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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)	
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Plans need to be made at least 6 weeks in advance.

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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.

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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.

New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome





Pastor's Letter
Notas del Pastor

Dear Friends and Parishioners of Ascension,

Merry Christmas! For years people have come to New York City in December to immerse themselves in the spirit of Christmas, shops, restaurants, ice-skating, the evergreen trees along Park Avenue, and the tree in Rockefeller Center. And for many, the highlight is a mile-long walk on Fifth Avenue from 38th St. to 59th Street (from Lord and Taylor to FAO Schwartz) in order to see the department store windows. Virtually all of the stores now boast of their 'holiday' displays rather than what once was a Christmas display. The stores have joined with the Federal Office of Diversion and Inclusion to be sure that the holiday is not Christmas in disguise. While there is a Christmas-less feeling in the store windows, the spirit of Christmas is so real that it virtually cannot be erased. God, in his usual mysterious way, continues to nudge and goad us back to reflecting and living the meaning of Christmas. God so loved the world that he sent his son into the world, not to condemn the world but rather to save it.

The meaning of Christmas is simple yet quite profound. The Gospel story in Luke tells us about the Christmas message. First, the Christmas message is one of 'fear not.' This message came to Mary when she was told, 'Fear not, for you have found favor with God.' It was the same message to Joseph in a dream in Matthew 1:20, 'Fear not to take Mary as your wife.' Secondly, the message of Christmas is one of great joy to all people. That night in Bethlehem when Jesus was born, the angel announced good news of great joy to all people. It was a message of the Savior's birth — a Savior for all, one through whom all people, no matter who you are, can be saved. Thirdly, the message of Christmas is a message of peace and goodwill. Finally, the message of Christmas is a message that we must share. After the shepherds saw the babe lying in a manger, they 'made known abroad' the message which was told to them concerning this child.

Christmas has a special way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew a prayerful relationship with the Lord and the Church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome.

On behalf of Fr. Rafferty, Fr. Daniel, and Msgr. Shelley, I wish to extend to you and your families our prayerful best wishes for a blessed and peace-filled Christmas Season. As we thank God for our many blessings, we hold close to our hearts those who are sick and suffering as well as those less fortunate than ourselves.

I pray that God will shower down his choicest blessings on all during the holy season.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

¡Feliz Navidad! Por años la gente ha venido a Nueva York en diciembre para sumergirse en el espíritu de la Navidad, las tiendas, los restaurantes, patinaje sobre hielo, los arbolitos de pino en la Park Avenue y el árbol en Rockefeller Center. Y para muchos el punto culminante es un paseo de una milla de largo por la 5ta Avenida desde la calle 38 hasta la calle 59 (desde Lord & Taylor hasta FAO Schwartz) para ver los escaparates de las tiendas por departamento. Prácticamente todas las tiendas hoy día se enorgullecen de sus montajes "festivos" en vez de lo que una vez fueron exhibiciones navideñas. Las tiendas se han unido a la Oficina Federal de Multiculturalidad e Inclusión para estar seguros de que el día de fiesta no es la Navidad disfrazada. A pesar de que hay un sentido de falta de Navidad en los escaparates de las tiendas, el espíritu de la Navidad es tan real que prácticamente no se puede borrar. Dios, en su usual manera misteriosa, continúa dándonos un empujoncito y animándonos a volver a reflexionar y vivir el sentido de la Navidad. Dios quiso tanto al mundo que mandó a su hijo al mundo, no para condenar al mundo, sino más bien para salvarlo.

El sentido de la Navidad es sencillo, sin embargo, bastante profundo. La historia del evangelio de Lucas nos cuenta acerca del mensaje de la Navidad. En primer lugar, el mensaje de la Navidad es uno de 'no temer.' Este mensaje le llegó a María cuando se le dijo, 'No temas, María, porque has hallado gracia delante de Dios.' Este fue el mismo mensaje a José en un sueño en Mateo 1, 20, 'No tengas miedo de tomar a María por esposa.' En segundo lugar, el mensaje de la Navidad es uno de gran alegría para toda la gente. Esa noche en Belén cuando nació Jesús, el ángel anunció una buena nueva de gran alegría para toda la gente. Fue la noticia del nacimiento del Salvador – un Salvador para todos, uno a través del cual, toda la gente, sin importar quién sea, puede ser salvada. En tercer lugar, el mensaje de la Navidad es uno de paz y buena voluntad. Finalmente, el mensaje de la Navidad es uno que debemos compartir. Después que los pastores vieron al niño acostado en un pesebre, 'ellos dieron a conocer alrededor del mundo' el mensaje que se les dio de este niño.

La Navidad tiene una manera especial de traer a la Iglesia a individuos y familias que, por varias razones, no han venido a misa o los sacramentos por meses o años. Qué manera tan maravillosa y qué oportunidad llena de

Continuado

gracia para poner aparte diferencias y viejos hábitos y comenzar de nuevo una relación en oración con el Señor y la comunidad de la Iglesia. Les extendo a todos una bienvenida de todo corazón agradecido.

De parte del Padre Rafferty, del padre Daniel y el Mons. Shelley, deseo extenderle a ustedes y a sus familias nuestros mejores deseos para una temporada de Navidad llena de bendiciones y paz. A medida que le damos las gracias a Dios por nuestras muchas bendiciones, mantenemos cerca de nuestros corazones a aquellos que están enfermos al igual que a aquellos que son menos afortunados que nosotros.

Ruego a Dios que derrame sus mejores bendiciones sobre todos durante esta santa temporada.

Paz, Padre Kearney

Ascension Mass Schedule for Christmas season

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



Norbert Burgos, Laura Moore Brown,
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*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
comunique con nosotros.*



We can do it TOGETHER!

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2-Oct	\$ 3,263	6-Nov	\$ 5,639	4-Dec	\$ 3,747
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16-Oct	\$ 4,610	20-Nov	\$ 3,447	18-Dec	

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Direct: (135)	\$ 12,935	Direct: (135)	\$ 12,069	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

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 25 - Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

11:00am Mary Hannon

12:30pm Carmen Castillo, Carmen Valdez Ramirez, Miriam Santana, Pedro Paulino, Roselia Paulino

Monday, December 26 - Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
9:00am Flor Gallego

Tuesday, December 27 - 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
12:00pm Frank Fallon

Wednesday, December 28 - 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
7:00pm Juan Vargas, Jaime Sainvill

Thursday, December 29 - 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
7:00pm Lidia Pichardo

Friday, December 30 - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday, December 31 - 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

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UPCOMING **EVENTS**



Thursday, December 29th – Noche Mariana
Monday, January 2nd – Lunes Eucaristico
Sunday, January 8th - Volunteer Recognition Party

Visit AscensionChurchNYC.org for details

SAVE THE DATE:

Volunteer Recognition Party
Sunday, January 8th from 12-3 PM
in the Rectory dining room

On January 8th we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany by recognizing all those who gift Ascension with their time and talent as volunteers. We invite all those involved in parish ministries to join us!

GUARDE ESTA FECHA:

Fiesta para reconocer a los Voluntarios
El domingo, 8 de enero de 12-3 PM
en el comedor de la rectoría

El 8 de enero vamos a celebrar la Fiesta de la Epifanía, reconociendo a todos los que regalan su tiempo y talento como voluntaries a la Ascensión. ¡Invitamos a todos los que participan en los ministerios parroquiales a acompañarnos a nosotros!

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MUSIC FOR THE MASSES IN ENGLISH

CHRISTMAS EVE – 5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY – 11:00 A.M.

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 at 5 o'clock. Kindly return them after mass.

at 5pm: *DEUTSCHE MESSE (GERMAN MASS)*, D 872 – FRANZ SCHUBERT, 1797-1828
(Sung by Choir and Congregation)

at 11am: *MISSA BREVIS SANCTI JOANNIS DE DEO IN B-FLAT* – JOSEPH HAYDN, 1732-1809
(Sung by the Choir)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Music before the Mass:

(5pm) Aria, *O holy night* – Adolphe Adam, 1803-1856

(11am) Choir and orchestra, Selections from *Messiah, Part I* – George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Carol at the Procession, *O come, all ye faithful (Adeste fideles)*

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Kyrie eleison & Gloria in excelsis Deo

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalms

(5pm) R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

(11am) R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation – *Chant Mode VI*

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Homily

Nicene Creed

Missal: 108

General Intercessions

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Music at the Offertory

Choir Anthem, *Good King Wenceslas* – setting by David Willcocks, 1919-2015

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen, When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even. Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel, When a poor man came in sight, gath'ring winter fuel. "Hither, page, and stand by me, if you know it, telling, Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?" "Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain, Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes' fountain." "Bring me food and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither, You and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither." Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together, Through the cold wind's wild lament and the bitter weather. "Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger, Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer." "Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread now in them boldly, You shall find the winter's rage freeze your blood less coldly." In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted; Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed. Therefore, Christian men, be sure, while God's gifts possessing, You who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.

Carol, *Joy to the world (Antioch)*

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Sanctus et Benedictus, Memorial Acclamation and Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Agnus Dei

Music at Communion

Choir Anthems, *Infant holy, infant lowly* – setting by Gerre Hancock, 1934-2012

In the bleak midwinter – Harold Darke, 1888-1976

Carol, *Silent night, holy night (Stille Nacht)*

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CONCLUDING RITE

Closing Hymn, *Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)*

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Organ, *In dulci jubilo, S.729* – Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

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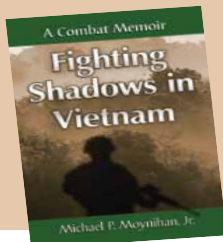
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