

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

## 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

#### Church

85-25 61<sup>st</sup> Road, Rego Park, New York 11374

#### Rectory

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#### Rectory Staff

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(*Tuition Officer/Rectory Receptionist*)

#### 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

#### Academy

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## RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is The Third Sunday of Easter (B) . The Readings are found at #1083 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am William and Angela Donlon, req by their daughter, Jane

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Elizabeth Wirsum, req by Clare Johnson

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Dorothea Shaw, req by Joan Franco

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Patrick McDaniel (7<sup>th</sup> ann), req by his sister, Mary Harrington, and family

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Joseph Chen and Lucia Goo, req by Kwan Min Chen

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am For the People of the Parish  
-Mercedes Martinez, req by her family  
-Fred Olbrei, req by the Divine Mercy Prayer Group  
-Rita Silecchia, req by her daughter, Madeline  
-Ricardo Rubinso (ann), req by his family  
-Florence O'Connor, req by Carmen Chang  
-Charlie Canfarotta (ann), req by his wife, Nancy, and family

5:00pm Mary Eso, req by Carmine and Donna

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

(50: Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 29  
1Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18)

8:00am Patrick & Joseph O'Dea, req by their parents

9:30am Josephine Capece, req by Barbara Albrecht

11:00am Mercedes Coral, req by Nita & Angel Almazan

12:30pm for the health and intentions of Ester Sanchez and family, req by a friend

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT COLLECTION

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the R.A. Society of St. Vincent.

Your contributions help us reach out to our parish family and neighbors experiencing difficult times.

An envelope is included in your regular tithing packet.

Thank you for your generosity.

### MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

Don't linger in April showers! Come in to the Garden Room of Fr. Feely hall and honor our Blessed Mother by reciting her rosary with the Marian Group. Our gathering will be on Thursday morning, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45am. We welcome everyone, and refreshments will be served.

### SAVE THE DATE

John Renda, from Edward Jones, will give a free presentation on financial planning, particularly for college, on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in Fr. Feely Hall. Refreshments will be served.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** Vahide Atlas, Josephine Bravchok, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Martha Chaves, Richard DeNardo, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Agnes Finegan, , Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Eileen Grubb, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, Patrick McCabe, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pralley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Joel Rivera, Julio Rosado, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

**Deceased:** Angelita Santiago, Florence O'Connor

### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Wine and Hosts will be used this week in loving memory of Rita Silecchia, as requested by her daughter, Madeline.

The Altar Candles will be lit this week in loving memory of Joseph and Ann Greco, as requested by Annmary and Larry Passantino.

The Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother will be lit this week in loving memory of Patrick McDaniel (anniversary), as requested by his sister, Mary Harrington, and family.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday School will meet next Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There will also be a Special Family Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass.

### 2018 MASS BOOK

The remainder of the 2018 Mass Book (October-December) will be opened for your Mass intention requests beginning Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. We again ask that you limit your request to FIVE dates per person. No phone requests will be taken. You may mail in your requests to the rectory, along with a self addressed, stamped envelope, and a check for your requested Masses. Please be sure to include your telephone number so that we may contact you.



Bring your petitions to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Join in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Saturdays, 4:15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10am-noon. Our Food Pantry is currently in need of the following items: tuna, pasta, rice, cereal, canned vegetables, soups, and coffee. Donations can be dropped off at the rectory, or to the Food Pantry during the hours of operation (listed above). Thank you and God bless you!

APRIL 15, 2018



### CALLED TO BE WITNESS

The word "witness" can often evoke varied, and sometimes, frightening, meanings. For example, "witnesses" to an accident often are required to have seen, and then describe, some unpleasant, or even, tragic happenings. At the same time, when called to serve as a "witness" in a court case, individuals may express this experience as somewhat intimidating—especially when lawyers pose challenging questions and expect the full truth to be told. Not surprisingly, even individuals who have given "witness talks" at Church, or parish settings, may attest to some *trepidation* when speaking *publicly* about one's *faith and commitment to Christ*.

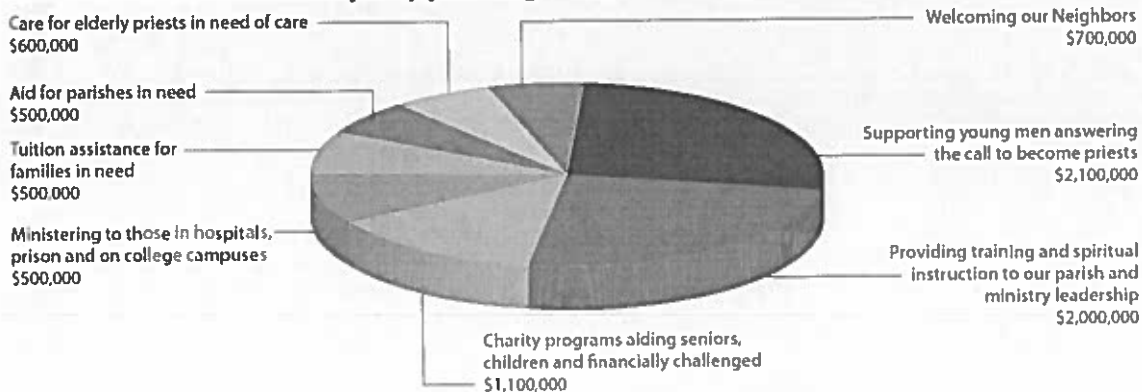
In today's Gospel, Jesus calls those gathered around Him "witnesses." One can only imagine that special kind of "witness"—i.e., to be included among the *first people* to experience Jesus after His Resurrection. Notably, the Gospel describes those gathered as "startled, terrified, and doubting". Later, the experience is related as "incredulous with joy." In this instance, Jesus first showed His wounds, then ate in their presence, and explained the Scriptures to them. Initially, this experience could have been "slightly frightening" at first, but, at the same time, just imagine the exultation felt as they "*witnessed*" Jesus as both real, and alive, among them. Undoubtedly, this was a considerably significant difference than one having to testify as a court witness.

Although we did not have the opportunity to be among those privileged few, nevertheless, we still are "witnesses" to the Real Presence of Jesus alive among us, *through the Eucharist*, which we celebrate together. At the same time, we can recognize Him when others reach out to "*touch our wounds*" or, when "forgiveness occurs between relatives, or friends"—especially for those who may have suffered a rift. Similarly, our faith reminds us that Christ is present when we feed hungry people and give, generously, to those in much greater need than ourselves. Apparently, since Jesus did not cease being both real and alive back in the times of the Gospel, He is also present in the NOW—most especially when we **OPEN OUR EYES** to recognize Him. And so we pray:

***Risen Lord, Your Resurrection revealed to the world the hope and the promise of new life. Help us, in our daily efforts, to be a faithful, hopeful, loving presence to all.***

In Christ,  
Fr. Amato

***The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal helps support the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:***



**Please consider making your tax-deductible donation by**

**COMPLETING A DONATION ENVELOPE at Mass next weekend, April 21/22.**

***(see the enclosed flyer for more pledge information)***

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### RESURRECTION-ASCENSION

#### ☺CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

#### Registration for 2018-2019 School Year

Registration has already begun for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child at our school, please call 718-426-4963 for an appointment. You may also visit our website at [www.racatholicacademy.org](http://www.racatholicacademy.org).

To register your child, you will need the following:

- Birth certificate
- Baptismal certificate
- Immunization records
- Social Security Card
- Copy of report card (Grades 1-8)
- Standardized test results (Grades 3-8)
- \$150 registration fee (non-refundable)

#### Art Show

Please join us at Father Feely Hall following the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses for our annual Art Show. There will be refreshments and raffles served. Come see our budding Picassos!

#### Thank You!!!

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated yarn, hooks, and books to our crocheting/knitting club. They are being put to good use.

#### 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUPERMARKET BLITZ

Friday, April 20, 2018 at 7pm in School Gym

Enjoy an evening of raffles, prizes, silent auction prizes, including an *IPad Pro*, *Michael Kors bag*, *Dooney & Bourke bag*, *Kindle*, *Echo Spot*, *Flat Screen TV*, *Broadway Tickets*, & much more!!!

All proceeds benefit our parish school.

Tickets are \$15 per person, sold on a first come, first served basis. Tickets include:

2 Blitz boards, door prize raffle ticket entry, coffee, tea, and dessert. Seating is limited and assigned. Doors open at 7:00pm. 18 and over only. Come join the fun! BYOB & BYOF. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

For tickets, contact RA Rectory at (718) 424-5212 or email [has@raschool.org](mailto:has@raschool.org).

#### A Glimpse at your contributions... April 7/8:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 221	\$1,785	\$2,006
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 454	\$1,229	\$1,683
9:30am (English)	\$ 538	\$ 752	\$1,290
11:00am (English)	\$ 613	\$ 856	\$1,469
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 623	\$ 102	\$ 725
	\$2,449	\$4,724	\$7,173

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$591

**Total weekly collection: \$7,764**

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

**Deficit this week= \$1,887**

### BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Mr. Peter Dolan, MV  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Christine Lodato, Merrick  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Mrs. Vincent Sammon, MV

**Congratulations to our winners!**

New subscribers are always welcome and,  
**"YOU NEED TO BE IN IT – TO WIN IT!"** For further info, kindly call the rectory 718-424-5212, ext. 16.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

- Golden Age 12noon FFH
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

##### Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel

##### Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- English Choir 7:30pm Church
- NA 7:30pm PCC

##### Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Gym Closed

##### Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

- CODA 10am PCC
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden
- Supermarket Blitz 7pm Gym
- Twirling 4-7pm FH Main
- Girl Scouts 7-9pm FFH Main

##### Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>- St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- OCA 10am PCC
- Twirling 10-12noon FFH Main
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm PCC
- Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

##### Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>- Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Alanon 12noon PCC
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden

#### OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS SCHOOL, FOREST HILLS ANNIVERSARY

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic School Academy will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this Fall. Are you an alumnus/a of OLQM? Come celebrate with us. Please fill out the alumni form at the school academy link at: [www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org).

We look forward to seeing you!

#### ENROLL IN ONLINE GIVING! We offer the option to use

Online Giving for contributions to our parish! It is secure, convenient, and simple! You can keep track of your donations, adjust them, and print out your donation information for your financial records. You can stop, or start, at any time, enroll in automatic contributions, or simply make a one-time donation. Just visit our parish website [www.rachurch.net](http://www.rachurch.net), and click on Online Giving.



# Annual Catholic Appeal 2018

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

<b>Goal:</b>	\$63,130
<b>Raised:</b>	\$20,465

*We would like to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish.*

*We are asking each family to consider making a tax deductible gift if you have not already done so. It is our hope for this appeal to receive a prayerful gift no matter the amount from every family so that we can reach our goal!*

Amount per Week (approximately 37 weeks)	Total Pledge Amount for 2018	Daily Sacrifice
\$40.50	\$1,500	\$5.79
\$32.50	\$1,200	\$4.63
\$27	\$1,000	\$3.86
\$13.50	\$500	\$1.93
\$6.75	\$250	\$0.97
\$2.75	\$100	\$0.39

***On April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
we will ask everyone to consider making a tax deductible  
gift to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal at all Masses.***