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**Saturday and Sunday**  
Sábado y Domingo  
9:00am to 7:30pm

## Weekdays

Los días de semana  
OPEN: 9:00am to 12:30pm  
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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13<sup>th</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)	

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule

*El horario de la Semana Santa y Pascua*

#### Palm Sunday / Domingo de Ramos

5 p.m. (Saturday), 8 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. (English)  
6:15pm (Sabado), 9:30am & 12:30pm (Español)

#### Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo

7:30 p.m. The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, Procession  
and Adoration until Midnight (Bilingual)  
*La liturgia de la Cena del Señor, Procesión y Adoración  
hasta la medianoche (Bilingüe)*

#### Good Friday / Viernes Santo

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Bilingual)  
*Laudes (Bilingüe)*  
3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (English)  
5 p.m. *Celebración de la Pasión del Señor y Procesión  
despues (Español)*

#### Holy Saturday / Sabado Santo

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Bilingual)  
*Laudes (Bilingüe)*  
8 p.m. The Easter Vigil (Bilingual)  
*La Vigilia Pascual (Bilingüe)*

#### Easter Sunday / Domingo de Pascua

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (English)  
9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Español)

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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](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.

New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome





**Pastor's Letter**  
**Notas del Pastor**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

In keeping with our "We Can Do it Together" Campaign, we are asking that each wage earner consider making two Easter gifts to Ascension Parish this year. The first would be a monetary gift of \$250 - \$500, if you are able to provide one, but any extra donation is greatly appreciated. The second gift would be a signing up for the automated gift-giving system known as Faith Direct (see Faith Direct's website - Ascension Church's Code is "NY588"). We have made great progress since the Finance Committee made their first presentation last year, but we certainly need to maintain our momentum as an Ascension Community. We want to continue doing all that we can in order to become financially self-sustaining. While I know much is being asked, I hope all would see the sacrifice as having great value. I am grateful to the many who are doing all that they can in order to keep our wonderful parish going. Thank you.

Tomorrow we begin our Spanish Lenten Mission. The Mission is being given by Father Luis Antonio Gonzalez. Father is a priest from the Dominican Republic. He will be the celebrant of the 7:00p.m. evening Mass each night this week, after the mass there will be a talk as well as music. During these five days of Mission (March 14 - 18), each of the regularly scheduled groups will suspend their regular meetings in order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in the Mission.

Next Monday, March 21st, has been designated by the Archdiocese of New York as well as the Diocese of Brooklyn and Rockville Center as Reconciliation Monday. On that day confessions will be heard from 3:00 until 7:00p.m.

And finally, next Sunday is Palm Sunday and it begins the holiest week of the church year. As has been done in the past, the blessing of palms will take place outside of the church immediately before each Mass begins. I wish to once again remind those who would ordinarily attend the 8:15 Mass, on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday the Mass will begin at 8a.m.

Peace, Fr. Kearney



Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

De acuerdo con nuestra campaña de "Juntos Podemos Hacerlo" le pedimos a cada persona asalariada que considere hacer dos regalos de Pascua a la parroquia de la Ascensión este año. El primero sería un regalo monetario de \$250 a \$500, si puede proveer uno, pero cualquier donación adicional será grandemente agradecida. El segundo regalo sería apuntarse al sistema automático de dar donaciones conocido como Faith Direct (Fe directa – véase la página web de Faith Direct – el código de la Iglesia de la Ascensión es NY588). Hemos progresado mucho desde que el Comité de Finanzas hizo su primera presentación el año pasado, pero con seguridad como comunidad de la Ascensión necesitamos mantener el ímpetu. Queremos continuar haciendo todo lo que podamos para hacernos auto-sostenibles económicamente. A pesar de que yo sé que se les pide mucho, espero que todos vean el sacrificio como uno de gran valor. Estoy agradecido a los muchos que están haciendo todo lo que puedan para mantener nuestra maravillosa parroquia en marcha. ¡Gracias!

Mañana comenzamos nuestra misión cuaresmal en español. La misión será ofrecida por el Padre Luis Antonio González. El Padre González es un sacerdote de la República Dominicana. Él celebrará la misa de las 7 de la noche cada noche esta semana, después de la misa habrá una charla al igual que música. Durante estos cinco días de misión (14 a 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.

El próximo lunes, 21 de marzo, ha sido designado por la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York al igual que las diócesis de Brooklyn y Rockville Center, como lunes de reconciliación. Ese día habrá oportunidad de confesarse desde las 3 de la tarde hasta las 7 de la noche.

Y finalmente, el próximo domingo es Domingo de Ramos y comenzará la semana más santa de todo el año eclesial. Como se ha hecho en el pasado, la bendición de las palmas tendrá lugar fuera de la iglesia inmediatamente antes del comienzo de cada misa. Deseo una vez más recordarles a aquellos que por lo regular asisten a la misa de las 8:15 de la mañana los domingos, que la misa de Domingo de Ramos y de Pascua comenzará a las 8 de la mañana.

Paz, Padre Kearney



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***"Faith is like a bright ray of sun light. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God."***

***-St. Francis de Sales***

While "faith enables us to see God", at Ascension we have trouble seeing parts of the church due to problems with our interior church lighting. While the lighting is "adequate", there are many ways to improve the illumination of the church, increase functionality, improve efficiency, and lower electricity costs.

- The Gold Star fixture (Estrella) above the sanctuary needs to be re-rigged in order to lower it, rewire it, and install energy efficient bulbs.
- The track lights around the sanctuary, Blessed Sacrament, and Marian shrine are insufficient and have burnt out fixtures
- The presider's chair is in the dark. The priest is dimly lit and they have a difficult time seeing the books.
- Chandeliers are in need of better, dimmable, more energy efficient lights that are all the same color.
- The control panel needs to be updated in order to allow better programming lights for liturgies, services, concerts, etc.

We have had estimates on the repairs and updates. Most are between \$8,000 and \$10,000 depending on potential wiring issues.

A generous parishioner has once again approached us with an opportunity. This parishioner will donate \$4,000 toward the repair and update our interior church lighting ... WITH ONE CONDITION. Parishioners need to raise the remaining \$6,000. Please consider making a donation to complete this project the way we completed the repair of the front doors last year.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Kearney (revdkearney@gmail.com) or our Business Manager, John Norelli (jnorelli@ascensionchurchnyc.org). 212-222-0666 Opt. 3

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***"La fe es como un rayo de luz brillante. Nos permite ver a Dios en todas las cosas, así como todas las cosas en Dios."***

***-St. Francisco de Sales***

Mientras que "la fe nos permite ver a Dios", en Ascensión tenemos problemas para ver las partes de la iglesia debido a problemas con nuestra iluminación interior de la iglesia. Mientras que la iluminación es "adecuada", hay muchas maneras de mejorar la iluminación de la iglesia, aumentar la funcionalidad, mejorar la eficiencia y reducir los costos de la electricidad.

- El accesorio de Gold Star (Estrella) por encima del Santuario tiene que ser re-aparejado para poder bajarlo, renovar el alambre, e instalar bombillos de bajo consumo.
- La pista de focos alrededor del santuario, Santísimo Sacramento, y el santuario mariano no son suficientes y han quemado los accesorios
- La silla del que preside está en la oscuridad. El sacerdote no tiene suficiente luz y tienen un tiempo difícil viendo los libros.
- Las lámparas están en necesidad de mejores luces más eficientes energéticamente, que sean regulables y que sean todos del mismo color.
- El panel de control tiene que ser actualizado con el fin de permitir mejores luces de programación para las liturgias, servicios, conciertos, etc.

Hemos tenido estimaciones sobre las reparaciones y actualizaciones también. La mayoría son de entre \$8,000 y \$10,000 dependiendo de los posibles problemas de cableado.

Un parroquiano generoso se nos ha acercado una vez más con la oportunidad. Este feligrés donará \$4,000 hacia la reparación y actualizar nuestra iluminación interior de la iglesia ... con una condición. Los feligreses necesitan aumentar los restantes \$6,000. Por favor considere hacer una donación para completar este proyecto, la forma en que completamos la reparación de las puertas de la Iglesia del año pasado.

Si usted está interesado, por favor, póngase en contacto con el P. Kearney (revdkearney@gmail.com) o nuestro encargado de negocios, John Norelli (jnorelli@ascensionchurchnyc.org) 212-222-0666 Opt. 3

### Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 13 – Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11**  
 9:30am Luis Robles, Efrain Robles, Santa Lucia  
 11:00am Hector Gonzalez, Estela Martinez  
 12:30pm Carmencita Salvador, Crimilda Caraballo, Divino Niño, Virgen de Altagracia, San Antonio

**Monday, March 14 – Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:12-20**  
 12:00pm Michael & Joseph Moret  
 7:00pm Juan Perez, Santiago Trejo, Juan Feliciano

**Tuesday, March 15 – Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30**  
 7:00pm Maria Luisa Cruz, Nelly Jorge, Leticia Gonzalez

**Wednesday, March 16 – Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42**  
 12:00pm Philippa Coughlan  
 6:00pm Elsie & Cynthia Pagharion

**Thursday, March 17 – Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59**

**Friday, March 18 – Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42**  
 7:00pm Madre de Schoenstatt

**Saturday, March 19 – 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a**



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.

January Collections		February Collections		March Collections	
3-Jan	\$ 5,442	7-Feb	\$ 5,217	6-Mar	\$ 5,193
10-Jan	\$ 5,578	14-Feb	\$ 5,365	13-Mar	
17-Jan	\$ 4,489	21-Feb	\$ 5,076	20-Mar	
24-Jan	\$ 2,806	28-Feb	\$ 5,725	27-Mar	
31-Jan	\$ 5,637				
Faith Direct: (125)	\$ 13,175	Faith Direct: (127)	\$11,994	Faith Direct: (128)	
	\$ 37,127		\$33,377		\$ 5,193

#### Upcoming Special Collections

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Table  
 March 25<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) – Holy Land  
 April 10<sup>th</sup> – Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

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

#### 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 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>** 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 7:00a.m.

#### Adoración de 24 horas

El viernes 11 de marzo, el santísimo estará expuesto a las 6:30am. Después de la Misa de 7pm el Santísimo será expuesto de nuevo y la Iglesia permanecerá abierta toda la noche. La adoración de 24 horas concluirá el sábado 12 de marzo a las 7am con la bendición.

#### 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 16, 23  
 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Rectory Dining Room

#### CENAS SIMPLES DE CUARESMA

Miercoles 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: 3/15

St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, West 96<sup>th</sup> St. 6:30 PM

**Corpus Christi Church** Sundays: 3/13

529 W 121<sup>st</sup> St. 4:00 PM

# 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.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ, *Herzliebster Jesu (Ab, holy Jesus)* – Johannes Brahms, 1833-1897

Introit (11am) – Kevin Clarke, 21<sup>st</sup> 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*

414

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

[Hear us, almighty Lord, show us your mercy. Sinners we stand here before you. – *Latin, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 126

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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.

300

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem (11am) – Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, 1848-1918

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways; Reclotbe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives, Thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syrian sea, The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word, Rise up and follow Thee. Drop thy still dew of quietness, Till all our strivings cease: Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our ordered lives confess The beauty of Thy peace. Breathe through the beats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm.*

– John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807-1892

Offertory Hymn, Great God of mercy (tune: *Herzliebster Jesu*)

746

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

(5pm and 8:15am) Aria, *There is a balm in Gilead* – *Afro-American Spiritual*

As the Cantor sings, the text may be followed in the Hymnal: 608

(11am) Choir, *Miserere mei (sung in Latin)* – Antonio Lotti, ca.1667-1740

*Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your great grace and loving kindness. And according to the multitude of Your mercies, remove my iniquity.*

– Psalm 51

## CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn, Lift high the cross (tune: *Crucifer*)

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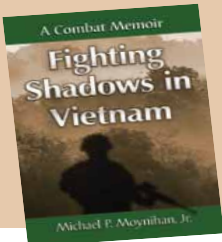
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