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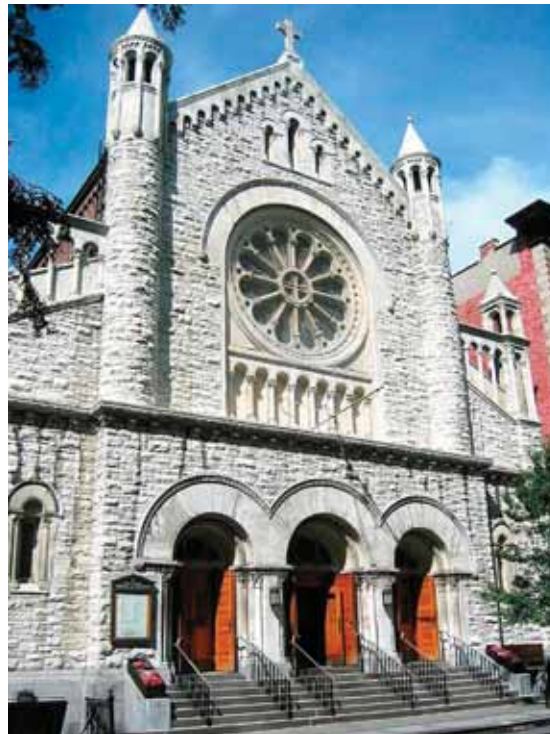
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Second Sunday of Lent  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016



## 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) (English)	6:00pm <b>Wednesday</b> (English)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz) (English)	



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## Sacraments (English)

**Penance:** Saturday 4-5pm

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

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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](http://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,

As many of you may have heard, Cardinal Dolan is hosting a series of “Regional Days of Mercy” throughout the Archdiocese for the Year of Mercy. These events, which begin at 2:30p.m., will include a talk from a missionary of mercy, a reflection from Cardinal Dolan, witness testimonies to the power of mercy, confessions, and

information about how to get involved in the corporal works of mercy. The Cardinal will celebrate the Vigil Mass and there will be a light reception to follow. The first such event will take place in Manhattan next Saturday, February 27th at the Church of Our Savior. Our Savior Church is located on Park Avenue and East 38th St. (59 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016.) All are invited to attend. In the spring, Ascension is planning a special parish pilgrimage to The Shrine of Mother Cabrini in Washington Heights. The Cabrini Shrine has been designated by Cardinal Dolan as a holy site and a place of pilgrimage, where a holy door, a door of mercy, will be opened and all those entering will receive a Jubilee indulgence.

A very important element of the Lenten Season is the final preparation of the Elect and the candidates as they prepare to receive the Easter Sacraments. For the next three weeks, the Elect will be present at the Sunday 6p.m. Mass for the scrutinies.

These very special rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Candidates are those who are already baptized but seeking the other Sacraments of Initiation. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us through the Rite of Acceptance. These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers. During these days of Lent, I ask that we all pray for the elect and the candidates in a profound way.

Peace,  
Fr. Kearney



Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

Como muchos de ustedes habrán escuchado, el Cardenal Dolan estará auspiciando una serie regional sobre “Días de misericordia” a través de la arquidiócesis para el Año de la Misericordia. Estos eventos, que comienzan a las 2:30 de la tarde, incluirán una charla de un misionero de la misericordia, una reflexión del Cardenal Dolan, testimonios sobre el poder de la misericordia, confesiones e información acerca de cómo involucrarse en las obras corporales de la misericordia. El cardenal celebrará la misa de vigilia y seguido habrá una corta recepción. El primero de estos eventos tendrá lugar en Manhattan el próximo sábado, 27 de febrero, en la Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador (Church of Our Savior). La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador está ubicada en la avenida Park y la calle 38 en la parte este (59 Park Avenue, Nueva York, 10016). Todos están invitados a asistir. En la primavera, la Ascensión está planeando un peregrinaje parroquial especial al Santuario de la Madre Cabrini en Washington Heights. El Santuario de Madre Cabirni ha sido designado por el Cardenal Dolan como un lugar sagrado y de peregrinación, donde una puerta, la puerta de la misericordia, estará abierta y todos aquellos entrando por ella recibirán una indulgencia del jubileo.

Un elemento muy importante de la temporada de Cuaresma es la preparación final de los elegidos y los candidatos a medida que se preparan para recibir los sacramentos pascuales. Durante las próximas tres semanas, los elegidos estarán presente en la misa de los domingos a las 6 de la noche para los escrutinios.

Estos ritos muy especiales serán celebrados en los tres domingos que marcan la mitad de la Cuaresma. Los elegidos son aquellos entre nosotros que se están preparando para el bautismo. Los candidatos son aquellos que han sido bautizados pero buscan los otros sacramentos de iniciación. Parte de su viaje a la fuente bautismal es que han sido recibidos entre nosotros a través del rito de aceptación. Estos son ritos antiguos y quizás al principio nos parezcan extraños. Pero están profundamente arraigados en nuestra experiencia humana. Necesitamos examinar (escudriñar) cómo somos, las áreas en nuestras vidas en que somos tentados, o pecamos seriamente – en lo que hacemos y en lo que dejamos de hacer. Verdaderamente necesitamos sanarnos y obtener la fuerza que puede venir del apoyo de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Durante estos días de Cuaresma les pido que todos oremos por los elegidos y los candidatos de una manera especial.

Paz,  
Padre Kearney



please  
pray for  
the sick

Olivia Barnet, William Brown, Sylvia Carballo, Yveline Louis Charles, Paola Colon, Mariela Cristin, Luz Marina Cruz, Thomas & Maria Curr, Gina DeGivenchy, Milena Encarnacion, Julio Esteves, Alex Estevez, Sonia Feliz, Florentina Flores, Mary Font, Claire Gaudiani, David Glassberg, Altigracia 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

### Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 21** – Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

9:30am Mercedes York, Martha York

11:00am Victor Del Toro

12:30pm Altigracia Aguero, Maria Estela Fermin

**Monday, February 22** – 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

7:00pm Milagros Avilez, Maria Estela Fermin

**Tuesday, February 23** – 1s 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

12:00pm Felix Morales, Emilio Morales, Carmen Morales, Ramona Morales, Milagros Morales, Maria Morales

7:00pm Maria Luisa Cruz, Maria Estela Fermin

**Wednesday, February 24** – Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

12:00pm Michael Shaughnessy

6:00pm Victoria & John Thomas Pearson

**Thursday, February 25** – Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

12:00pm Mary Carboy, Ramon Garcia, Virgen de Guadalupe, Virgen de Altigracia

7:00pm Berba Francisco

**Friday, February 26** – Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

12:00pm Ramon Avelio Tineo, Josae Luis Tineo, Julio Morales

7:00pm Flor Gallego, Eduardo de Jesus Martinez, Emelinda Estrella, Jose Manuel Ramirez, Temistocles Eduardo Disla

**Saturday, February 27** – Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:00pm Dewaal Ferreira

## A Journey Through Lent

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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### 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.

### Viermes de Cuaresma ABSTINENCIA

Católicos de todo el mundo observan los viernes de Cuaresma como días de abstinencia de carne y productos cárnicos. Los viernes de Cuaresma son días sin carne. Es un día para estar en solidaridad con la iglesia en todo el mundo, así como con los pobres que a menudo no poseen lo suficiente para comer cada día. Si las familias son capaces de hacer algún sacrificio de comer en estos días, tal vez el dinero se puede dar a algún grupo que sirve a los hambrientos.

### LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Wednesdays Feb. 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

Miercoles 24 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.

**Baptisms at Ascension:** There are no Baptisms during Lent. Baptisms resume in April.

**Bautizos en Ascensión:** No hay bautizos durante la Cuaresma. Los bautizos comenzaran en abril.



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	\$ 5,365
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: (126)	\$ 8,963
	\$ 53,452		\$ 37,127		\$ 19,545



### Lenten Vespers

**Holy Name of Jesus Parish** Tuesdays: 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15  
St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, West 96<sup>th</sup> St. 6:30 PM

**Corpus Christi Church** Sundays: 2/21, 2/26, 3/6, 3/4  
529 W 121<sup>st</sup> St. 4:00 PM





February's Martini Night will be held on  
February 21<sup>st</sup>.

March's Martini Night will be held on  
March 13<sup>th</sup>.

La noche de Martini sera el 21 de febrero  
y el 13 de marzo.

### Attention: Catholic Teachers in Public Schools

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office presents the  
**Annual Liturgy & Brunch for  
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**When:** Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Where:** The Riverview  
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### 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](http://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:  
[ascensionchurchnyc.org/mission-to-dr](http://ascensionchurchnyc.org/mission-to-dr)

### Encyclical on the Environment

Released on June 18, 2015, Pope Francis's encyclical, Laudato Si: On care for our Common Home Highlights several basic teachings. First, the destruction of God's creation, and specifically climate change, is a moral issue. Second, there is an integral connection between our destruction of "Mother Earth" and the suffering of the poor, especially those in developing countries. Finally, immediate actions are required, by individuals, who must change their lives, and by the community of nations Father James Martin, S. J. explores these teaching in a four-minute video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\\_1qFTYLC\\_4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_1qFTYLC_4) or google "James Martin video top 10 things You Need to Know about Laudato Si".

### Enciclica sobre el Cuidado de la Creacion

Presentado el 18 de Junio, 2015, la enciclica del Papa Fransisco, Laudato Si: Sobre el Cuidado de la casa Comun destaca varias ensenanzas basicas. En primer lugar, la destruccion de la creacion de Dios, y especificamente el cambio climatico, es una cuestion moral. En segundo de los pobres, especialmente los de los paises en desarrollo. Por ultimo, se requieren acciones inmediatas por los individuos, que deben cambiar sus vidas, y por la comunidad de naciones. El sacerdote James Martin, S. J. explora estas ensenanza en un video de cuatros minutos: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\\_1qFTYLC\\_4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_1qFTYLC_4) o puede buscar en google "James Martin video Top 10 Things You Need To Know about Laudato Si".



## 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.

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### INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ, *Préambule*, N°1 from *24 Pièces en style libre*, Opus 31, Volume I – Louis Vierne, 1870-1937

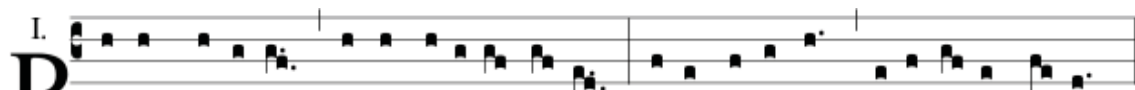
Introit (11am) – Kevin Clarke, 21<sup>st</sup> cent. (Houston, TX)

*The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, wilt thou not despise.*

At the Procession, *Parce Domine*

416

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

A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with square notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

[Spare us, Lord, we pray, spare your people. Lest you turn aside your face from us forever. –Joel 2:17]

Kyrie eleison

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

233

11am (Choir) – *Canterbury Mass*, Anthony Piccolo, b.1946

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm 27

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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

*Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sins.*

Offertory Hymn, Christ upon the mountain peak (*tune: Mowsley*)

701

Sanctus

348

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

353

Communion Motet – *Farrant*

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge; but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk in an upright heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.*

–*John Bull*, ca.1562-1628

Hymn 700, 'Tis good, Lord, to be here (*tune: Swabia*)

700

### CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn, Forty days and forty nights (*tune: Heinlein*)

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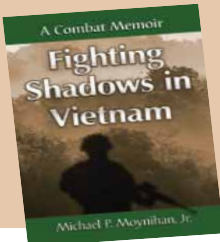
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The world was a playground for Mickey, a naive Irish American kid bored with his life. His father served in World War II, his brother was a Marine in Vietnam; now it was his turn. His 365 days in Vietnam builds in torment until an attack on a bunker 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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