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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17th, 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 Wednesday (English)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz)	

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,
there will be one bilingual Mass at 9:00am
after which the church will be closed.
The rectory will be closed all day.

En honor al Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,
habrá una misa bilingüe a las 9:00 am
después se cierra la iglesia. La rectoría estará
cerrada todo el día.

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Penance: Saturday 4-5pm

Baptism: There are no Baptisms during Lent (Feb 10 – April). 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

Bautizos: No habrán bautizos durante la cuaresma. (10 de febrero – abril)

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
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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.





Pastor's Letter
Notas del Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

Next weekend in our parish we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Altagracia. Under this title Mary is the protectress of the Dominican Republic. (Under the title of Our Lady of Mercy -- La Merced, Mary is the patroness of the Dominican Republic.) Our main parish celebration takes places next Saturday, January 23rd at the 6:15 PM Mass followed by a parish banquet. The presider of these celebrations will be Father Eusebio Villegas. Fr. Villegas is a recently ordained priest. He was ordained for the Diocese of San Francisco de Macoris in the Dominican Republic. Currently, Fr. Eusebio is working in Immaculate Conception Parish in Yaguiza. The annual Altagracia Mass in the cathedral will be celebrated today (Sunday) by Bishop Andres Napoleon Romeo Cardenas. Bishop Andres is the Bishop of Barahona in the Dominican Republic.

Tomorrow is a national holiday. It is the day set aside by our nation in order to recognize and remember the life and efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was Dr. King who said, "If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority. If the Church does not participate actively in the struggle for peace and for economic and racial justice it will. . . . cause people everywhere to say it has atrophied its will. As a people of faith, we can never be satisfied with the status quo. We have to continue to strive to make justice and peace a reality – a lifelong challenge. Tomorrow, the churches of the Upper West Side will be sponsoring their 14th Annual MLK Peace Walk. Those who are interested in walking will gather in front of Holy Name Church, 96th and Amsterdam at 2:00 PM and will visit different faith communities for prayer and reflection. This year the theme is taken from Pope Francis' encyclical -- *Laudato Si*, and the theme is "*The Lord hears the cry of the earth -- the Lord hears the cry of the poor*. Please consider walking with us tomorrow! Never tire praying for peace.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

El próximo fin de semana celebramos en nuestra parroquia la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia. Bajo este título María es la protectora de la República Dominicana (bajo el título de Nuestra Señora de la Mercedes, María es la patrona de la República Dominicana). Nuestra celebración parroquial principal tomará lugar el próximo sábado, 23 de enero en la misa de las 6:15 de la noche, seguido por un banquete parroquial. El Padre Eusebio Villegas presidirá estas celebraciones. El Padre Villegas es un sacerdote recién ordenado. El fue ordenado para la diócesis de San Francisco de Macoris en la República Dominicana. En la actualidad, el Padre Villegas está trabajando en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Yaguiza. La misa anual de la Altagracia en la catedral será celebrada hoy (domingo) por el obispo Andrés Napoleón Romeo Cárdenas. El obispo Andrés es el obispo de Barahona, República Dominicana.

Mañana es un día de fiesta nacional. Es el día apartado por nuestra nación para reconocer y recordar la vida y esfuerzos del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fue el Dr. King quien dijo, "Si la iglesia no recobra su fervor profético, se convertirá en un club social sin autoridad moral ni espiritual. Si la iglesia no participa activamente en la lucha por la paz y por justicia económica y racial, hará...que la gente en todas partes diga que han atrofiado su voluntad. Como gente de fe, nunca podremos estar satisfechos con el statu quo. Tenemos que continuar tratando de hacer de la justicia y la paz una realidad – un reto de toda la vida." Mañana las iglesias del Alto Oeste de Manhattan estarán auspiciando su 14^a caminata ecuménica de paz del Día del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Los que estén interesados se reunirán delante de la Iglesia de Holy Name (Santo nombre), calle 96 y avenida Amsterdam, a las 2 de la tarde y visitarán diferentes comunidades de fe para oración y reflexión. Este año el tema ha sido escogido de la encíclica del Papa Francisco – *Laudato sii* y el tema es, "El Señor escucha el clamor de la tierra – el Señor escucha el clamor de los pobres." ¡Por favor, consideren caminar con nosotros mañana! Nunca se cansen de pedir por la paz.


Paz, Padre Kearney

**14th Annual
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Interfaith Peace Walk**

Hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016 - 2PM

- Walk begins at Holy Name Church at 2PM. West 96th Street and Amsterdam Avenue
- Participants will visit several host sites and end at Blessed Sacrament Church (West 71st Street and Broadway) for refreshments and fellowship.
- Bring letters to congressional leaders asking them to support initiatives to heal our planet and the very poor who are so harshly affected by climate change.
- Letters will be carried from site to site and delivered in bulk.



*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, 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, Bridget Padin, 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!

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November Collections		December Collections		January Collections	
1-Nov	\$ 5,290	6-Dec	\$ 6,925	3-Jan	\$ 5,442
8-Nov	\$ 6,603	13-Dec	\$ 4,470	10-Jan	\$ 5,578
15-Nov	\$ 5,975	20-Dec	\$ 5,596	17-Jan	
22-Nov	\$ 5,739	Christmas	\$ 10,921	24-Jan	
29-Nov	\$ 4,681	27-Dec	\$ 7,980	31-Jan	
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	\$ 41,097		\$ 53,452		\$ 20,993

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 17 – Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
 9:30am Herminia Reyes, Cecilia Reyes
 11:00am Patrick John Kane
 12:30pm Pedro Paulino, Roselia Paulino, Julio Peralta (Salud)
 6:00pm Claude Blenman

Monday, January 18 – 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
 9:00am William Feliciano, Carmen Cambero

Tuesday, January 19 – 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
 12:00pm Ann Nice

Wednesday, January 20 – 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
 12:00pm Pierre Labalme, San Sebastian
 6:00pm Leonila Tupas

Thursday, January 21 – 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
 12:00pm Virgen de Altagracia, Rodolfo Brown, Santa Lucia

Friday, January 22 – 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
 7:00pm Jonnie Paredes Jr.

Saturday, January 23 – 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
 6:15pm Jose FA Ramos

Free Online Training in Environmental Education to learn about how to improve environmental quality and change environmental behaviors.

The course is sponsored by Cornell University. To follow up the course content, a discussion group has been created here in the Church of The Ascension to meet every Sunday at 2 pm. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24th at 2 pm.

To register for the course visit the website: www.globalee.net

“To take care of our common home” (Pope Francis)

FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM WHO WILL BE BAPTIZED THIS SPRING:

THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th AT 9:30 IN THE SCHOOL GYM TO REVIEW THE CALENDAR AND REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM. THE MEETING WILL BE JUST ONE HOUR.

**QUESTIONS:
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 OR 917-363-4564**

"Human trafficking is a scourge upon the body of Christ"...Pope Francis

**Join Holy Trinity Parish for a Forum and Action Workshop on Human Trafficking
 Feb. 2, 2016 from 7pm - 9pm**

Where: Holy Trinity Murphy Center, 213 W 82nd St.
 RSVP: holytrinityreled@earthlink.net
 Cost: good will offering

FOR FULL DETAILS, VISIT:
ascensionchurchnyc.org/news/human-trafficking

The Ascension Gay Fellowship

will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 19th from 7pm to 9pm in the Rectory Dining Room.

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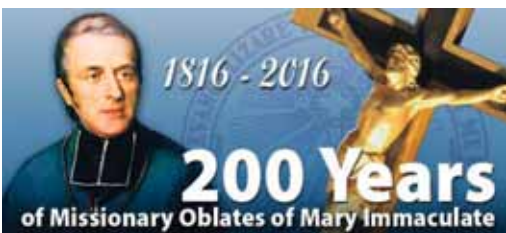


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On January 25th, **The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate** (*Fr. Daniel LeBlanc's Congregation*) begins 200th year of founding by Saint Eugene de Mazenod and companions.

Visit ascensionchurchnyc.org/news/omi for an article about the bicentenary.

Baptisms at Ascension: There are no Baptisms during Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. In February, there will be Baptisms on Saturday, February 6th in English and Sunday, February 7th in Spanish. Baptisms resume in April.

Bautizos en Ascensión: No hay bautizos durante la Cuaresma. La Cuaresma comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza, 10 de febrero. Habrá bautismos el sábado 6 de febrero en Inglés y el domingo, 7 de febrero en español. Los bautizos comenzaran en abril.

Encyclical on the Environment

Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home, the anticipated encyclical of Pope Francis on the environment, was released to the world on Thursday, June 18th, 2015. People all over the world eagerly await the Pope's call to save God's creation and protect the poor (who are those most harmed by ecological destruction). News coverage was extensive and it generated much interest among people of many faiths around the world. You can find an introduction to the encyclical in a 6 1/2 minute video that features Catholic voices, online at: <http://www.yaleclimateconnections.org/2015/06/video-outlines-background-for-pope-Francis-papal-encyclical/>, or go to *Yale Climate Connections* and search "encyclical background".

Enciclica sobre el Cuidado de la Creacion

La muy anicipada enciclica del Papa Franciso sobre el ambiente *Laudato Si' el Cuidado de la Casa Comun*, fue lanzado al mundo el Jueves, 18 de Junio de 2015. Personas en todo el mundo esperaban ansiosamente el llamado del Papa a salvar la creacion de Dios y proteger a los pobres, que son mas afectados por la destruccion ecologica. Los medios de comunidades de fe alrededor del mundo El siguiente video de 6 1/2 minutos ofrece una introduccion a los temas de la enciclica y contiene perpectivas catolicas: <http://www.yaleclimateconnections.org/2015/06/video-outlines-background-for-pope-Francis-papal-encyclical/>, o buscar en Google "Yale Climate Connections" y de alli "encyclical background".




The Ascension Church Homeless Shelter welcomed its first guests on December 19th, it was a wonderful kick-off!

We continue to run the shelter every Saturday night, offering a hot meal, warm bed and friendly conversation for up to twenty men. We are currently seeking volunteers to stay the night and supervise. Training will be provided -- you will stay with another experienced volunteer, and have lots of help and support.

Please consider becoming a "sleeper". Contact Chris at (917) 312-1257 or email shelter107@gmail.com if you'd like more information. You can sign up online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4baaa72faa8-shelter3>

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.
- ❖ Boldface numbers are for music selections in the red *Worship* hymnals.
- ❖ Please refer to the goldenrod photocopies for the *Gloria* and *German Mass* parts.
- ❖ At the 5pm mass the Cantor is Hayden DeWitt; at 8:15am, Margarita Martinez. The Choir sings at 11am.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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Organ, Amazing grace – *George Shearing, 1919-2011*

Processional Hymn, Lift ev'ry voice and sing (*Rosamund Johnson, 1873-1954*)

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Kyrie eleison

5pm and 8:15am – “*New Plainsong*,” *David Hurd, b.1950*

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11am (Choir) – *German Mass, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828*

Gloria in excelsis Deo – “*A New Mass for Congregations*,” *Carroll T. Andrews, rev. 2011*

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Responsorial Psalm 96

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

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

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v. God has called us through the Gospel /

to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Creed

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General Intercessions – *Byzantine chant*

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R. Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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Offertory Anthem, Total Praise – *Richard Smallwood, b.1948*

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from You. Your peace You give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

Offertory Hymn, In Christ there is no east or west (*McKee*)

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Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation A, and Fivefold Amen – *German Mass*

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COMMUNION RITE

Agnus Dei – *Plainsong*

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Communion Motets

O nata lux – Thomas Tallis, ca.1505-1585

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, Dignare clemens supplicum Laudes precesque sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus es pro perditis, Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.

[O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.]

King Jesus hath a garden – *Charles Wood, 1866-1926*

1. *King Jesus hath a garden, full of divers flowers, Where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.*

R. There naught is heard but Paradise bird, Harp, dulcimer, lute, With cymbal, trump and tymbal, And the tender, soothing flute.

2. *The Lily, white in blossom there, is Chastity: The Violet, with sweet perfume, Humanity.*

3. *The bonny Damask-rose is known as Patience: The blithe and thrifty Marygold, Obedience.*

4. *The Crown Imperial bloometh too in yonder place, 'Tis Charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace.*

5. *Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim The Star of Bethlem-Jesus-blest'd be his Name!*

6. *Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete, Make thou my heart thy garden-plot, fair, trim and neat.*

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn, Go, be justice to God's people (*Nettleton*)

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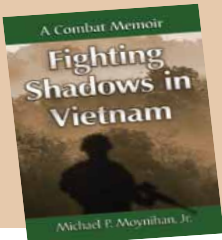
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In this memoir, set as deeply in his mind as in the Southeast Asian jungle, a young American soldier embarks on a journey to a war that, for him, will never be over.



The world was a playground for Mickey, a naive Irish American kid bored with his life. His father served in World War II, his brother was a Marine in Vietnam; now it was his turn. His 365 days in Vietnam builds in torment until an attack on a bunker complex in Cambodia. Wounded, his friend captured, he becomes a tormented survivor knowing he is always just a heartbeat from death.

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