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Los días de semana
OPEN: 9:00am to 12:30pm
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First Sunday of Lent
February 14th, 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 President's Day, February 15th, there will be one bilingual Mass at 9:00 AM after which the church will be closed. The rectory will be closed all day.

En honor al día de los presidentes, el 15 de febrero, 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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Sacraments (English)

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 cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicap or age. Please call **Cipriano Lantigua** at the rectory.

Ministerio Para Los Enfermos

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,

This weekend is set aside as Presidents Day Weekend -- on this weekend we give special honor to George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Curiously, the month of February is set aside as Black History Month. Black History Month grew out of a vision of liberating a beleaguered people so they could take pride in their accomplishments. The month of February was chosen because of the birthdays of two great figures central to the freedom and liberation of African Americans in the United States: Abraham Lincoln (February 12th) and Frederick Douglass (February 14th.) This vision sought to unleash the fetters that bound the American black community, whose identity has been burdened by so many misrepresentations, whose lives have been plagued by poverty: a people whose self-concept was damaged by a stilted sense of who they were and where they belonged in a society that often ignored them and often times, thought them to be worthless. The goal of Black History Month was to expand the imaginations of people everywhere, no matter their temporal conditions.

This past Wednesday, when ashes were imposed on our foreheads, we began our forty day Lenten journey - the journey that hopefully leads us to a profound celebration of the Paschal Mystery. As we enter the Season of Lent, we should remember some of the great African American leaders who forged the historical, social, cultural pathways we enjoy today. As we accompany Jesus into the desert on this First Sunday of Lent and experience the depth of his courage, his loneliness and his temptation, we should question and reflect on our own spiritual journey with God and seek answers that will enlighten everyone about God's love for all people.

This has been a year of headlines about young lives tragically lost and accusations of police violence. A wide range of social problems await advocacy and political leadership. Homelessness affects countless young lives and warps sensitive consciences. Whatever trials come, we survive because God is still in control and because he has empowered strong women and men to work for justice and peace yesterday, today and forever. President Lincoln certainly had the greatest moral accomplishment of any President, abolishing slavery while maintaining national sovereignty at a time when those forces worked against each other. During this Season of Lent, we ask the Spirit to open our eyes to see the goodness of God in the faces of all people around us. We ask the Spirit to open our hearts to the challenge of love and all that God has yet to teach us. I hope this will be a blessed Lenten Season for all.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

Este fin de semana está apartado como el fin de semana de los presidentes. En este fin de semana honramos especialmente a George Washington y Abraham Lincoln. Curiosamente, el mes de febrero está apartado como el mes de la herencia afro-americana. El mes de la herencia afro-americana es resultado de una visión de liberación de gente oprimida para que pudieran tener orgullo de sus logros. El mes de febrero fue escogido a causa de los cumpleaños de dos grandes figuras centrales en la libertad y liberación de afro-americanos en los Estados Unidos: Abraham Lincoln (12 de febrero) y Frederick Douglass (14 de febrero). Esta visión buscaba desatar las cadenas que ataban a la colonia afro-americana, cuya identidad ha sido cargada de tantas distorsiones, cuyas vidas han sido acosados por la pobreza: un pueblo cuyo auto-concepto fue dañado por un sentido exagerado de quiénes eran y dónde pertenecían en una sociedad que a menudo los ignoraba y en muchas ocasiones pensaba que no tenían valor. La meta del mes de la herencia afro-americana era de aumentar las imaginaciones de la gente en todas partes, sin importar sus condiciones temporales.

Este miércoles pasado cuando se nos impusieron cenizas en nuestras frentes, comenzamos nuestro viaje cuaresmal de cuarenta días – el viaje que esperamos nos lleva a una profunda celebración del misterio pascual. Cuando entremos en la temporada de Cuaresma, debemos recordar algunos de los grandes dirigentes afro-americanos que forjaron los caminos históricos, sociales y culturales de que disfrutamos hoy día. Mientras que acompañamos a Jesús al desierto en este primer domingo de Cuaresma y experimentamos la profundidad de su valor, su soledad y su tentación, debemos interrogar y reflexionar sobre nuestro propio viaje espiritual con Dios y buscar respuestas que iluminan a todos sobre el amor de Dios para toda la gente.

Éste ha sido un año de noticias sobre vidas jóvenes trágicamente perdidas y acusaciones de violencia policiaca. Una amplia serie de problemas sociales esperan defensa y dirección política. El desamparo afecta a un sinnúmero de vidas jóvenes y distorsiona las conciencias sensitivas. Cualquiera de las pruebas que se presenten, sobrevivimos porque todavía Dios está en control y porque él le ha dado valor a mujeres y hombres fuertes para que luchen por la justicia y la paz, ayer, hoy y por siempre. El presidente Lincoln seguramente obtuvo el logro moral más grande de ningún presidente, suprimiendo la esclavitud, mientras mantenía la soberanía nacional en un tiempo en que esas fuerzas luchaban una en contra de la otra. Durante esta temporada de Cuaresma, le pedimos al Espíritu Santo que nos abra los ojos para que veamos a Dios en la cara de todas las personas a nuestro alrededor. Le pedimos al Espíritu Santo que abra nuestros corazones al reto del amor y a todo lo que Dios todavía nos quiere enseñar. Espero que ésta sea una bendecida temporada de Cuaresma para todos.

Paz, Padre Kearney



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pray for
the sick

Olivia Barnet, William Brown, Yveline Louis Charles, Paola Colon, Mariela Cristin, Luz Marina Cruz, Thomas & Maria Curr, Gina DeGivency, Milena Encarnacion, Julio Esteves, Alex Estevez, Sonia Feliz, Maria Fermin, Florentina Flores, Mary Font, Claire Gaudiani, David Glassberg, Altagracia Gomes, James Griffin, Michael Griffin, Carlos Gutierrez, Rafael Guzman, Marjorie Hanson, Mariana Heras, Raquelly Heras, Yoshie Kato, Cassandra Kirk, Theresa Kubis, Paz Lual, Elba Luciano, Kathleen McNicholas, John O'Sullivan, Joanna Pasquale, Rosa Peña, Andres Reyes, Benito Rivera, Carmen Rivera, Gloria Rodriguez, Jennifer Rosario, Roger Rosenblatt, Ana Thillet Sola, Yuan Su, Jaime Daniel Urena, Carmen Vazquez

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE IN LENT

Catholics throughout the world observe the Fridays of Lent as days of abstinence from meat and meat products. The Fridays of Lent are meatless days. It is a day to be in solidarity with the worldwide church as well as with the poor who often never get enough to eat each day. If families are able to make some sacrifice of eating on these days, perhaps the money can be given to some group that serves the hungry.

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 14 – Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

9:30am Juan Feliciano, Jose Acevedo, Leonor Torres
12:30pm Virgen de Guadalupe, Juan Perez, Julio Peralta (Living), Lucia Vasquez Luna, Maria Rosario Tomasa, Felix Amadis

6:00pm Herman S. Harvin III, Orlando Guzman

Monday, February 15 – Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

9:00am Nelly Jorge, Leticia Gonzalez

Tuesday, February 16 – Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

7:00pm Maria Luisa Cruz

Wednesday, February 17 – Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

6:00pm Elsie and Cynthia Pagharion

Thursday, February 18 – Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

7:00pm Francisca Hernandez

Friday, February 19 – Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

8:3am Carmela Bogoni

Saturday, February 20 – Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

6:15pm Jose Manuel Ureña

Check out a video from Pope Francis:
ascensionchurchnyc.org/news/pope-francis-video-care-for-creation



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.

December Collections		January Collections		February Collections	
6-Dec	\$ 6,925	3-Jan	\$ 5,442	7-Feb	\$ 5,217
13-Dec	\$ 4,470	10-Jan	\$ 5,578	14-Feb	
20-Dec	\$ 5,596	17-Jan	\$ 4,489	21-Feb	
Christmas	\$ 10,921	24-Jan	\$ 2,806	28-Feb	
27-Dec	\$ 7,980	31-Jan	\$ 5,637		
Faith Direct: (122)	\$ 17,560	Faith Direct: (125)	\$ 13,175	Faith Direct: (125)	
	\$ 53,452		\$ 37,127		\$ 5,217

THOMAS MERTON -- Alive at Fourth and Walnut a play written and acted by James Nagle explains Merton's life and spiritual journey. It is one hour long, and admission is free. It will be performed at Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st St. (between Broadway and Amsterdam) on Thursday, February 18th, at 7:30PM.



Due to the President's day weekend, February's **Martini Night** will be held on **February 21st**.

Debido al fin de semana del Dia de los Presidentes, la **noche de Martini** sera cambiada para el **21 de febrero**.

Encyclical on the Environment

On June 18, 2015 the Vatican issued *Laudato Si'*, Praise Be to You, Pope Francis's encyclical on caring for creation. The phrase "praised be" is taken from a famous creation canticle by St. Francis of Assisi as he thanked God for the beauty of creation. At the core of Pope Francis's message is the idea of "integral ecology," - that how we relate to one another, especially the poor, and how we relate to the environment are intimately connected. For more on the encyclical, go to the U.S. bishop's Website: www.usccb.org/issues-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm or Google "US Catholic Conference of Bishops" and click on the encyclical and then "resources on Environmental Stewardship".

Enciclica sobre el Cuidado de la Creacion

El 18 de Junio de 2015, el Vaticano presento la enciclica papal *Laudato Si'* (Alabado seas, mi Señor) sobre el cuidado de La creacion. La frase "alabado seas" es parte del famoso canto de San Francisco de Asis "Cantico al Hermano Sol" en que se da gracias a Dios por la belleza de la creacion. Al fondo del mensaje del Papa Francisco esta la idea de una "ecologia integral", o sea que la manera de relacionarnos unos a otros - y en especial a los pobres - y la manera de relacionarnos con el medio ambiente estan intimamente ligados. Para saber mas sobre esta enciclica vaya a www.usccb.org/issues-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm o buscar en Google "US Catholic Conference of Bishops" y en espanol, escoger la seccion "Ensenanza de la Iglesia en Gestion Ambiental" para llegar a "MedioAmbiente Programa de Justicia Ambiental".





LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Take a Breath This Lent at Ascension's Simple Suppers

Wednesdays Feb. 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23

7:00pm-8:30pm in the Rectory Dining Room

Join Your Ascension Community for Scripture Readings, Soup and Salad. Bring a friend, meet new friends, pray and share your thoughts on the day's readings. Experience the Quiet as we prepare for Easter in the midst of NYC's noise. **Volunteers needed for clean up.**

CUARESMA CENAS SIMPLE

Tome una respiración En esta Cuaresma en cenas simples de la Ascensión

Miércoles 17, 23 de febrero, 2, 9, 16, 23 de marzo

7:00pm-8:30pm en el Rectorado Comedor

Unirse a su comunidad Ascensión de Lectura de las Escrituras, sopa y ensalada. Llevar a un amigo, conocer nuevos amigos, orar y compartir sus pensamientos en las lecturas del día. Experimentar el tranquilo mientras nos preparamos para la Pascua en medio del ruido de la ciudad de Nueva York. **Se necesitan voluntarios para la limpieza.**



Ascension's 2016 Mission to the Dominican Republic

Donations needed/we need your help: We will be collecting specific donations for this year the Mission to D.R.

Please see the list below and please put your donations in the box that is located in the rectory.

February 7 – March 6 - we will be collecting Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Cough Medicine, Big bottles of: Aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, Baby Wipes, Clorox Wipes, Adult diapers

March 6 – April 10 - school supplies: Paper, boxes of pens, notebooks, Linens / Sheets, Towels

April 10 – May 15 - Food: Canned Goods, pasta, tomato sauce, rice, beans, cooking oil, sugar.

For more information, please visit:
ascensionchurchnyc.org/mission-to-dr

Misión a La Republica Dominicana

Para nuestra Misión se necesita Donaciones / Necesitamos su ayuda: Vamos a recoger donaciones específicas para la Misión. Por favor, vea la lista a continuación y Por favor, ponga sus donaciones en esta caja que esta en la rectoria.

7 de Febrero al 6 de marzo - estaremos colectando paquete de jabón, pasta dental, cepillos dental, Medicamentos de la tos, Botellas Grande: Aspirina, Tylenol, Advil, Baby Wipes, Toallitas Clorox, pañales para adultos.

6 de marzo al 10 de abril - útiles escolares: papel, caja de bolígrafos o lápiz, cuadernos, ropa de cama / Sábanas, Toallas

10 de abril al 15 de mayo - Comida: Productos enlatados, pasta, salsa de tomate, arroz, frijoles, aceite de cocina y azúcar.

Para más información favor de visitar:
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Rev. Daniel Kearney, Pastor



TODA LA COMUNIDAD ESTA INVITADA A NUESTRO RETIRO PARROQUIAL

Domingo, 21 de Febrero

Comenzando con la Misa de las 12:30 PM

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"Hija Mía, escribe que cuanto más grande es la miseria de un alma tanto más grande es el derecho que tiene a Mi misericordia e invita a todas las almas a confiar en el Inconcebible abismo de Mi misericordia, porque deseo salvarlas a todas"

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Ascension Culinary Institute (ACI) 8th Annual Fundraiser Dinner



Save the Date!
Saturday, March 6th
6:30 p.m. Cocktails
7:30 p.m. Dinner

ACI is a weekly parish program designed for teenagers and young adults to learn cooking techniques, while having fun in a safe environment. Aside from learning how to cook and knowing their way around a kitchen, this program builds teamwork, camaraderie, self-confidence and a taste for the unknown.

The program culminates with an annual fund raising dinner where the new chefs prepare a 7-course meal for 150+ guests and are awarded a certificate of completion. There are several entertainers that perform as well.

Reservations required and tickets sell out fast!

Join us for an evening of delicious food and entertainment. Suggested donation is \$100 per person.

Purchase tickets at: acigala.eventbrite.com

or through the Ascension website at:

ascensionchurchnyc.org/ascension-culinary-institute



Music for the Masses in English

at 5:00 p.m., 8:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m., with the Ascension Choir

All are encouraged to participate fully in the singing of the hymns and mass parts. Boldface numbers refer to selections from the red Hymnals (Worship). The Order of Mass, with Today's Readings, is found in the Missals.

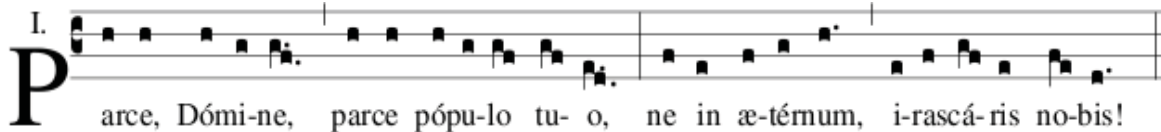
INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ, *O Man, bemoan thy grievous sins*, S. 622 – *Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750*

At the Procession, *Parce Domine*

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I.
P arce, Dómi-ne, parce pópu-lo tu- o, ne in æ-térnum, i-rascá-ris no-bis!



[Spare, Lord, spare your people: Be not angry with us forever. –Joel 2:17]

Kyrie eleison

5pm and 8:15am – “A Community Mass,” *Richard Proulx, 1937-2010*

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm 91

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation – *Mass of St. Gregory the Great, 2009*

R. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Homily

Nicene Creed

General Intercessions – R. Jesus, Jesus, hear our prayer.

300

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem – *Richard Farrant, ca.1530-1580*

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Offertory Hymn, Lord, who throughout these forty days (*tune: St. Flavian*)

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Sanctus

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Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Memorial Acclamation – *Plainsong*

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

The Great Amen – *Monotone*

COMMUNION RITE

Agnus Dei

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Communion Motet – *William Byrd, ca.1540-1623*

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam; et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.
[Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.] – *Psalm 51*

Organ, Chorale improvisation on “Rochelle” – *Paul Manz, 1919-2009*

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn, Jesus, lead the way (*tune: Rochelle*)

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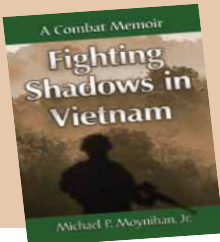
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In this memoir, set as deeply in his mind as in the Southeast Asian jungle, a young American soldier embarks on a journey to a war that, for him, will never be over.



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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