

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

The Parish of Resurrection-Ascension

Stewardship



Our Way of Life

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Resurrection-Ascension Church is a diverse community that gathers together to celebrate the Eucharist. We recognize that the Lord is the source of all that we have and all that we do. We hope that through our sharing of the Eucharist, the Sacraments, and our belonging to the parish – we may obtain a deeper relationship with the Lord.

As a people of faith, we are striving to grow in our ability to live out our understanding of “Stewardship” through the sharing of our Time, Talent and Treasure. We trust that, through God’s grace we may reach out to others, welcoming them, while respecting and supporting one another.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Salvatore J. Amato, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Thelen, Part-Time Associate Pastor
Mr. Emanuel Bologna, Director of Music
Mrs. Joann Heppt, Academy Principal
Ms. Joyce Mennona, Dir. of Religious Education & Parish Outreach
Rev. Basilio Monteiro, Weekend Presider
Robert Mema, “Transistional” Deacon

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Rectory Hours

Monday through Friday: 9am - 12noon, and 1pm - 5pm
(closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm)
Saturday: 9am – 1pm, CLOSED SUNDAY

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 9:00am
Saturday 9:00am

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 11:00am to 11:30am

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RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent (A). The Readings are found at #1007 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 12th

9:00am Mary Frances Downing, req by Hanora Malley and family

Tuesday, December 13th

9:00am Donna Gerard, req by Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy

Wednesday, December 14th

9:00am blessings for Mariel Grace P. Santiago on her birthday, requested by Josephine Santiago

Thursday, December 15th

9:00am Carmela Barone (anniv), req by the Barone family

Friday, December 16th

9:00am the McCarthy family, req by Angela McCarthy and family

Saturday, December 17th

9:00am-James Grace, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty
-William McElligott, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty
-Martin and Ann Geraghty, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-Patrick and Kathleen Hannon, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-the McMahan family, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-Michael Manning, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-Edward Zwickert, req by Iris Zwickert

-Ann and Jim Brennan, req by Carol Scacalossi

-for the intentions of Andrzej Jablonka, req by his wife

-for the intentions of Marta Glogowski (bday), req by her mom

5:00pm Anthony Pappalardo and Carmen Cordani, req by the Pappalardo family

Sunday, December 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent (10: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24)

8:00am For the People of the Parish

9:30am Marilyn Haughney, req by her husband, John

11:00am Constantine Jordan, req by his family

12:30pm Julio Rodriguez (bday), req by the Lopez family

MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

The Marian Rosary Group will have their final meeting of this year on Thursday, December 15th. *A morning snack will be served following the 9am Mass, and the meeting will commence at around 10:15am.* We invite all parishioners to join us at this blessed time of year as we honor Mary, and her Son, born anew this joyful Christmas season. *(Please take special note of the date and time).*

HOLD THE DATES!

Prepare for Christmas with Scripture! December 13, 20. Tuesdays 10-11am in Fr. Feely Hall. Reading, discussion, and prayer about the Scriptures of the Mass for the following Sunday. All are welcome. Come when you can. Bring a friend. John Cleary (718) 662-6069

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Stephanie Bojarski, Richard DeNardo, Louis F., Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Agnes Finegan, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Eileen Grubb, George Harms, Pat Holahan, James Leung, Carmen Mayor, Kathy O'Connell, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Grace Radonicic, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Alicia Witherby

Deceased: Maureen Borzell

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this week **in loving memory of Nancy Kerrane**, as requested by her husband and family..

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week **in loving memory of John H. Muller**, as requested by Donna and Renee Pappalardo.

2017 MEMORIALS

The 2017 Memorials are now available. You may stop in the Rectory during regular business hours to reserve the Memorials for Wine & Hosts, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Candles, etc. Please note that **No** phone requests will be taken. The donation remains \$25.

SPECIAL LITURGY and SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be a Special "Family" Liturgy next weekend at the 9:30am Mass. Sunday School will also meet next Sunday, December 18th.

RA CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE BACK!

A new design this year 😊

This year, we are again offering Christmas cards, featuring Resurrection-Ascension Church decorated for Christmas, with the crèche, on the cover. These cards are being sold at the rectory, 12 cards for \$10.

Share the beauty of our parish with your loved ones this Christmas season!

Put HIM on your list!!!

Help spread the Christmas message of the Diocese of Brooklyn! Please pick up a "Christmas To-Do List" button after Mass. On Wednesday, December 14th, wear your pin and post pictures to social media with the hashtag #PutHimOnYourList

PARISH FALL 50/50 UPDATE.... Tickets are on sale at the Rectory, and are included in this weekend's bulletin. The total as of press date is \$553 to the winner. Everyone can use some extra \$\$\$ before Christmas! You can drop your tickets off at the rectory, or in next weekend's collection basket. Drawing to be held on Monday, Dec. 19th. You've got to be in it to win it!! 😊

BE AN ANGEL

We kindly ask that you bring your gift cards to FFH, or the Rectory, by tomorrow December 12th. Thank you for your continuous generosity!

DECEMBER 11, 2016



Last week on December 4/5, many of you were generous in the giving of your Christmas Gift to our church. Please know that your gift is very much appreciated and will be helpful in the meeting of expenses for parish programs, repairs, and whatever may be deemed necessary for the balance of this year and the forthcoming year. In the event you were unable to give your gift to the Church last Sunday, please feel free to do so on this date or, in the near future.

It's official!! The signs and reminders are all around us. The Christmas countdown began—prior to—and shortly after—our national observance of Thanksgiving. The newspapers, radio, and television hammer away at “how many days remain until Christmas”. All around us there are signs that Christmas is coming. For example:

- * Stores are filled with Christmas decorations
- * Christmas music has been playing on the radio and television (and, unfortunately, will no longer be heard on Dec. 26th and thereafter, until.....)
- * Christmas cards have begun to arrive in our mailboxes.
- * Christmas parties—have been—or will—take place at work, at school, and within our Church groups.

Obviously, there are plenty of signs that Christmas is coming. However, over 2000 years ago, when Jesus was born, there were no big signs to announce this very significant event about to happen. In other words, there were no ads that could be announced on the radio or TV stating: “Coming soon! A Savior will be born in a stable near you!” Consequently, when Jesus was born, many people were surprised! But, as the word of His birth spread, some people began to remember that the prophets had also told them “God was going to send a Savior”. Then, they came to know that this baby, born in a stable, was God keeping His promise.

Just as Christmas is a wonderful, and joyous, time to celebrate the birth of Jesus it is, also, a time to remember how Jesus promised that He would come again. It is noteworthy that we do not read much about that in the newspapers and we do not hear much talk about it on the radio or television. However, during these past few weeks, the Scripture readings continued to remind us that Jesus announced the need to “be prepared and to watch for His return.” Therefore, as we look forward to Christmas day, we join the Church in anticipation of the day when Jesus will (also) come again.

Since this weekend is often referred to as “Gaudete Sunday”, (the Latin word for “Rejoice”), it also signifies that we are beyond the mid-point of Advent as we approach the feast of Christmas. Notably, the third candle on the Advent wreath is rose, or pink in color, and stands, in contrast, to the three remaining purple candles. May the lighting of this third candle serve as a reminder that just as the people of Israel found hope in the promises of God, we, too, can find hope and joy in the promise of Jesus that He will come again as we pray the following at each Mass: “we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ”.

The Parish calendars for 2017 will be available for distribution beginning next weekend. Once again, **our gratitude to both Kearns and Hillebrand Funeral Homes for sponsoring the calendars year after year.** The new calendars will be available at the doors of the church or in the rectory.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

LATEST GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE

Parish Target: \$650,000

Total Pledged: \$1,126,417

Pledged Percent of Goal: 173%

Number of Pledges: 230

Amount Received: \$240,050

\$240,050 - \$63,130 (ACA goal) \$176,920 $\$176,920 / 2 = \$88,460$ we will receive for designated Capital Improvements.

Pledge payments should be mailed directly to:

Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens, Generations of Faith Campaign Office, P.O. Box 7356, Berlin, CT 06037

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give as generously as you can. If you are not prepared today to donate, we will gladly accept your donation at the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved honors in the first trimester:

Grade 8: *Victoria Avaricio, Nicole Contreras, Kori Dezena-Andrade, Gabriella Fusco, Robert Lilly, Mackenzie Muench, Gabriella Neves, Noppone Pornpitaksuk, Stephanie Quercia, Krishna Rakotonirina, Tsiry Ramasaharidafy, Lauren Solla, Carina Stepan*

Grade 7: *Isabel Caamano, Raffi Chirinian, Leyla Collado, Samantha Del Rosario, Samantha Fernandes, Aidan Sweeney*

Grade 6: *Matthew Alvarez, Karalyn Chiu, Natalie Kizior, Mauricio Lasprilla, Elizabeth Quercia*

Grade 5: *Leslie Chiu, Sydney Ewald, Seraphina Ng, Janelle-Stephanie Pascual, Erika Yick, Erica Yu*

Congratulations to the following students who achieve honors in their respective high schools:

Msgr. McClancy Memorial HS:

First Honors: *Nicholas Nanan and Nadine Walker*

Second Honors: *Derek Portalatin*

St. Francis Preparatory School:

Honor: *Sarika Arora, Luke Ortiz, Jeremy Rakotonirina, Eryka Roseburg, Alyssa Santos, Brian Yabut*

Christ the King High School:

Honors: *Elvin DeLaCruz, Jr., Maryclaire Fernandes, Ashley Landin, Hailey Landin, Meilani Rivera, Bianca Vertus*

CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS and FLOWER ENVELOPES

These items are available at the entrances to the church for your use. The Christmas Spiritual Bouquet intentions will be remembered at all the Christmas Masses.

A Glimpse at your contributions ... December 3/4:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 372	\$2,590	\$2,962
Sunday 7:30am (English)	\$ 169	\$1,021	\$1,190
9:30am (English)	\$ 713	\$1,021	\$1,734
11:00am (English)	\$ 313	\$1,106	\$1,419
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 632	\$ 182	\$ 814
	\$2,199	\$5,920	\$8,119

Your Christmas Gift to the Parish: \$7,110

Weekly goal needed to meet parish expenses: \$9,651

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Susan Schneeberg, RP
 2nd Prize \$50 Olivia Mauro Down, Nanuet
 3rd Prize \$25 Elna Kraupner, Bayville

Congratulations to all of our winners!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 12th- Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Food Pantry 10-12noon
- Golden Age 12noon FFH
- Yoga 6pm FFH, Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC & FFH

Tuesday, December 13th- St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- Scripture, Discussion & Prayer 10-11am FFH Main
- Children's Choir 3pm School
- Track 4-5pm, Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel
- English Classes 5-8pm PCC

Wednesday, December 14th- St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- Mommy and Me 9-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10am-12noon
- English Choir 7:30pm Church
- School Board Meeting 7pm CMR
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, December 15th

- Marian Rosary 9:45am FFH Garden
- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm church
- Recovery International 2:30-4:30pm PCC
- English Classes 5-8pm PCC
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

Friday, December 16th

- CODA 10am PCC
- Gym Closed
- Diocesan Choir Concert 7:30pm Church
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden
- Twirling 4-6:45pm FFH, No Basketball Practice

Saturday, December 17th

- OCA 10am PCC
- Breakfast with Santa 10-12noon Gym
- Twirling 10-12noon FFH Main
- No Basketball
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm PCC
- Spanish Service Group 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, December 18th- Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Special "Family" Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45am-12noon School
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Spanish Children's Christmas Party 2-5pm Gym
- No Basketball
- Alanon 12noon PCC



REFLECTION ON A CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE

As we approach the Feast of Christmas (& throughout this season,) we will look on our images of sheep and cattle, shepherds, Mary, Joseph and Jesus so that whenever we gaze on our manger scene, such figures may tell the story of how humans, angels & animals found the Christ in this poor place. Let us pray that our house may be filled with hospitality, joy, gentleness & thanksgiving & our steps may always be guided in the way of peace. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Special Instructions:

We have been instructed by Eileen Walsh and Rhonda Cavalier to include this instruction sheet with our bulletin transmission from now on.

There is an insert included in this bulletin. Thank you!