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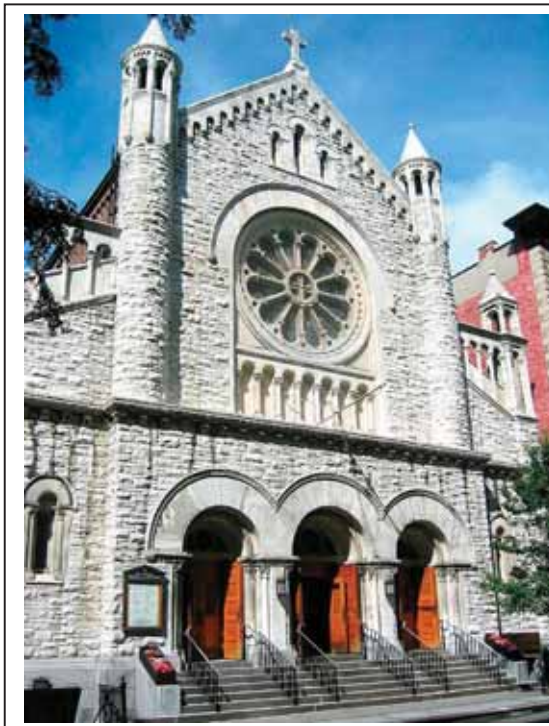
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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17th, 2016



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Sacraments (English)

Penance: Saturday 4-5pm

Baptism: Second Saturday & third Sunday. 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: 2do Domingo y 3er Sábado del mes. 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

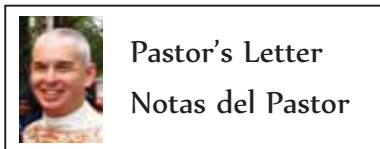
Ayudamos a todos los que no pueden venir a celebrar la Misa por enfermedad o otra razón. Favor de llamar a **Cipriano Lantigua** en la Rectoría.

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)	

New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome





Pastor's Letter
Notas del Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

On December 8, 2015, the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy began. The Year of Mercy has been an ongoing invitation to love, kindness, and unbounded generosity. The Year of Mercy has also given us the opportunity to reflect more profoundly on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Since the onset of this special Jubilee Year, so many good minds have been actively thinking about creative ways in which the corporal works of mercy can be put into practice.

One of the corporal works of mercy is burying the dead. For many years we did this quite well as a church. Some might say, in recent years, not so well. The reality is that we as a church have not 'stopped' burying the dead, but rather that some families of modest economic means just cannot afford the price of a wake/funeral/burial now-a-days. Unfortunately, quite often, when a family of modest economic means goes to make funeral arrangements, the funeral home will often inform the family that it is 'cheaper' if they do not have a Mass. In order for the family to pay the least amount, some funeral homes will whittle down many of the services that are customarily part of a funeral in the Catholic Tradition. Many good, good people are taken advantage of at the moment when they are perhaps most vulnerable.

For many years, up until quite recently, many, if not most funeral homes were run by very good families and privately owned. They provided excellent service. Many services were provided as a courtesy. On different occasions, if they had to absorb some loss, most were willing to do so, not just to uphold their family name, but because it was simply the right thing to do. Most family run funeral homes knew this when they embraced this vocation.

Unfortunately, the burying of the dead has become big business. Many family-run funeral homes are just not able to compete with funeral homes that have become part of a big conglomerate. Services are offered only to the degree to which a person is able to pay, not just pay, but pay right up front. Because they operate as big business, they can often offer services at lower prices. In the past, whether or not a funeral was going to be celebrated, the parish priest would be called as a courtesy to see if he could be of some assistance.

We want to be in a position of offering our parishioners dignified Christian Burial. To that end, The Office of Hispanic Affairs of the Archdiocese of New York is in the process of trying to create a large fund so that if a priest or a pastor has knowledge of a true hardship case, or a family with few or no resources, the Archdiocese will be in a position to offer a significant amount of assistance to a family at the recommendation of the local pastor. The Diocese will seek out, and work with several family-run funeral homes. On a parish level, we will actively put together a team/committee who will be given orientation. Thus, they in turn will be able to assist grieving families as they make plans and arrangements to bury a loved one.

All of this I mention in light of the Year of Mercy because down the road, each parish will be asked to have a second collection, probably once a year, so that every parishioner will be able to support other parishioners in a dire time of need. This, to me, seems like a very good way for everyone to be actively involved in the important corporal work of mercy of burying the dead. I hope when the times comes for such a collection, you will give this some prayerful consideration.

Peace, Fr. Kearney



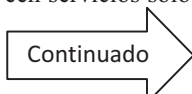
Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

El 8 de diciembre del 2015 comenzó el Jubileo Extraordinario de la Misericordia. El Año de la Misericordia ha sido una invitación continua al amor, caridad y generosidad ilimitada. El Año de la Misericordia también nos ha dado la oportunidad de reflexionar con más profundidad sobre las obras espirituales y corporales de la misericordia. Desde el comienzo de este especial Año de Jubileo, tantas mentes buenas han estado pensando activamente acerca de las maneras creativas en que las obras corporales de misericordia pueden ser puestas en práctica.

Una de las obras corporales de caridad es dar sepultura a los muertos. Por muchos años hemos hecho esto bastante bien como iglesia. Muchos dirían que, en años recientes, no muy bien. La realidad es que nosotros como iglesia no hemos "dejado" de enterrar a los muertos, pero más bien algunas familias de recursos económicos modestos simplemente no pueden pagar el precio de un velorio/funeral/entierro en estos días. Desafortunadamente, a menudo, cuando una familia de recursos económicos modestos va a hacer los arreglos funerarios, la funeraria frecuentemente le informa a la familia que es más "barato" si no tienen una misa. Para que una familia pague una cantidad menor, algunas funerarias recortan muchos de los servicios que acostumbran ser parte de un funeral en tradición católica. A muchas personas verdaderamente buenas les sacan provecho en estos momentos en que quizás son más vulnerables.

Por muchos años y hasta hace poco, muchas, si no, casi todas las funerarias eran operadas por muy buenas familias y eran de propiedad privada. Proveían excelente servicio. Muchos servicios eran proveídos como una cortesía. En muchos casos, si tenían que absorber una pérdida, muchos estaban dispuestos a hacerlo – no solo para mantener el buen nombre de su familia, sino porque simplemente era lo propio que hacer. La mayoría de las familias que dirigían funerarias sabían esto cuando emprendieron en esta vocación.

Desafortunadamente, el sepultar a los difuntos se ha convertido en un gran negocio. Muchas funerarias dirigidas por familias simplemente no pueden competir con funerarias que se han convertidos en parte de un gran conglomerado. Se proveen servicios solo



hasta el grado que la persona puede pagar – no solo pagar, sino pagar por adelantado. Ya que operan como grandes negocios, a veces pueden ofrecer servicios a precios más bajos. En el pasado, fuera a ser celebrado un funeral o no, se llamaba al sacerdote parroquial como una cortesía para ver si podía ser de alguna ayuda.

Queremos estar en una posición de ofrecerles a nuestros feligreses un entierro cristiano y digno. Con este fin, la Oficina de Asuntos Hispánicos de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se encuentra en el proceso de tratar de crear un gran fondo para que si un sacerdote o el párroco se entera de un caso de verdadera necesidad, o una familia con pocos o ningunos recursos, la arquidiócesis esté en la posición de ofrecer una cantidad significativa de apoyo a una familia recomendada por el párroco local. La diócesis buscará y trabajará con varias funerarias propiedad de familias. A nivel parroquial, reuniremos activamente un equipo/comité a quien se le dará orientación. Así, ellos, a su vez, podrán ayudar a las familias dolientes mientras hacen planes y arreglos para sepultar a un ser querido.

Menciono todo esto como parte del Año de Misericordia porque más adelante, a cada parroquia se le pedirá que haga una segunda colecta – quizás una vez al año – para que cada feligrés pueda apoyar a otros feligreses en tiempo de extrema necesidad. Esto, me parece a mí, una muy buena manera para que todos estén activamente involucrados en la importante obra de caridad corporal de sepultar a los difuntos. Yo espero que cuando llegue la hora de esta colecta, le den a esto consideración en oración.

Paz, Padre Kearney



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Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 17 – Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
 11:00am Mary Grace Whitaker, Yamilly Bautista
 12:30pm Jesus Castro, Nazari Hernandez, Carmen Mejia and Andres Ravelo, Ana Luisa Ramirez Borrero Viuda Garcia
 6:00pm Eufemia Berrios

Monday, April 18 – Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
 7:00pm Francisca Hernandez, Jesus Castro, Divino Niño

Tuesday, April 19 – Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
 7:00pm Antonia Manzanillo, Jesus Castro

Wednesday, April 20 – Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
 12:00pm Theresa Kubis (health)
 6:00pm Constancio and Jaima Olvido Jr., Cleveland Hart
 7:00pm José Manuel Ureña

Thursday, April 21 – Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
 7:00pm Haydee Casanova

Friday, April 22 – Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
 7:00pm Milagros Aviles, Rafael Fidencio Cruz

Saturday, April 23 – Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
 12:10pm Felix Dilon, Rogelio de la Rosa
 5:00pm Maria Anonieta Calderon
 6:15pm Ramon Lora. Manuel Antonio Santos, Steven Rodriguez



We can do it **TOGETHER!**
 ¡JUNTO Podemos Hacerlo!

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February Collections		March Collections		April Collections	
7-Feb	\$ 5,217	6-Mar	\$ 5,193	3-Apr	\$ 5,821
14-Feb	\$ 5,365	13-Mar	\$ 4,168	10-Apr	\$ 4,313
21-Feb	\$ 5,076	20-Mar	\$ 5,734	17-Apr	
28-Feb	\$ 5,725	27-Mar	\$14,903	24-Apr	
		(Easter)			
Faith Direct: (127)	\$ 11,994	Faith Direct: (134)	\$17,389	Faith Direct: (134)	\$ 9,618
	\$ 33,377		\$47,387		\$19,752

Upcoming Special Collections

May 1st – Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
 June 5th – Catholic Missions among Black and Indian People

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It's Time to Come Home!
¡Es hora de regresar a casa!
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Due to fire and insurance regulations, glass votive candles will be removed from the church immediately.

Debido a regulaciones de incendios y seguros, las velas de vidrio seran removidas de la iglesia inmediatamente.

THOMAS MERTON AND THE ENVIRONMENT

On Saturday, April 23, from 2:00pm to 4:30pm, the Corpus Christi Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society will host a program honoring Earth Day. An exploration of Merton's convictions concerning the care of the earth will be lead by **Monica Weis, SSJ** who will speak on "Preserving a Sense of Wonder," and **Patrick O'Connell** who will speak on "The Traditional Sources of Thomas Merton's Environmental Spirituality". The event will take place at:

Corpus Christi Church
529 W. 121st St.
Manhattan

Free to chapter members. \$10 for non-members.

Information:

mertonnyc@yahoo.com
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Thinking and Praying with Pope Francis A West Side Deanery initiative

The Pope's call to Ecological education and spiritual conversion: what can be done?

Approach and action workshops

When: Tuesday, April 19th and Tuesday May 17th at 7:00pm, doors will open at 6:30pm for an "Encountering Coffee"

Where: St. John the Baptist Church
(30th St. between 7th and 8th Avenues)

This workshop series will be concluded by a teaching from Fr. Michael Holleran on June 1st.

Recommended reading:

Laudato Si, chapters 5 and 6
Participation to previous workshops is not necessary.



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Welcome! – Bienvenidos!

If you would like to become members of our parish, please fill out the following information. You may place it in the collection basket, mail it, bring it to the rectory, or visit www.ascensionchurchnyc.org.

Si quisiera ser miembro de nuestra parroquia, favor de llenar la siguiente información. Lo puede poner en la cesta de la colecta, enviar por correo, traer a la rectoría, o www.ascensionchurchnyc.org.

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- New Address/Nueva Dirección
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Please consider remembering



Ascension Church

MUSIC FOR THE ORDER OF MASS – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Sung Masses in English: Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m., with Cantor and Organ

Boldface numbers refer to music found in the red Hymnals. The Order of Mass is found in the paperback Missals at Page 6.

At the 11 o'clock mass the music played by guest trumpeter James Hynes is a gift of the Bautista family, in memory of Yamilly.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Music before Mass:

Organ, The King of love my shepherd is – *Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924*

(11 o'clock) Choir, Surrexit pastor bonus (*sung in Latin*) – *Orlando di Lasso, 1532-1594*

The good shepherd is risen, who gave his life for his sheep, and was worthy to die for his flock. Alleluia.

Processional Hymn, At the Lamb's high feast we sing (*Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesange, 1566*) **460**

Hymn at the Sprinkling Rite, *Festival canticle* **458**

R. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gloria in excelsis Deo – *Carroll T. Andrews, 1970; rev. Ronald F. Krisman, 2011*

Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, We adore you, we glorify you, We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, Receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, Have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Psalm 100

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (*verses: Robert Knox Kennedy, b.1945*)

Gospel Acclamation – *Celtic Alleluia*

v. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; / I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Prayer of the Faithful – *Byzantine chant*

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R. Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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Music at the Offertory

Hymn, The living God my shepherd is (*tune: Brother James' air*) **612**

(11 o'clock) Choir, My shepherd will supply my need (Psalm 23) – *Virgil Thomson, 1896-1989*

Organ and trumpet, Ave Maria – *Franz Schubert, 1797-1828*

Sanctus – *Mode VIII*

348

Mystery of Faith – *Plainsong*

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

Threefold Amen – *Danish*

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COMMUNION RITE

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The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei – *Plainsong*

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Music at Communion

(11 o'clock) Choir – *Thomas Tallis, ca.1505-1585*

Verily, verily I say unto you: except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Who so eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. –Saint John 6:53-56

Hymn, The King of love my shepherd is (*tune: St. Columba*) **609**

CONCLUDING RITE

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Blessing and Dismissal

The People respond: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Recessional Hymn, How good the name of Jesus sounds (*tune: St. Peter*) **610**

Organ and trumpet, Voluntary in D – *John Stanley, 1712-1786*

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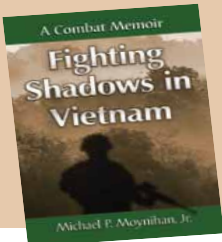


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In this memoir, set as deeply in his mind as in the Southeast Asian jungle, a young American soldier embarks on a journey to a war that, for him, will never be over.



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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