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The Baptism of the Lord
January 10th, 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)	6:00pm Wednesday (English)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz)	

Baptisms at Ascension: There are no Baptisms during Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. In February, there will be Baptisms on Saturday, February 6th in English and Sunday, February 7th in Spanish. Baptisms resume in April.

Bautizos en Ascensión: No hay bautizos durante la Cuaresma. La Cuaresma comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza, 10 de febrero. Habrá bautizos el sábado 6 de febrero en Inglés y el domingo, 7 de febrero en español. Los bautizos comenzaran en abril.

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Sacraments (English)

Penance: Saturday 4-5pm

Baptism: There are no Baptisms during Lent (Feb 10 – April). 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. (10 de febrero – abril)
Contacte la rectoría para detalles 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.



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Pastor's Letter
Notas del Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

During the Season of Christmas, we celebrate three principal events -- we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Epiphany, and the Baptism of Jesus. Epiphany and The Baptism of Jesus are celebrated during the Christmas Season since it was at these events when the divinity of Jesus was revealed. Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and it is the last day of the Christmas Season. Allow me to thank once again the many who made all the liturgies so beautiful during this Christmas Season particularly the lectors, the altar servers, the ministers, all those who came to the Aguinaldos, Mery Madera and all those who decorated the church so beautifully, and special thanks to the choirs, and special thanks to Preston and all those who made our music so beautiful. Our liturgies and not only beautiful they are prayerful as well.

On Monday, January 18th, the 14th annual 14th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr Day Interfaith Peace Walk will take place. Mark your calendars! By way of history, this annual MLK Day Interfaith Peace Walk began in 2003 as a community expression of opposition to the impending invasion of Iraq. On that first Peace Walk, the organizers had expected some 50+ people, more than 1,000 people actually showed up and participated. That first walk inspired many other interfaith events over the years on the Upper West Side. Faith communities from many religions now know and trust each other, and regularly work together for peace and justice. The theme for this year's Peace Walk will be "Hear the cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor." The gathering of people begins at Holy Name on 96th St. at 2:00 PM. After an introduction and opening prayer, the assembled group will head south and visit a number of Upper West Side Faith Communities for prayer, reflection, and music. The last of the stops will be at Blessed Sacrament Church with both reflection, and refreshments.

Peace,
Fr. Kearney

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

Durante la temporada de Navidad celebramos tres eventos principales – celebramos el nacimiento de Jesús, la Epifanía y el Bautismo de Jesús. La Epifanía y el Bautismo de Jesús son celebrados durante la temporada de Navidad, ya que fue en estos eventos cuando fue revelada la divinidad de Jesús. Hoy es la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor y es el último día de la temporada de Navidad. Permítanme darle las gracias una vez más a todos los muchos que hicieron todas las liturgias tan bellas durante esta temporada de Navidad en particular a los lectores, los monaguillos, los ministros, todos los que vinieron a los aguinaldos, Mery Madera y todos los que decoraron la iglesia tan bella y gracias especiales a los coros y gracias especiales a Preston y a todos los que hicieron nuestra música tan bella. Nuestras liturgias no son solo bellas también son llenas de oración.

El lunes, 18 de enero, tendrá lugar la 14ta caminata ecuménica de paz del Día del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ¡Marquen sus calendarios! Según la historia esta caminata ecuménica anual del Día del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Comenzó en el 2003 como una expresión de oposición comunitaria hacia la inminente invasión a Irak. En esa primera caminata de paz, los organizadores esperaban unas 50 personas, más o menos; en la actualidad, más de 1,000 personas aparecieron y participaron. Esa primera caminata inspiró muchos otros eventos ecuménicos a través de los años en esta parte de la ciudad. Comunidades de fe de muchas religiones ahora se conocen y confían unas en otras y con regularidad trabajan juntas por la paz y la justicia. El tema para la Caminata de Paz de este año será "Escuche la Voz de la Tierra y la Voz de los Pobres." La reunión de la gente comenzará en Holy Name (Santo nombre) en la calle 96 a las 2 de la tarde. Después de una presentación y una oración de apertura, el grupo reunido se dirigirá al sur y visitará un número de comunidades de fe de la parte alta oeste de Manhattan para oración, reflexión y música. La última de las paradas será en la Iglesia de Blessed Sacrament (Santísimo sacramento) para reflexión al igual que refrescos.

Paz,
Padre Kearney

*Please
pray for
the sick*

William Alcantara, Victorino Alcantara, Maria Eladia Garcia Alonza, Olivia Barnet, William Brown, Laura Moore Brown, Yveline Louis Charles, Paola Colon, Mariela Cristin, Luz Marina Cruz, Thomas & Maria Curr, Gina DeGivenchy, Javier DJuan, Milena Encarnacion, Julio Esteves, Alex Estevez, Sonia Feliz, Enercida Fernandez, Florentina Flores, Mary Font, Claire Gaudiani, David Glassberg, Altagracia Gomes, Fredes Gonzalez, James Griffin, Carlos Gutierrez, Rafael Guzman, Marjorie Hanson, Mariana Heras, Raquelly Heras, Yoshie Kato, Cassandra Kirk, Theresa Kubis, Paz Lual, Elba Luciano, Kathleen McNicholas, Paulino Reynaldo Navas, John O'Sullivan, Victor Parra, Joanna Pasquale, Rosa Peña, Creighton Redenbo, Andres Reyes, Benito Rivera, Carmen Rivera, Ramona Rocha, Gloria Rodriguez, Jennifer Rosario, Roger Rosenblatt, Ana Thillet Sola, Yuan Su, Jaime Daniel Urena, Carmen Vazquez



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1-Nov	\$ 5,290	6-Dec	\$ 6,925	3-Jan	\$ 5,442
8-Nov	\$ 6,603	13-Dec	\$ 4,470	10-Jan	
15-Nov	\$ 5,975	20-Dec	\$ 5,596	17-Jan	
22-Nov	\$ 5,739	Christmas	\$ 10,921	24-Jan	
29-Nov	\$ 4,681	27-Dec	\$ 7,980	31-Jan	
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	\$ 41,097		\$ 53,452		\$ 5,442

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 10 – Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 9:30am Saul Jordan, Damasio Solorzano, Angel Flores, Milagros Ferreira, German Morales
 11:00am Rosa Maria Rodriguez
 12:30pm Lila Sarnelli; Juana Diaz Taveras; Francisco, Cristiana Gilda, Ruben, Jose Rafael, and Ronnie Tineo

Monday, January 11 – 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12 – 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13 – 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39

12:00pm Conor Breidenbach
 6:00pm Sta. Lucia, Leonila Tupas
 7:00pm Crimilda Caraballo,

Thursday, January 14 – 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

7:00pm Finnualla Ahearn, Juan Perez, Santiago Trejo

Friday, January 15 – 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16 – 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

12:10pm Pedro Manuel Peña
 5:00pm Maria Zambrano
 6:15pm Steven Rodriguez

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The Ascension Church Homeless Shelter welcomed its first guests on December 19th, it was a wonderful kick-off!

We continue to run the shelter every Saturday night, offering a hot meal, warm bed and friendly conversation for up to twenty men. We are currently seeking volunteers to stay the night and supervise. Training will be provided -- you will stay with another experienced volunteer, and have lots of help and support.

Please consider becoming a "sleeper". Contact Chris at (917) 312-1257 or email shelter107@gmail.com if you'd like more information. You can sign up online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4baaa72faa8-shelter3>

Come and visit **NEW YORK ENCOUNTER**, a cultural festival witnessing to faith in the public square. Organized by Communion and Liberation and Crossroads Cultural Center, the Encounter will take place **January 15-17, 2016** at the Metropolitan Pavilion on 215 West 18th Street (betw 6th & 7th Ave). Almost all events are open to the public and FREE of charge. Some highlights:

Saturday, January 16, 2016 @ 6 pm: *Setting Out on the Long Path of Renewal. A reflection on Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si (On Care for Our Common Home).* Speakers: Sean Cardinal O'MALLEY, Archbishop of Boston, and Jeffery SACHS, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University.

Sunday, January 17, 2016 @ 4 pm: "Your Love is Better than Life" Eyewitness accounts on the life of Christians in the Middle East by Archbishop Amel NONA, exiled Chaldean Catholic Archbishop of Mosul, Iraq, Fr. Pier Battista PIZZABALLA, Custos of the Holy Land, and a refugee family in Erbil, Kurdistan (video)

Exhibit: *A People, a Face, a Newness in the Everyday Rubble - An Encounter with Christians in the Middle East.*

Exhibit: *"Siempre adelante!" Keep moving forward!* The life and work of Junípero Serra, the saint who founded the California missions

For the full program: www.newyorkencounter.org or call (212) 253-5777

"As part of the series, "Thinking and Praying with Pope Francis," The Upper West Side Deanery of Catholic Parishes will hold a dialogue workshop on **Chapter 4 of Laudato Si - Integral Ecology** on **Jan. 14, 2016 6:30-8:30 pm** Doors will open at 6:30pm for an "Encountering coffee" workshop will begin at 7pm.

St. Francis Xavier Church, 55 W. 15th Street between 5th & 6th Avenues

Please read Chapter 4 of Laudato Si prior to the workshop for our conversations to be even more connected to the Pope' call for change.

Bring a friend! Participation in previous workshops is not necessary!

For full details, visit:

ascensionchurchnyc.org/news/laudato-si-1



Ascension's Martini Night Fellowship

Sunday, January 10th
following the 6pm Jazz Mass

14th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Interfaith Peace Walk

Hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016 - 2PM

- Walk begins at Holy Name Church at 2PM. West 96th Street and Amsterdam Avenue
- Participants will visit several host sites and end at Blessed Sacrament Church (West 71st Street and Broadway) for refreshments and fellowship.
- Bring letters to congressional leaders asking them to support initiatives to heal our planet and the very poor who are so harshly affected by climate change.
- Letters will be carried from site to site and delivered in bulk.



A West Side Clergy Event

The Corpus Christi Chapter of the **International Thomas Merton Society** will close the Merton Centennial year on **Saturday, January 30, 2016** at the church, 529 West. 121st St., Manhattan. The program begins at 2:00PM with Daniel P. Horan OFM as keynote speaker. This will be followed by speakers who will talk on the women who shaped Merton's thought and spirituality, especially Baroness Catherine de Hueck Doherty and Sisters Therese Lentfoehr. Father Rafferty will celebrate Mass at 5:00PM and a reception will follow. Free to chapter members. \$10 to others.

Virgen de la Altagracia

La fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Altagracia se nos acerca. La fiesta sera el Sabado 23 de enero, 2016 empezara con la Misa de 6:15pm con el Padre Eusebio Villegas. La celebracion continuara en el gimnasio de la escuela.

Music for the Masses in English – 5 p.m., 8:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.

- ❖ Italicized page numbers refer to the paperback Missals found in the pew racks.
- ❖ Boldface numbers are for music in the red *Worship* hymnals.
- ❖ Please refer to the goldenrod photocopies for the *Gloria* and *German Mass* parts.
- ❖ At the 5pm mass the Cantor is Hayden DeWitt; at 8:15am, Margarita Martinez. The Choir sings at 11am.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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Organ, Praeludium in B-flat – *Johann Kaspar Simon, 1701-1776*

Processional Hymn, On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (*Winchester New*)

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At the Blessing & Sprinkling of Holy Water, Hymn, We know that Christ is raised (*Engelberg*)

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Gloria in excelsis Deo – “*A New Mass for Congregations*,” *Carroll T. Andrews, rev. 2011*

Goldenrod copy

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

Page 82

Responsorial Psalm 29

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation – *Melchior Vulpius, ca. 1560-1616*

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*v. The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: /
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.*

Homily

The Creed

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General Intercessions – *Byzantine chant*

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R. Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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Offertory Anthem, The Secret of Christ – *Richard Shephard, b. 1949*

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations. Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our Friend. Amen.
(The Pilgrim Prayer by the Rev'd Canon Derrick Walters)

Offertory Hymn, Songs of thankfulness and praise (*Salzburg*)

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Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation A, and Fivefold Amen – *German Mass, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828* *Goldenrod copy*

COMMUNION RITE

Agnus Dei – *Plainsong*

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Communion Anthem, A New Year Carol – *Benjamin Britten, 1913-1976*

1. Here we bring new water from the well so clear, For to worship God with, this happy New Year.

R. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

2. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. R.

3. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in. R.

(from Tom Tiddler's Ground, Walter de la Mare, 1873-1956)

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn, When John baptized by Jordan's river (*Rendez a dieu*)

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Organ, Toccata in G – *Wilhelm Hieronymus Pachelbel, 1686-1764*

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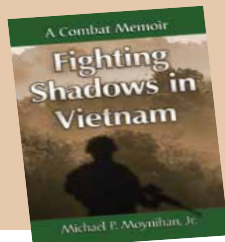
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