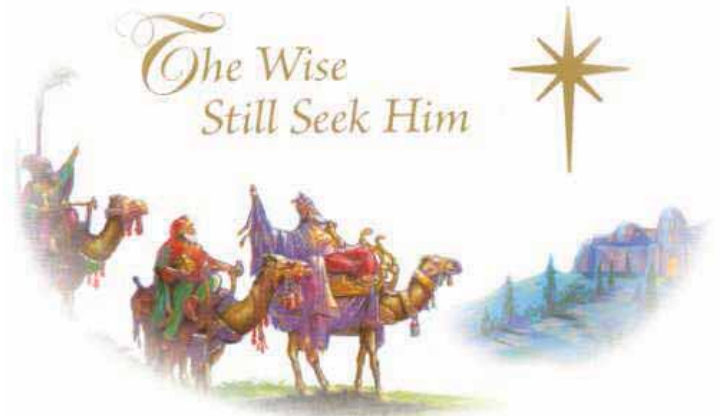
**Saturday, January 9 – 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30**

12:10pm  
 5:00pm  
 6:15pm

**Due to the holiday bulletin deadline, names entered after December 24<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.

**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
Circolo de Oración	<b>Lunes</b> 7:45pm, el Centro
Comité Guadalupano	<b>Viernes</b> 7:00pm, la Cafeteria
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 Rectoria
Grupo de parejas	<b>Tercer Domingo del mes,</b> 2:00pm el Centro
Divina Misericordia	<b>Viernes</b> 8:00pm, salón debajo de la Rectoria



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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*. The Ascension Choir sings at 11 o'clock.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

- Organ, *Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie* – *Maurice Duruflé, 1902-1986*  
Processional Hymn, We three kings of Orient are (*Kings of Orient*) **406**  
*[At the 11 o'clock mass stanzas 1-4 are sung by Gentlemen of the Choir, the People joining to sing the Refrain.]*  
Kyrie and Gloria  
(5:00 and 8:15) Kyrie – Page 207; Gloria – Page 211  
Choir, *Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo* – *Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

- Responsorial Psalm 72  
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
Gospel Acclamation – *A Gregory Murray, OSB, 1958* **279**  
v. *We saw his star at its rising / and have come to do him homage.*  
General Intercessions – *Robert M. Hutmacher, OFM, 1979* **300**  
R. Jesus, Jesus, hear our prayer.  
Prayer for Peace (*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.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- Offertory Carol, The first Nowell (*setting by David Willcocks, 1919-2015*) **408**  
Sanctus and Memorial Acclamation – *Michael Joncas, 2010* *Pages 201-202*

## COMMUNION RITE

- Agnus Dei – *Joncas* *Page 204*  
Communion Music  
(5:00 and 8:15) Solo, What child is this – *arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar, b.1944*  
Choir, The Three Kings – *Peter Cornelius, 1824-1874*  
*Three Kings from Persian lands afar To Jordan follow the pointing star: And this the quest of the travellers three, Where the newborn King of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the King; Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heaven afar Our Jesse tree now bloweth. The star shines out with a steadfast ray; The kings to Bethlehem make their way, And there in worship they bend the knee, As Mary's child in her lap they see; Their royal gifts they show to the King; Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering. Of Jacob's stem and David's line, For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine, My soul with love o'erfloweth. Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem The Kings are travelling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace, Shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; Offer thy heart to the infant King. Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us, Rightly leads us, Life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

## CONCLUDING RITE

- Recessional Hymn, As with gladness men of old (*Dix*) **409**  
Organ, How brightly shines the morning star – *Dieterich Buxtehude, ca.1637-1707*
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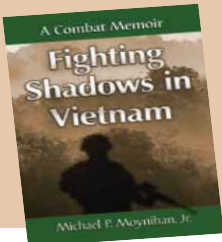
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