



# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## ELMHURST, NEW YORK 11373

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### RECTORY

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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Mon. through Friday

Secretaria Bilingue disponible en Inglés y Español por el dia.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### • SUNDAY MASSES:

• Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil

• Sunday: 8:30, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon

La misa en Español: 1:15 PM

#### • WEEKDAY MASSES:

• Monday - Friday: 7:00, 9:00 AM

• Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

#### • HOLYDAY MASSES:

• As announced in bulletin

### BAPTISMS

**English Baptism:** 2nd Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM.

**English Instruction:** Wednesday **prior** to the Baptism at 7:30 P.M. in the Rectory with pre-registration one month in advance of class

**Los Bautizos en Español:** Por favor llame a La Rectoria.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:50 or by appointment

### MARRIAGES

Please call the Rectory office for information and registration at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage.

### DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena: Following the 9:00 AM Mass on Monday

### ASCENSION PARISH CENTER

86-37 53rd Avenue

Parish Center Tel:

(718) 335-2626

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(718) 335-4181

### FAITH FORMATION

**Maria Gallo, DRE**

Please contact Rectory

(718) 335-2626

ext: 13

Email [ascensionfaithformation1@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionfaithformation1@gmail.com)

### MUSIC

**Peter Roland, Director of Choir/Organist** (718) 335-2626

### Mission Statement

*We, the people of God at Ascension, celebrate our Catholic identity, diversity, gifts and unity in worship. Following the call of Christ to love one another, we put our trust in a loving Father as we journey together to build the Kingdom of God.*

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we deeply commit to lead lives that conform to the example of Christ as authentic witnesses to His Gospel through prayer, celebration of the Sacraments, and loving service.*

*Accepting the responsibility of evangelization, we seek to become better stewards, rooted in the Good News, passing on the teachings of Jesus and reaching out to those in need.*

## GOOD NEWS

January 14, 2018

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

In a depiction of the calling of two disciples, one scene shows Peter and Andrew walking toward Jesus. Another depicts Peter in the center, with Andrew behind him, and Jesus enthroned on a rock pointing toward him.

The scene is simple for a reason. Jesus' call is simple: Follow me. Our response should be simple, too. We often complicate the call with questions, fears, or doubts, wanting clarifications and assurances. But it is a simple imperative that requires a one-word answer: yes or no. Or as Samuel responded, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

Once accepted, the call implies a new identity born of a new, deeper relationship. When Jesus calls Simon, he changes his name. In the Bible, a name change indicates a new mission or purpose. Abram was renamed Abraham to father the Old Testament people in faith.

Simon is now Cephas, or rock. His mission is to father the New Testament people in faith. He is to be a solid, unbreakable foundation for his brothers—and eventually the whole Church. His strength comes not from perfection, for we know Peter was weak, but from his acceptance of Jesus' love and call no matter his own weakness.

Similarly, in baptism and confirmation we take new names that come with our new, deeper calls. It is a meaningful Catholic tradition that parents name their children after a saint who becomes a model for their lives. Like Peter, we are called to greatness by Jesus, who looks at us, names us, and says, "Come follow me." Let's live up to that beautiful, simple invitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



**SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 14, 2018**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 pm** Arthur Crane & Monica Gellei (L)  
**Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 am** Tran Su  
**10:30 am** Hui Chen (L)  
**12 Noon** Carolina & Gaetano Restivo  
**1:15 pm** Flor Maria Toro Ronda  
 Isaiah Altamirano (L);  
 Teresa & Gelasio Silva (L); Daniel Silva (D)  
 Nicanora Morales  
**Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**  
**NO 7:00 am MASS - Civil Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr.**  
**9:00 am** Reverend Peter C Osuagwu (L)  
**Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**  
**7:00 am** Phyllis Harrison-Ross  
**9:00 am** Infant Jesus  
**Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Anthony**  
**7:00 am** William Boetel  
**9:00 am** John Dougherty  
**Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**  
**7:00 am** Hao La (D) & Rosee Law (L)  
**9:00 am** Caleb Grayson Chua (L)  
**Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> - Weekday**  
**7:00 am** William Boetel  
**9:00 am** Rebecca Navarro  
**Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> - St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor  
of the Church, B.V.M.**  
**9:00 am** Josephine Francisco (L)  
 Mary & Francis Wieczkowski  
 Magdalena & John DeVilla,  
 Mateo, Felipe & Lorenza Tayamen  
 Dolores Justiano Gloria

**COLLECTION(S) JANUARY / FEBRUARY**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** -Fuel Offering  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>** -Churches in Need  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>** -Faith Formation  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>** -Ash Wednesday  
**February 18<sup>th</sup>** -Black & Indian Mission  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>** -Fuel Offering

**PREVIOUS WEEK'S CHURCH OFFERING**

\$7,283.00 - Simbang Gabi

**December 24, 2017**

\$4,845.00 - Collection

**December 25, 2017**

\$4,768.00 - 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

\$2,856.00 - Catholic Charities

**December 31, 2017**

\$8,147.00 - Collection

**January 1, 2018**

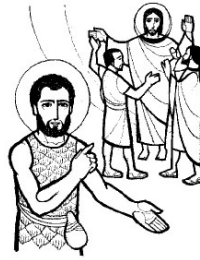
\$3,892.00 - The Solemnity of Mary

**January 7, 2018**

\$5,011.50 - 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

\$1,347.50 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Mission

**Thank you for your continued support of this Parish.**



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 14, 2018**

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Psalm 40

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42

Two of the readings today involve a call from the Lord. Samuel awakens to a summons from God, though it takes a few attempts and some advice from Eli in order to respond appropriately. The first disciples follow Jesus after John the Baptist points him out, "Behold the lamb of God." These are the same words we hear before Communion. **The Lord continually calls to us. How do we respond?**

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**FEAST OF THE SANTO NIÑO**

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

Rosary & Novena: 5:00 p.m.

Mass: 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 21, 2018**

Procession: 3:00 p.m.

Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Fellowship in the Lower Church after the Mass  
 Main Celebrant: Rev. Jovito B. Carongay Jr.



**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

**Monday, January 15, 2018**

is a Civil Holiday

There will be one Mass celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

(No 7:00 a.m. Mass)

The Rectory Office will be closed.



**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**



Please pray for the following parishioners who recently passed away.

Keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Gerry Salvador**

**Leona Barefoot**

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:**



Florence Madlambayan, James & Maryann League, Philomena O'Connor, Ann Pryor, James Leung, Mauro & Ernesto Tan, Jose Panlilio Sr., George, Sandra P. Carvajal, Julissa Martinez, Joenel Codotco, Consuelo, Gaspar Balsamo, Rosette Au-Yeung, Joel Rivera, Susana Tasayco.

Please call the rectory, 718-335-2626, (or e-mail ascensionrc@aol.com) to notify us of any names that should remain or be added. The name(s) will remain on the Sick List for (4) weeks unless otherwise informed.

**MEMORIALS**  
January 14<sup>th</sup> – January 20<sup>th</sup>



**Altar Bread and Wine**  
will burn for:  
**GLORIA TANOY (L)**  
Requested by: *Nelia Tanoy*



**Sanctuary Lamp**  
will burn in Loving Memory for:  
**GERRY SALVADOR (D)**



**Altar Candles**  
will burn in Loving Memory for:  
**LEONA BAREFOOT (D)**

Memorials are available,  
kindly contact Rectory Office.

**ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS**  
in the Lower Church Hall

- |                           |        |          |           |      |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|------|
| • Couples for Christ      | Sun.   | 01/14/14 | 2:00 p.m. | L.C. |
| • Zumba                   | Mon.   | 01/15/18 | 7:00 p.m. | L.C. |
| • Spanish Prayer Group    | Tues.  | 01/16/18 | 5:00 p.m. | L.C. |
| • Zumba                   | Wed.   | 01/17/18 | 7:00 p.m. | L.C. |
| • Spanish Choir Practice  | Wed.   | 01/17/18 | 8:00 p.m. | L.C. |
| • Diocesan Choir Practice | Thurs. | 01/18/18 | 8:00 p.m. | L.C. |
| • Zumba                   | Fri.   | 01/19/18 | 6:30 p.m. | L.C. |
| • Encountered Couples     | Fri.   | 01/19/18 | 7:30 p.m. | L.C. |
| • Couples for Christ      | Sun.   | 01/21/18 | 2:00 p.m. | L.C. |



**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP**

Meet: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Church.  
All are invited.

**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL**

Reunión: martes a las 7:00 p.m. en el sótano de la Iglesia.  
Todos estan invitados.

**LECTIO DIVINA**



To enhance the knowledge, understanding, and practice of Lectio Divina. Praying of the day's Gospel and Centering Prayer will be the structure of each session.

Meeting Dates 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month:  
**Rectory Basement from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**



**READINGS FOR**  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 21, 2018

- Jonah** 3:1-5, 10 The Ninevites turned from their evil way.
- Psalm 25** "Teach me your ways, O Lord."
- 1 Corinthians** 7:29-31 The world in its present form is passing away.
- Mark** 1:14-20 Repent and believe in the Gospel.



**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Every Wednesday there will be a Novena for Our Lady of Perpetual Help after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Every First Wednesday of the month there will be a 7:00 p.m. Mass in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

**FIRST FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2**

Vocations Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:00 a.m. Mass.



**DEVOTIONS TO:**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
**THE BLACK NAZARENE**



First Friday, February 2, 2018,  
Recitation of the Holy Rosary at  
6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Celebration at  
7:00 p.m.



**2000 HAIL MARY'S**



Lower Church Hall February 3, 2018. Every First Saturday of the Month at 8:00 a.m. followed by 9:00 a.m. Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 2000 Hail Mary's will resume until 4:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY MARY MEDIATRIX**  
**OF ALL GRACE**

Second Saturday of the month, February 10, 2018.  
Recitation of the Holy Rosary immediately after the  
9:00 a.m. Mass.



**STO. NIÑO NOVENA AND MASS** On



the Feast Day of Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 there will be a Procession at 3:00 p.m. followed by the Novena and Mass at 4:00 p.m.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.  
The group gathers in the front pews on the Tabernacle side.

**ASCENSION PARISH ROSARY SOCIETY**



Next Meeting: February 4, 2018  
The Rosary Society gathers at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the First Sunday of the month. Meeting and fellowship in the lower Church immediately following the Mass. All ladies and men are welcome.





## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes are held on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the Parish Center followed by the 10:30 Mass. The classes run from September through May.

A new registration form **MUST** be completed for all present students as well as new students to attend our program. Parents must bring the following documents when registering.

- Baptism Certificate
- Birth Certificate if Child not baptized
- If child attended Religious Education classes at another parish a transfer letter is required

For more information about registration and information on volunteering for faith formation, please contact Mrs. Maria Gallo, DRE at 718-335-2626 ext. 13 or email at [ascensionfaithformation1@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionfaithformation1@gmail.com)

Financial assistance for Faith Formation is available. Kindly contact Mrs. Maria Gallo, DRE.

## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Inscripciones para el Programa de Educación Religiosa para el año escolar 2017-2018 serán aceptadas en la Oficina Parroquial. La fe de bautizo se requiere como prueba de bautizo para los estudiantes de primera vez.

Para más información en Español llame a la Oficina Parroquial durante el horario de día 718-335-2626. Para ayuda financiera con las inscripciones, contacten a la Sra. María Gallo, Directora.

## HORARIO DE ATENCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

**Día:** lunes a viernes 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Noche:** lunes, martes y viernes

## FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

- Jan. 21 -** Class 8:30 a.m. –10:15 a.m.  
followed by Mass 10:30a.m.-11:30 a.m
- Jan. 28 -** Class 8:30 a.m. –10:15 a.m.  
followed by Mass 10:30a.m.-11:30 a.m
- Feb. 4 -** Class 8:30 a.m. –10:15 a.m.  
followed by Mass 10:30a.m.-11:30 a.m

*I have called you by name, you are mine”*

*Isaiah 43:1*

**Is God calling you? Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Are you interested in becoming part of our Catholic family?**



The **RCIA** Process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process by which those interested in becoming a Roman Catholic Christian learn about our faith. Through interviews, classes and discussions, adults are prepared to accept the challenge of our baptism and encouraged to live the message and teachings of Jesus Christ. The **RCIA** process is also for those Catholics who have not been educated in our faith and have not received the *Sacraments* of Confirmation and Communion.

**If you, or some one you know is interested in determining if God is calling you to be part of our faith community, please contact the Rectory office at 718-335-2626 to set up an appointment with one of our Priests.**

**Our faith community of Ascension Parish welcomes you. If you are interested in knowing more about us, please complete the section below. Detach and place in collection basket or return to the Rectory by mail or in person. Thank you. PLEASE PRINT.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to register as a parishioner.

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I would like information on:

Sacraments for Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments for Children \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Ministries \_\_\_\_\_

To stay informed of Parish Activities, please consult the Sunday Bulletin.

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### **2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)**

*Live in Faith. . . . Give in Love. . .*

Ascension Parish's Goal: \$35,711.00

Parish Summary Report: December 19, 2017

Donors: 242

Pledge Amount: \$45,914.00

Received Amount: \$39,930.67



Pledge forms are available in the Church or at the Rectory, in both English and Spanish.

**Remember no gift is too small! Thank you.**

### **WESTERN QUEENS HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM**

Our home delivered meals program is much more than just a hot meal, it is a daily visit (Mon.-Sat.) from a dependable and caring employee.

For information on meals and eligibility, please contact:

Josefa Castro, Catholic Charities Project Director,

Queens North

23-40 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11102

Tel: 718-726-9790 Ext. 8059

jcastro@ccbq.org www.ccbq.org

### **2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

To request a Contribution Statement for the year 2017, call the Rectory during office hours 718-335-2626, leave your name and envelope number. The statement will be mailed to you once it is prepared. Thank you.

