

The Church of the Ascension

in the City of New York

The Reverend Daniel S. Kearney, *Pastor*

*Serving the Upper West Side, Manhattan Valley,
and Morningside Heights communities since 1895.*

*Sirviendo las comunidades del Upper West Side,
Manhattan Valley, y Morningside Heights desde 1895.*

25 MAY / MAYO 2025

EASTER VI

PASCUA VI

ALL ARE WELCOME. / TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS.



THE NEWLY ELECTED 267TH POPE, ROBERT FRANCIS PREVOST, WHO HAS CHOSEN THE NAME LEO XIV.

ASSISTING CLERGY AND STAFF

The Reverend Daniel LeBlanc, OMI
The Reverend Deacon Nelson Falcon
Preston Smith, Director of Music

The Reverend Deacon Daniel Corniel
Mary Santorello, Director of Faith Formation
Cipriano Lantigua, Minister to Homebound

Lucas Gonzalez and Mireya Vilma, Facilities

Millie Marte, Hospitality

Sareda Rodriguez (M-F), Jeffrey Salazar (M-F), Jose Velazquez (Weekend), Reception

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

This Thursday, May 29th, we welcome Cardinal Dolan, the Archbishop of New York, to Ascension Parish. Cardinal Dolan joins us this year as the principal celebrant of our special 7:00 PM evening Mass as we celebrate the 130th Anniversary of Ascension Parish. Thursday is our titular feast day – the Feast of the Ascension.

On the Feast of the Ascension, we commemorate the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on the fortieth day of the Easter Season. It was necessary for Jesus to ascend into heaven in order for Him to send us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Now in heaven, Jesus is seated at God's right hand, interceding on our behalf.

Five years ago, we eagerly prepared to celebrate our 125th anniversary, but, as you may recall, our plans were completely upended by the pandemic. Those were challenging times for all of us, and the inability to gather for that milestone was deeply felt within our parish community. However, 130 years of service to the communities of the Upper West Side, Manhattan Valley, and Morningside Heights is certainly worth celebrating. Since we could not celebrate our 125th anniversary year, we decided to have a special celebration (albeit a bit more modest) for our 130th year!

Our anniversary coincides with the Jubilee Year of Hope, reminding us that even in the face of challenges, our faith and community endure. This is a time to reflect on our rich history, honor those who came before us, and renew our commitment to the future of our parish. As we give thanks for the resilience and faith that have carried us through, we look forward with great joy to this year's celebration and to the future of Ascension Parish.

The Mass on Thursday will be bilingual and will begin at 7:00 PM. Following the Mass, we will have a special reception in the parish hall. This year's reception will be a little different. Since this is a special celebration, and we didn't want all our faithful volunteers to spend their time in the kitchen, our celebration this year will be catered by ACI (Ascension Culinary Institute). Rather than a big meal, we will offer hors d'oeuvres, canapés, and finger foods. Peter Hartman and the 6:00 PM Sunday Jazz ensemble will provide music at the reception. All are invited and welcome.

Since Ascension Thursday remains a holy day, in addition to our special evening celebration, a Vigil Mass for the Ascension will also be celebrated on Wednesday evening (May 28th) at 7:00 PM in Spanish. On Thursday, Mass will also be celebrated in English at 12:00 Noon. There will be music at the 12:00 Noon Mass as well.

On behalf of Fr. LeBlanc, Deacon Nelson, Deacon Corniel, Fr. Phil Florio, and Fr. Louie Hotop, I wish you all a blessed Feast Day. I am grateful for the many blessings that Ascension has brought to this community over the past 130 years, and I hope we will continue to offer good pastoral service well into the future.

In the meantime, we pray that Jesus' farewell gift of peace—“a peace the world cannot give” (John 14:27)—will become a reality in our lifetime. We continue to pray for an end to violence and war.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

Queridos amigos y feligreses de la Ascensión,

Este jueves 29 de mayo, recibimos al Cardenal Dolan, Arzobispo de Nueva York, en la Parroquia de la Ascensión. Este año, el Cardenal Dolan nos acompaña como celebrante principal de nuestra Misa vespertina especial a las 7:00 pm, para celebrar el 130.º Aniversario de la Parroquia de la Ascensión. El jueves es nuestra festividad titular: la Fiesta de la Ascensión.

En la Fiesta de la Ascensión, conmemoramos la Ascensión corporal de Jesús al cielo. El Día de la Ascensión se celebra tradicionalmente el cuadragésimo día del Tiempo de Pascua. Fue necesario que Jesús ascendiera al cielo para enviarnos el don del Espíritu Santo. Ahora, en el cielo, Jesús está sentado a la diestra de Dios, intercediendo por nosotros.

Hace cinco años, nos preparábamos con entusiasmo para celebrar nuestro 125.º aniversario, pero, como recordarán, nuestros planes se vieron completamente trastocados por la pandemia. Fueron tiempos difíciles para todos, y la imposibilidad de reunirnos para ese hito se sintió profundamente en nuestra comunidad parroquial. Sin embargo, 130 años de servicio a las comunidades del Upper West Side, el Valle de Manhattan y Morningside Heights sin duda merecen ser celebrados. Como no pudimos celebrar nuestro 125.º aniversario, decidimos tener una celebración especial (aunque un poco más modesta) para nuestro 130.º aniversario.

Nuestro aniversario coincide con el Año Jubilar de la Esperanza, lo que nos recuerda que, incluso ante los desafíos, nuestra fe y nuestra comunidad perduran. Este es un momento para reflexionar sobre nuestra rica historia, honrar a quienes nos precedieron y renovar nuestro compromiso con el futuro de nuestra parroquia. Al dar gracias por la resiliencia y la fe que nos han permitido superar esta situación, esperamos con gran alegría la celebración de este año y el futuro de la Parroquia de la Ascensión.

La misa del jueves será bilingüe y comenzará a las 7:00 pm. Después de la misa, tendremos una recepción especial en el salón parroquial. La recepción de este año será un poco diferente. Como esta es una celebración especial y no queríamos que todos nuestros fieles voluntarios pasaran tiempo en la cocina, este año ACI (Instituto Culinario de la Ascensión) se encargará del catering.

En lugar de una gran cena, ofreceremos aperitivos, canapés y bocadillos. Peter Hartman y el conjunto de jazz dominical de las 6:00 pm estarán a cargo de la música en la recepción. Todos están invitados y son bienvenidos.

Dado que el jueves de la Ascensión sigue siendo un día sagrado, además de nuestra celebración especial por la noche, el miércoles 28 de mayo a las 7:00 pm. se celebrará una Misa de Vigilia por la Ascensión en español. El jueves, la misa también se celebrará en inglés a las 12:00 pm. También habrá música en la misa de las 12:00 pm.

En nombre del Padre LeBlanc, el Diácono Nelson, el Diácono Corniel, el Padre Phil Florio y el Padre Louie Hotop, les deseo a todos una feliz Fiesta. Agradezco las muchas bendiciones que Ascención ha traído a esta comunidad durante los últimos 130 años, y espero que sigamos ofreciendo un buen servicio pastoral en el futuro.

Mientras tanto, oramos para que el regalo de paz que Jesús nos dio al despedirnos —«una paz que el mundo no puede dar» (Juan 14:27)— se haga realidad durante nuestra vida. Seguimos orando por el fin de la violencia y la guerra.

Paz, Padre Kearney

READINGS FOR THE WEEK *Lecturas de la semana*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday Saint Philip Neri, Priest Memorial Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday Easter Weekday [*Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*] Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Easter Weekday Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

ASCENSION THURSDAY Solemnity Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday Easter Weekday Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday The Visitation of Mary Feast Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

CALENDAR *Calendario*

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** *Intenciones de Misas*

EASTER VI

Saturday 05.24

4pm Confessions
5:30pm Bilingual Vigil mass

Sunday 05.25

9:30am Misa en español
✠ *Benditas ánimas del purgatorio*, Ángel Antonio Borges, Acción de gracias a San Judas Tadeo, Antonio de Coo
10:15am Cantor rehearsal (*Choir room*)
11am English mass with Cantor
12-12:45pm Coffee hour (*Dining room*)
12:30pm Misa en español
✠ Maria del Carmen Rodríguez, Teresa del Carmen Rodríguez, Yilda Selena Rodríguez
1:45pm Baptism (*Church*)
6pm English Jazz mass
✠ Ercilia Altagracia Bonetti Jiménez

Monday 05.26

Memorial Day (Offices closed)

9am Bilingual mass

Tuesday 05.27

12pm English mass
✠ Maryla Wodzyaska
7pm OCIA (*Dining room*)
Misa en español
✠ *Benditas ánimas del purgatorio*

Wednesday 05.28

12pm English communion (Thom Sesma)
6:30pm Men's Group (*Parish center*)
7pm Misa en español
✠ *Benditas ánimas del purgatorio*, Víctor Manuel Valentín

Thursday 05.29

ASCENSION DAY

12pm English mass with music
7pm Bilingual mass with Cardinal Dolan, principal celebrant
8pm Parish Reception (*Parish center*)

Friday 05.30

12pm English communion (Meredith Lisagor)
4-7pm Saint Vincent de Paul (*Parish center*)

7pm

Misa en español
✠ *Benditas ánimas del purgatorio*, Melida Guzmán, Manuel Pichardo, Lidia Pichardo
Sacred Heart of Jesus Spanish group (*Center*)

8pm

EASTER VII

Saturday 05.31

12-3pm Welcome Table meal (*Parish center*)
4pm Confessions
5:30pm Bilingual Vigil mass

Sunday 06.01

9:30am Misa en español with music
Choir rehearsal (*Choir room*)
11am English mass with Choir
12:30pm Misa en español with music
6pm English jazz mass with music

All are welcome. / Todos son bienvenidos.

Newcomers and visitors:

Following mass you are encouraged to introduce yourself to the ushers and complete a visitor's card. Interested in receiving Flocknotes/Parish news? Please use the QR code:



Thank you for your weekly support of Ascension.

Last week's collections:

\$6,356 (general)

\$1,666 (Second Collection for Eastern Europe)

Please consider a gift of any amount through FlockNotes:



For giving through Faith Direct, another online platform:



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Thursday, 29th May

12pm English mass with music

7pm Bilingual mass with choir

Principal Celebrant and Homilist:
His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

8pm Parish Reception downstairs

Catered and served by Ascension Culinary Institute
and music by
Peter Hartmann's jazz ensemble

DEDICATE A PEW! ;DEDICAR UN BANCO!



We invite you to dedicate a pew in the name of a loved one or friend as a thoughtful and meaningful way to support Ascension Church, especially in honor of our 130th anniversary in 2025. Naming a pew expresses your commitment to Ascension today and for generations to come. Pews may be named for a donation of \$1,300. In recognition of your commitment Ascension will install a personalized, brass plaque at one available pew. Your gift can be paid in several installments. Forms are available in the parish office; the qr code can be used also. 100% of your donation will benefit Ascension Church.

Le invitamos a dedicar un banco en nombre de un ser querido o amigo como una manera reflexiva y significativa de apoyar a la Iglesia de la Ascensión, especialmente en honor de nuestro 130 aniversario en 2025. Nombrar un banco expresa su compromiso con la Ascensión hoy y para las generaciones venideras. Bancos pueden ser nombrados por una donación de \$1,300. En reconocimiento a su compromiso Ascensión instalará una placa de latón personalizada en un banco disponible. Su donación se puede pagar en varios plazos. Los formularios están disponibles en la oficina parroquial; también se puede utilizar el código qr. El 100% de su donación beneficiará a la Iglesia de la Ascensión.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

5:30pm Vigil Bilingual / Bilingüe (Cantor and organ)

9:30am, 12:30pm Español (Coro)

11am English (Choir and organ)

6pm English (Cantor and Jazz trio)

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

[Monday, 26 May – 9am only (bilingual)]

12pm English

7pm Español

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

[Closed Monday, 26 May for *Memorial Day*]

10am – 7pm Weekdays / Entre semana

HELP IS AVAILABLE

JOB LOSS. GRIEF. LIFE TRANSITIONS.
MARITAL ISSUES. PARENTING CHALLENGES.

The Parish Counseling Network:

a Path Towards Emotional Wellness

A collaboration between Droste Mental Health Services, Inc and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York

Call 866-962-7487

The Parish Counseling Network (PCN) supports parishioners in need by providing low-cost, short-term counseling. PCN offers :

- Access to six counseling sessions at a cost of \$10 per session for those without health insurance, or connection to a therapist who accepts your health insurance.
- A network of licensed, experienced therapists many of whom are bilingual.
- Telehealth options, as well as convenient locations throughout the NY Archdiocese.

For more information, visit our website



Bulletin submissions are due each week
on Thursday at noon.

Email srodriguez@gmail.com



Eligibility

You must be a parishioner of a church in the NY Archdiocese.

Referrals can be made by pastors or designated parish staff. Parishioners reaching out directly must provide their parish code (a 3 digit number parish staff can provide).