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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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)	

RECONCILIATION MONDAY - Monday, December 19th has been set aside by the Archdiocese of New York as Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard in every parish on that afternoon. Here at Ascension, confessions will be heard from 3:00 - 7:00 PM.

LUNES DE RECONCILIACIÓN - Lunes, 19 de diciembre ha sido reservado por la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York como Lunes de Reconciliación. Confesiones se escucharán en cada parroquia en esta tarde. Aquí en la Ascensión, las confesiones se escucharán de 3:00 - 7:00 PM.

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Penance: Saturday 4-5pm

Baptism: Second Saturday & third Sunday. Call the rectory, e-mail sacraments@ascensionchurchnyc.org, or visit 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, email sacraments@ascensionchurchnyc.org, 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.

New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome





Pastor's Letter
Notas del Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

This season of Advent is rapidly coming to a close. During these brief days of Advent, we have placed our focus on Christ's return - his coming again in glory -although we know neither the day nor the hour. Now in these last days of Advent (December 17th - December 24th), our preparation becomes more intimate as we place our focus more

directly on the events leading up to the birth of Jesus.

Christmas this year falls on a Sunday. Our Christmas celebrations will begin next Saturday (Christmas Eve) with 5:00 PM Mass. Mass will then be celebrated at Midnight. The midnight Mass will be Bilingual. There will, in addition, be organ music and carols beginning at 11:30p.m. The choir will, of course, be singing at the midnight celebration. On Christmas day, Sunday, only two masses will be celebrated. Mass will be celebrated in English at 11:00.a.m. with the choir and, similarly, on Christmas morning, the choir will begin singing carols around 10:40a.m.. Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at 12:30p.m. with the Walkirios. There will be no 6:00PM Jazz Mass on Christmas evening.

As an Ascension Community, we have much for which to be grateful. In keeping with our vein of "We Can Do it Together as an Ascension Community", the Finance Committee asked me to invite parishioners to consider making two Christmas gifts to Ascension Church. 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 is 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 added many parishioners to Faith Direct over the past two years but, in order to be a financially self-sustaining Parish, we need more support for Faith Direct. While we know much is being asked, we hope all would see the sacrifice as having great value for us as a Community.

Tomorrow, (Monday, December 19th) has been set aside by the Archdiocese of New York as Reconciliation Monday. Tomorrow confessions will be heard in all churches in the Archdiocese of New York, and in the Diocese of Brooklyn, from 4 – 8p.m. Because of our evening Mass, our confessions will be from 3 - 7p.m.

Our early morning masses 'aguinaldos' continue. We celebrate these early morning Masses for the nine days preceding December 25. The Masses are celebrated at 6:00a.m. followed by some hot chocolate or coffee. All are invited to attend.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

La temporada de Adviento llega rápidamente a su fin. Durante estos breves días de Adviento nos hemos enfocado en la venida de Cristo – su venida de nuevo en gloria – aunque no sabemos ni el día ni la hora. Ahora en estos últimos días de Adviento (17 de diciembre – 24 de diciembre), nuestra preparación se vuelve más íntima a medida que nos enfocamos más directamente en los eventos que nos acercan al nacimiento de Jesús.

Este año la Navidad cae en domingo. Nuestras celebraciones de Navidad comenzarán el próximo sábado (Nochebuena) con una misa a las 5 de la tarde. Después se celebrará la misa de medianoche (misa de gallo). La misa de medianoche será bilingüe. Habrá, además, música de órgano y villancicos comenzando a las 11:30 de la noche. El coro, naturalmente, cantará en la celebración de la medianoche. El día de Navidad, domingo, se celebrarán solo dos misas. Se celebrará misa en inglés a las 11 de la mañana con el coro y de igual manera, el coro comenzará cantando villancicos alrededor de las 10:40. Se celebrará misa en español a las 12:30 de la tarde con Los Walkirios. No habrá misa de jazz a las 6 de la noche de Navidad.

Nosotros, como una comunidad de creyentes, tenemos mucho por qué agradecidos en este año. De acuerdo con nuestro tono de "Juntos Podemos Hacerlo Como Comunidad de la Ascensión," estamos pidiendo este año dos regalos de Navidad para la Iglesia de la Ascensión. El primero sería un regalo monetario de \$250-\$500 – si puede proveer uno, pero cualquier donación adicional será muy agradecida. El segundo regalo es apuntarse en el sistema automático de dar donaciones conocido como Faith Direct (Fe directa – véase el sitio web de Faith Direct – el código de la Iglesia de la Ascensión es "NY 588"). Hemos añadido a muchos feligreses a Faith Direct durante este año pasado pero para ser una parroquia económicamente sostenible necesitamos más apoyo para Faith Direct. Mientras que sabemos que se está pidiendo mucho, esperamos que todos vean el sacrificio como uno de gran valor para nosotros como una comunidad.

Mañana (lunes, 19 de diciembre), ha sido designado por la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York como Lunes de Reconciliación. Mañana se oirán confesiones en todas las iglesias de la arquidiócesis de Nueva York y en la Diócesis de Brooklyn, desde las 4 de la tarde a 8 de la noche. Como tenemos una misa por la noche, nuestras confesiones serán desde las 3 de la tarde a 7 de la noche.

Nuestras misas tempranas, misas de aguinaldos, continúan. Celebramos estas misas temprano durante nueve días antes del 25 de diciembre. Las misas se celebran a las 6 de la mañana, seguidas por un poco de chocolate caliente o café. Todos están invitados a asistir.

Paz, Padre Kearney

Ascension Mass Schedule for Christmas season

LOS AGUINALDOS December 17th - December 24th

6:00 AM Mass daily Spanish

Confessions will be heard on Monday, December 19th from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday, December 24th

No confessions will be heard

No 12:10 PM Mass

5:00 PM English

12:00 Midnight Bilingual

CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday, December 25th

11:00 AM English

12:30 PM Spanish

NATIONAL CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE Monday, December 26th

9:00 AM Bilingual

Church closed after Mass

Rectory closed

SOLEMNITY VIGIL: MARY MOTHER OF GOD Saturday,

December 31st

No confessions will be heard

No 12:10 PM Mass

5:00 PM English

6:15 PM Spanish

SOLEMNITY: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Sunday, January 1st

9:30 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

12:30 PM Spanish

6:00 PM English

NATIONAL NEW YEARS OBSERVANCE Monday, January 2nd

7:00 PM Spanish

Church closed until 7:00 PM Mass

Rectory closed

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 18 – Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

9:30am Manolo Baez, Vicenta Jimenez, Arturo Jimenez, Francisco Jimenez, Manuela Jimenez, Fernando Jimenez, Cesar Jimenez

11:00am Claudia Garcia

12:30pm Ana Luisa Ramirez, Maria Peralta, Rafaela Valentin, Asuncion Blanco

Monday, December 19 – Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday, December 20 – Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

7:00pm Jose Manuel Ureña, Elvira Peña, San Judas Tadeo

Wednesday, December 21 – Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

6:00pm Constancio & Jaima Olvido Jr.

7:00pm Doris Richardson, Elena Luzsind Richardson, William Richardson

Thursday, December 22 – 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

7:00pm Maria Peña

Friday, December 23 – Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday, December 24 – 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

5:00pm Juan Rosado, Niño Jesus y Virgen de la Nube

Midnight Catalina Torres, Diland Alexander Wheeler



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.

October Collections		November Collections		December Collections	
2-Oct	\$ 3,263	6-Nov	\$ 5,639	4-Dec	\$ 3,747
9-Oct	\$ 3,462	13-Nov	\$ 4,022	11-Dec	\$ 3,703
16-Oct	\$ 4,610	20-Nov	\$ 3,447	18-Dec	
23-Oct	\$ 3,328	27-Nov	\$ 4,491	25-Dec	
30-Oct	\$ 3,430				
Faith Direct: (135)	\$ 12,935	Faith Direct: (135)	\$ 12,069	Faith Direct: (136)	\$ 11,543
	\$ 31,028		\$ 29,668		\$ 18,993

Upcoming Special Collections

January 8th – Communications and the Catholic University of America

February 5th – Peter's Pence

please pray for the sick

Norbert Burgos, Laura Moore Brown, James Gilroy Sr., Federico Heras, Carmen Ithier, Angela Pistilli, Tadeo Sotomayor Jr., Yuan Su

A person's name will appear for four weeks, after which it will be removed unless we hear from the family.

El nombre de una persona aparecerá durante cuatro semanas, después de lo cual se eliminará al menos que la familia se comuniqué con nosotros.



The Church of the Ascension
presents

Music for Advent and Christmas

Sunday, 18 December, 11:00 a.m.

Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols

with Choir and Harp

Wednesday, 21 December, 12:30 p.m.

Half-hour Organ Concert

"Bach Works for the Holidays"

Preston Smith, recitalist

Müller and Abel instrument, Op. 56 (1898); Ernest A. Lucas, Jr. (1969)

43 stops, 53 ranks over 3 manuals and pedal

Saturday, 24 December, 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, 25 December, 10:40 a.m.

Selections from Handel's Messiah

with Choir, Violins, Trumpet, and Organ

Las misas de Aguinaldo

comienza el Sabado 17 de diciembre hasta el 24 de diciembre a las 6:00am:

Diciembre 17	Los Walkirios/Jovenes
Diciembre 18	Los cursillistas
Diciembre 19	San Vicente/Grupo Intercersion
Diciembre 20	Circulo de Oracion
Diciembre 21	Dominican Sunday, Grupo Misericordia, Grupo Mariano
Diciembre 22	Lectores, grupo altagraciano, almas del purgatorio
Diciembre 23	legion de Maria, Sagrado Corazon, Ministros de la Eucaristia
Diciembre 24	Todos los grupos son responsable de participar

Venga todos a participar!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 17th through 24th – Las misas de Aguinaldo
Wednesday, December 21st – Organ Concert 12:30
Thursday, December 29th – Noche Mariana
Monday, January 2nd – Lunes Eucaristico
Ongoing - Homeless Shelter Ministry Sock Drive
Ongoing - Food Pantry can collection

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A la **Noche Mariana de contemplación**

Y sanación interior

JUEVES 29 de Diciembre



Iniciando con el Rosario a las 6:30PM

Continuando con la Misa precedida por el

Padre José Amable Taveras

Vengan Todos y si creen verán la gloria de Dios

Lugar: Iglesia de la Ascensión

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Donate Gloves Hats and Scarves to the Shelter Ministry

There is still time to donate either new or gently used good condition men's gloves, hats, and scarves for

our guests at the shelter. Your donation is appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office. Or, as one parishioner did, you can order online and have your package shipped to: Ascension Shelter, 221 W 107 St, New York, NY 10025. If you would like more information about the shelter ministry email: shelter107@gmail.com. For volunteer sign ups go to: <http://bit.ly/shelter-signup>



Donen guantes, sombreros, y bufandas al ministerio del refugio

Todavía hay tiempo de donar guantes, sombreros, y bufandas, nuevos o

ligeramente usados, para nuestros huéspedes del refugio. Su donación es apreciada, y pueden dejarla en la oficina de la parroquia. O, como hizo un parroquiano, pueden ordenar en línea y envíen su paquete a: Ascension Shelter, 221 W 107 St, New York, NY 10025. Si desean más información sobre el ministerio del refugio, envíen un correo a: shelter107@gmail.com. Para inscribirse a ser voluntarios, vayan a <http://bit.ly/shelter-signup>

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5:00 P.M. AND 8:15 A.M., WITH CANTOR AND ORGAN
(AT THE 11 A.M. MASS THE CHOIR SINGS BRITTEN'S CEREMONY OF CAROLS)

Boldface numbers refer to music found in the red Worship hymnal. The Order of Mass may be followed in the missals.
The Ushers will provide copies of the Schubert Mass parts. Kindly return them after mass.

DEUTSCHE MESSE (GERMAN MASS), D 872 – FRANZ SCHUBERT, 1797-1828

(Sung by Cantor and Congregation)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ, Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming – *Johannes Brahms, 1833-1897*

Processional Hymn, Come, O long expected Jesus (*Stuttgart*)

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Kyrie eleison

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Psalm 24

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation – *Plainsong*

v. The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, / and they shall name him Emmanuel.

General Intercessions

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R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn, The angel Gabriel from heaven came (*Basque carol*)

695

Sanctus et Benedictus, Memorial Acclamation and Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Agnus Dei

Organ meditation

CONCLUDING RITE

Closing Hymn, O come, Divine Messiah (*French carol*)

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You are invited to return for the 11 o'clock Mass to hear:
Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* (with Harp)
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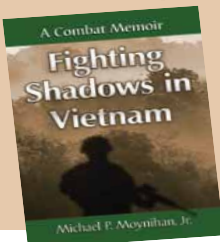
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