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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6th, 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 Wednesday (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. 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. 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.

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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,

It's hard to believe that we are now halfway through the Season of Lent. Today in the church we celebrate Laetare Sunday. Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. In Latin, Laetare means "Rejoice!" Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones. The point of today is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of this penitential season.



During this year of Mercy, many are trying to place their focus on offering mercy to those most in need. For those who do not know, NRCAT (The National Religious Campaign Against Torture) is dedicated to ending the practice of solitary confinement in NYS prisons. To that end, they are hosting a forum entitled "Solitary Confinement: Torture in Your Backyard." This forum is to advocate for the passage of the HALT Bill (Humane Alternatives to Long Term Solitary Confinement). The bill seeks reform, transparency, and alternative measures, but it needs the voice of the people to get it passed in the NYS Senate. To that end they are appealing to those dedicated to the cause of social justice to reach out to the people in their community to create sufficient sponsorship in the Senate to have the bill passed.

An in-depth discussion to increase awareness of the abuses, outdated policies and long-term effects that solitary confinement has on men, women, children, and the mentally ill will take place on Friday, March 18, 2016. The panelists will include prominent speakers with first-hand experience of the policies, procedures and abuses that affect over 8,000 people in solitary confinement in jails and prisons throughout New York State. A former inmate who experienced solitary confinement will also speak. After the panel discussion there will be a Q&A session and an invitation to attendees to take targeted action toward the passage of this important legislation. This forum will take place at Holy Family/St. Thomas Aquinas Church Hall, 249 9th St., Brooklyn, NY. The event will take place from 7 – 9p.m. This is a way of trying to bring about mercy to a group very much in need of mercy. Perhaps some may wish to consider this during this special Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Finally, next week (Fifth Week of Lent) we will have a Lenten Mission in Spanish. The Mission will be given by Father Luis Antonio Gonzalez (Padre Niño). Fr. Niño was ordained in 2004. He is currently working in Las Parroquias San Juan Bautista y La Altagracia de Rio San Juan. Father is a priest from the Dominican Republic. Father will be the celebrant of the 7:00 p.m. evening Mass each night, followed by a talk. During these five days of Mission (March 14th to March 18th), each of the regularly scheduled groups will suspend their regular meetings in order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in the Mission.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

Es difícil creer que ya estamos a mediados de la temporada de la Cuaresma. Hoy en la iglesia celebramos el domingo de Laetare. El domingo de Laetare es el nombre común para el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma. En latín, "laetare" quiere decir "¡regocíjense!" El domingo de Laetare tradicionalmente se ha visto como un día de celebración, en el que la austeridad de la Cuaresma se disminuye brevemente. El domingo de Laetare también es conocido como el domingo rosado cuando las vestiduras moradas son cambiadas por rosadas. El propósito de hoy es proveer ánimo a medida que avanzamos hacia el final de esta temporada penitencial.

Durante este año de misericordia, muchos están tratando de enfocarse en mostrar misericordia a aquellos más necesitados. Para aquellos que no están enterados, NRCAT (la Campaña Nacional Religiosa en Contra de la Tortura) está dedicada a acabar con la práctica de encierro solitario en las prisiones del estado de Nueva York. Con este fin, está auspiciando un foro titulado, "Encierro solitario: Tortura en su patio." Este foro es para abogar por que pase la propuesta de HALT (alternativos humanos en vez de encierro solitario a largo plazo). La propuesta busca reforma, transparencia y medios alternativos, pero necesita la voz del pueblo para ser pasada en el senado del estado de Nueva York. Con este fin, están apelando a aquellos dedicados a la causa de justicia social para que alcancen a la gente en su comunidad para crear suficiente apoyo en el senado para que la propuesta sea aprobada.

Una discusión profunda para aumentar consciencia de los abusos, las políticas anticuadas y los efectos a largo plazo del encierro solitario que son causados en hombres, mujeres, niños y los enfermos mentales tendrá lugar el viernes, 18 de marzo del 2016. Los panelistas incluirán oradores prominentes con experiencias personales de las políticas,



procedimientos y abusos que afectan a más de 8,000 personas en encierro solitario en cárceles y prisiones a través del estado de Nueva York. Un antiguo recluso que vivió la experiencia de encierro solitario también hablará. Después de la charla de panel, habrá una sesión de preguntas y respuestas y una invitación a los asistentes a que tomen una acción apuntada hacia la aprobación de esta importante legislación. Este foro tendrá lugar en el salón de la parroquia de la Sagrada Familia/Sto. Tomás de Aquino, 249 9th Street en Brooklyn. El evento tendrá lugar desde las 7 a las 9 de la noche. Ésta es una manera de tratar de hacer llegar misericordia a un grupo en mucha necesidad de misericordia. Quizás a algunos les gustaría considerar esto durante este especial Jubileo del Año Santo de la Misericordia.

Finalmente, la próxima semana (quinta semana de Cuaresma) tendremos una misión cuaresmal en español. La misión será ofrecida por el Padre Luis Antonio González (Padre Niño). El Padre Niño fue ordenado sacerdote en el 2004. Actualmente, está trabajando en las parroquias de San Juan Bautista y la Altagracia en Río San Juan. El Padre Niño es un sacerdote de la República Dominicana. El Padre Niño oficiará la misa de las 7 de la noche cada noche, seguido por una charla. Durante estos cinco días de misión (14 de marzo hasta el 18 de marzo), cada uno de los grupos regularmente programados suspenderán sus reuniones regulares para dar a todos una oportunidad de participar en la misión.

Paz, Padre Kearney



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, 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, laime Daniel Urena. Carmen Vazquez

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 6 – Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

9:30am Melva Alayon
12:30pm Luisa Lebron, Feliz Amadis

Monday, March 7 – Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

12:00pm Elizabeth Literato
7:00pm Francisca Gonzalez, Michael and Joseph Moret, Carmen Padilla

Tuesday, March 8 – Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

7:00pm Maria Luisa Cruz, Juana Tuya

Wednesday, March 9 – Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

6:00pm Constancio & Jaima Olvido Jr.

Thursday, March 10 – Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

7:00pm Juana Diaz Taveras, Fernando Contreras

Friday, March 11 – Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

12:00pm Virgen de Altagracia

Saturday, March 12 – Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Ascension's Gay Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 PM in the rectory dining room. There will be a Lenten Reflection followed by a very simple (Lenten) meal.

Lent 4: Laetare

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together,
all you that love her!
Rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow,
that you may exult, and be filled
from the breasts of your consolation. Isaiah 66:10-11

I rejoiced when they said unto me,
"we shall go into the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1



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20-Dec	\$ 5,596	17-Jan	\$ 4,489	21-Feb	\$ 5,076
Christmas	\$ 10,921	24-Jan	\$ 2,806	28-Feb	\$ 5,725
27-Dec	\$ 7,980	31-Jan	\$ 5,637		
Faith		Faith		Faith	
Direct: (122)	\$ 17,560	Direct: (125)	\$ 13,175	Direct: (127)	\$ 11,994
	\$ 53,452		\$ 37,127		\$ 33,377

Upcoming Special Collections

- March 6th – Catholic Relief Services
- March 13th – Welcome Table
- March 25th (Good Friday) – Holy Land
- April 10th – Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

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We are in need of a **floor burnisher** to properly maintain our beautiful terrazzo floors here at Ascension. They cost \$1,000 and UP \$\$\$\$\$.

If anyone knows of an available burnisher or if you would like to make a donation toward the purchase, please see Fr. Kearney or contact the parish business office.

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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 the 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:
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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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SPANISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week (March 21, 22, and 23) we will pray the Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 6:30 PM and we will use the reflections written by Pope Francis.

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ EN ESPAÑOL

El lunes, martes y miércoles de la Semana Santa (21, 22, y 23 de marzo,) vamos hacer las Estaciones de la Cruz en español a las 6:30 PM y utilizaremos las reflexiones escritas por Papa Francisco.

SPANISH LENTEN MISSION

The mission will be from **Monday, March 14th to Friday March 18th** at 7:00 PM each evening in the church. The celebrant and speaker will be Fr. Luis Antonio Gonzalez (P. Niño).

MISIÓN CUARESMA EN ESPAÑOL

La misión será del **lunes, 14 de marzo, hasta el Viernes, 18 de marzo**, a la 7:00 PM cada noche en la iglesia. El celebrante será P. Luis Antonio Gonzalez (P. Niño).

Our first Mass on Palm Sunday and on Easter will begin at **8:00 AM** rather than 8:15 AM.

Nuestra primera misa del Domingo de Ramos y de Pascua comenzará a las **8:00 AM** en lugar de las 8:15 AM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 21st has been designated as Reconciliation Monday. All churches in the Archdiocese will have confessions. Here at Ascension, we will have **confessions from 3 - 7 PM.**

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

El lunes, 21 de Marzo ha sido designado como el Lunes de Reconciliación. Todas las iglesias de la Arquidiócesis tendrán confesiones. Aquí, en la Ascensión, tendremos **confesiones de 3 - 7 PM.**

24 hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Friday, March 11th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6:30am. After the 7:00pm evening Mass, the Sacrament will again be exposed and the church will remain open all night. The 24-hour adoration will conclude with benediction on Saturday morning, March 12th at 7:00am.

Adoración de 24 horas

El viernes 11 de marzo, el santísimo estara expuesto a las 6:30am. Despues de la Misa de 7pm el Santísimo sera expuesto de nuevo y la Iglesia permanecerá abierta toda la noche. La adoracion de 24 horas concluirá el sábado 12 de marzo a las 7am con la bendicion.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Fridays in Lent we have Stations of the Cross in English at 11:30 (before the 12 Noon Mass,) and again in Spanish at 6:30 (before the 7:00 PM Mass.)

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Los viernes de Cuaresma tenemos Estaciones de la Cruz en Inglés a las 11:30am (antes de la misa de las 12 del mediodía,) y de nuevo en español a las 6:30pm (antes de la misa de las 7:00.)

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Wednesdays March 9, 16, 23
7:00pm-8:30pm in the Rectory Dining Room

CENAS SIMPLES DE CUARESMA

Miercoles 9, 16, 23 de marzo
7:00pm-8:30pm en el Rectorado Comedor

Baptisms at Ascension: There are no Baptisms during Lent.
Bautizos en Ascensión: No hay bautizos durante la Cuaresma.

LENTEN VESPERS

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Tuesdays: 3/8, 3/15
St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, West 96th St. 6:30 PM

Corpus Christi Church Sundays: 3/6, 3/13
529 W 121st St. 4:00 PM (Father Rafferty will preach the Vespers March 6th)

MUSIC FOR THE ORDER OF MASS

Sung Masses in English: Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m., with 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 wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen* (Blessed ye who live in faith unswerving) – Johannes Brahms, 1833-1897

Introit (11am) – Kevin Clarke, 21st cent.

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

At the Procession, *Attende Domine*

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R. *Attende Domine, et miserere, Quia peccavimus tibi.*

[Hear us, almighty Lord, show us your mercy. Sinners we stand here before you. – Latin, 10th cent.]

Kyrie eleison

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

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(11am) Choir, *Missa Brevis in D*, Benjamin Britten, 1913-1976

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm 34

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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

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

Homily

Nicene Creed (Page 20)

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

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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

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,

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Music at the Offertory

(11am) Choir, *I will arise* – Alice Parker, b. 1925

1. *I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.*
2. *Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above, Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.*
3. *Come, thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace, Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.*

Hymn, Again we keep this solemn fast (J. S. Bach, 1685-1750)

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Sanctus

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Memorial Acclamation – *Plainsong*

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

COMMUNION RITE

Agnus Dei

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Music at Communion

(5pm and 8:15am) Piano, Pavane – Maurice Ravel, 1875-1937

(11am) Choir, *My song is love unknown* – Malcolm Archer, b.1952

[The words of Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, may be followed in the Hymnal: 439.]

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn, Before the fruit is ripened by the sun (Carol Doran, b.1936)

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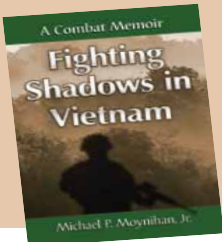
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