
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.*

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6 JULY / JULIO 2025
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
XIV DOMINGO ORDINARIO

ALL ARE WELCOME. / TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS.

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 through Thursday

12pm English

7pm Español

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

10am – 7pm Weekdays / Entre semana

10am – 5:30pm Saturdays / sábados

8:30am – 6pm Sundays / domingos

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

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

One of the most beautiful and yet challenging teachings of our Catholic faith is the *consistent ethic of life*. This principle affirms that every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death, is sacred, created in the image and likeness of God, and deserving of protection and care. In a time when society often treats life as conditional or disposable, this teaching stands as a prophetic witness to the dignity of every person.

The *consistent ethic of life* is not limited to a single issue. Often, people reduce it to the matter of abortion alone. While protecting the unborn is an extraordinarily essential part of this ethic, our commitment does not end there. As followers of Christ, we are called to uphold the value of life in all circumstances—whether it is the vulnerable child in the womb, the poor and marginalized, the migrant and the refugee, the prisoner on death row, or the sick and elderly nearing the end of their journey here on earth. The consistent ethic of life binds us to work for justice, mercy, and care at *every stage* of human existence.

In recent times, one of the most pressing threats to this ethic has emerged in the form of physician-assisted suicide. Here in New York and across our country, there is growing support for laws that would allow doctors to prescribe life-ending medications to those who are terminally ill. At first glance, these proposals are often framed as compassionate—offering “death with dignity” or “choice at the end of life.” But when we look more deeply, we see how dangerous this path truly is.

Physician-assisted suicide undermines the consistent ethic of life because it suggests that some lives are no longer worth living. It tells the sick, the disabled, and the elderly that their suffering makes them less valuable, that their deaths might be preferable to their continued existence. Rather than offering real compassion—which walks with the suffering, relieves pain, and provides hope—assisted suicide abandons people at their most vulnerable moment. It replaces solidarity with isolation and love with a false mercy that ends in death.

Moreover, when society begins to decide that certain lives are expendable, it becomes all too easy for other life issues to be disregarded as well. That is why our Catholic witness must remain consistent. We oppose abortion because it destroys innocent life. We oppose the death penalty because it takes away the possibility of repentance, mercy, and redemption. And we oppose physician-assisted suicide because it denies the inherent dignity of the human person, even in the face of suffering.

As a community of faith, we are called to reflect deeply on these truths. We pray for wisdom, courage, and compassion as we engage in conversations about these difficult topics. Hopefully, each of us will commit ourselves to building a culture of life—not just in words, but in our actions, our advocacy, and our care for one another. In a world that so often chooses death, I hope we will always choose life.

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Peace, Fr. Kearney

Queridos amigos y feligreses de la Ascensión,

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Paz, Padre Kearney

READINGS FOR THE WEEK *Lecturas de la semana*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Is

66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday Weekday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday Weekday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday Weekday: *[Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs]* Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday Weekday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15

Friday Saint Benedict, Abbott Memorial: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday Weekday Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33

CALENDAR *Calendario*

✠ MASS INTENTIONS *Intenciones de Misas*

Saturday 07.05

4pm Confessions
5:30pm Bilingual Vigil mass
✠ Valentín Valverde Pacheco, Julia Rebeca Valverde, Ernesto German, Ariel J. Valdez, Rodrigo Ricxu Bacus, Rose Lizbeth Bacus

Sunday 07.06

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Misa en español with music (“Walkirios”)
✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio, María Teresa Díaz, Félix de Jesús Díaz, Felipe Rafael Díaz, Lourdes Díaz
11am English mass with cantor
✠ Olga Alvarez
12-12:45pm Coffee hour (*107th St sidewalk*)
12:30pm Misa en español with Mariachi band
6pm English mass with Jazz music
✠ Nicol Erika Morillo

Monday 07.07

12pm English communion (Thom Sesma)
7pm Misa en español
✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio, Elpidio Guzmán

Tuesday 07.08

12pm English mass
7pm Misa en español
✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio

Wednesday 07.09

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

Thursday 07.10

12pm English mass
7pm Misa en español
✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio

Friday 07.11

12pm English communion (Meredith Lisagor)
4-7pm Food pantry setup
7pm Misa en español
✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio

Saturday 07.12

6am Rosary of the Dawn (*Church*)
4pm Confessions

5:30pm

Bilingual Vigil Mass

✠ Acción de gracias a la Virgen de Guadalupe, por la paz en el mundo y las animas del purgatorio

Sunday 07.13

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Misa en español with music (“Walkirios”)
11am English mass with Cantor and organ
12:30pm Misa en español with Mariachi band
6pm English mass with Jazz 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:

\$6,825.32 (*Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul*)

Consider a gift of any amount through FlockNotes:



For giving through *Faith Direct*, another online platform:



The deadline for bulletin submissions, including names for mass intentions, is Thursday at 12 noon.

Parish Picnic / *Picnic Parroquial*

Sunday, July 20th / Domingo, 20 de julio

Fun, food and relaxation /
Diversión, comida y relajación
@ Krucker's Picnic Grove en Pomona, NY

Meal cost / Costo de comida: \$70 pp (adults/adultos);
\$25 per child / por niño (5 -13)

Includes light breakfast, lunch, dinner, beverages, and snacks. /
Incluye desayuno ligero, almuerzo, cena, bebidas y meriendas.

Bus transportation / transporte en autobús: \$20 pp

Departure from Ascensio /
Salida de la Ascensión: 9:00 am
Return / regreso: 7:00 pm

Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office,
or by contacting Mery Madera at 646-812-8002. /
Los boletos se pueden comprar en la Oficina Parroquial,
o llamando a Mery Madera al 646-812-8002.

Those interested in driving in their own vehicles,
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