

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 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

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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 Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) . The Readings are found at #1086 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, April 23rd

9:00am Lydon, Finegan, Feeney, Lawless families,
req by Theresa Lydon, Agnes Finegan, and
their families

Tuesday, April 24th

9:00am John J. Creighton, req by Joan Franco

Wednesday, April 25th

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

Thursday, April 26th

9:00am Josephine M. Thompson, req by Anna
Italiano Halde

Friday, April 27th

9:00am Tommy Donovan (ann), req by his mom

Saturday, April 28th

9:00am For the People of the Parish
-Edward Zwickert, req by Iris Zwickert
-Vito Rutigliano (ann), req by his sister, Nancy
Cafarotta, and family
-Florence O'Connor, req by Joan Franco
-Maura Hickey, req by Mike and Mary Clarke, and
family

5:00pm William and Angela Donlon, req by their
daughter Jane

Sunday, April 29th - Fifth Sunday of Easter

(53: Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-21
1Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8)

8:00am Patricia Shannon, req by Patrick and Anne
O'Dea

9:30am Josephine Capece, req by Janice Rahner,
and family

11:00am Florence O'Connor, req by Rita and Ed
Geraghty

12:30pm Florence O'Connor, req by Carmen Chang,
and family

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the **Catholic Home Mission Appeal**. Your generosity will provide catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses across the United States. 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 26th, at 9:45am. We welcome everyone, and 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: Frances Ann Cuffe

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Wine and Hosts will be used this week in loving memory of **Laura DeSimone (4th anniversary)**, as requested by her daughter, Sandra.

The Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick will be lit this week in loving memory of **Marie Donoghue**, as requested by Judy, Bob, Heather, and Sean Belon.

The Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother will be placed this week in loving memory of **Laura DeSimone (4th anniversary)**, as requested by Nicole, Michael, and Charlee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday School will meet next Sunday, April 29th.

There will also be a Children's 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 24th. 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!



Each year, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is always referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday" in which the Gospel focuses on Jesus, as the Good Shepherd. The Scripture readings for this Sunday illustrate how Jesus identified Himself as the Good Shepherd "who knows His sheep, and they know me....." Within this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is upheld as a *model leader while contrasting* Himself with a *hired man*, [who works *only for pay*]and does not concern himself with the flock. Furthermore, in the Gospel, we hear, (repeatedly), that Jesus is willing to "lay down His life for His sheep." In other words, there exists a genuine investment, a deep connection, as well as an intimate relationship between Jesus, as Leader, and His beloved sheep.

In addition to the above, the Scripture readings for this Sunday illustrate the striking, as well as profound, intimacy between Jesus, and His people. This relationship challenges us to ask ourselves: "How does the deep love of Jesus for us affect our lives?" While it is obviously difficult to do good work for a leader who may *not* be invested in us; fortunately, we are led by an *incredibly loving Lord*. With this in mind, we might pause to reflect while asking ourselves these questions: "*Do we live our lives aware of this love?*" And, "*Are we willing to be transformed every day into more loving people because of how much God loves us?*" Apparently, this is not an easy call. But, as stated earlier in the Gospel, we do have an incredible model to follow—
"A TRULY GOOD SHEPHERD, WHO KNOWS HIS SHEEP, THEY KNOW HIM, AND HEAR HIS VOICE....."

As we grow older, and proceed to mature, we may be inclined to bring together what we realize has always been around us. For example, we may want to be self-confident like our fathers, self-giving like our mothers, generous like one mentor, and discerning like another. In other words, we collect virtues from teachers, and friends, stitching them all together into a coat of many colors that can become our personal definition of what a successful human truly is.

With the above in mind, think about some examples that inspired you, and were knitted into the fabric of your ambitions? Which aspects of your spirit do you most long to pass on to the people you love—especially those younger than you? Upon further reflection, may we realize that LEADERSHIP is not just about "holding office" or "taking on a title" or, even being "placed in charge." True LEADERSHIP is, primarily, about "blazing a trail that others will be grateful to follow."

Take a few moments to: draw, or list, your own "*spiritual family tree.*" Upon doing so, consider including everyone who gave you the "seeds of inspiration" from their example, and then probe even further to *IDENTIFY WHAT EACH SEED/S contributes to the person you are today.*

In Christ,
 Fr. Amato

**THIS WEEKEND IS THE 2018 ANNUAL
 CATHOLIC APPEAL IN-PEW PLEDGE WEEKEND**

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

Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Muguvero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation. Please make a pledge today. Envelopes are available in church, or in the rectory office.

FOURTH 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.

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)

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

St. Agnes Academic High School

First Honors: *Yorciana Lasprilla*

The Mary Louis Academy

First Honors: *Erin Mohr, Elaina Wahmann*

St. Francis Preparatory School

Honor Roll: *Jeremy Rakotonirina, Eryka Roseburg, Bryan Yabut*

A Glimpse at your contributions... April 14/15:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 587	\$1,523	\$2,110
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 339	\$ 702	\$1,041
9:30am (English)	\$ 594	\$ 790	\$1,384
11:00am (English)	\$ 856	\$ 777	\$1,633
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 720	\$ 196	\$ 916
	\$3,096	\$3,988	\$7,084

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$776

Total weekly collection: \$7,860

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

Deficit this week= \$1,791

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Angela McCarthy, MV
 2nd Prize \$50 Martin Brennan, MV
 3rd Prize \$25 Josephine Hartnett, 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 23rd. St. George, Martyr;

St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

- Golden Age 12noon FFH
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Confirmation Practice 2 45pm Church
- Financial Advisement (Edward Jones) 7pm FFH Main
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, April 24th. St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- Confirmation Practice 4pm Church
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9 30m FFH Chapel

Wednesday, April 25th. St. Mark, Evangelist

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, April 26th

- Student of the Month Assembly 8:15am Gym
- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Marian Rosary 9:45am FFH Garden
- Confirmation Practice 7pm Church
- Vicariate Choir 8pm Church, English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Friday, April 27th

- CODA 10am PCC
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9 30pm FFH Garden
- Twirling 4-7pm Gym

Saturday, April 28th. St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

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

Sunday, April 29th. Fifth 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
- Confirmation 3pm Church



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 22, 2018

I am the good shepherd,
 and I know mine
 and mine know me,
 just as the Father knows me
 and I know the Father;
 and I will lay down
 my life for the sheep.

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OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS SCHOOL, FOREST HILLS ANNIVERSARY

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

We look forward to seeing you!

SAVE THE DATE

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



Confirmation

On Sunday, April 29th, at 3pm, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Raymond F. Chappetto to 40 young adults within our parish community. We welcome them with a sense of gratitude as they gift our parish with a reminder of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Let us remember, also, that with the Gift of Confirmation, God—through His Spirit—enlivens everything we do as a parish. Therefore, may our daily actions be performed with a “*spirit of cooperation*” as reflected in the use of our *Time, Talent, and Treasure*.

**Congratulations and God’s blessings to the following,
who will be Confirmed next Sunday:**

Matthew *Ignatius* Balsamo
Isabel *Pia* Caamaño
Marian *Claire* Caballo
Brian *Vincent Ferrer* Caballo
Samantha Candelo
Melanie *Katherine* Candelo
Flor Celestine
Samantha *Joan* Del Rosario
Alayza *Agatha* Diaz
Gavin *Anthony* Escalona
Samantha *Michaela* Fernandes
Alexandria *Clare* Franqui
Jorge Garcia
Gianna *Joan* Gil-Jimenez
Branden *Lazarus* Gotay
Erica Kim *Cecilia* Jarina
Gabriel Lopez
Jazmin Lozano
Alessia *Serafina* Mangano
Francesco *John* Mancini-Menditto

Tiffany *Anne* Marchese
Kasper *John Paul* Matloka
Keenu *Paul* Paulino
Nicholas Salvador *Vincent* Penn
Khoa *Michael* Pham
Steven *Pascal* Rios
Brianna *Joseph* Rivera
Roi *Luke* Rodriguez
Melissa *Elizabeth* Rojas
Manuel Roxas
Franklin Sinche
Kevin *Patrick* Sinche
Agnes Siregar
Damian *Alexander* Skrobecki
Aidan *Thomas* Sweeney
Angelina *Catherine* Tineo
Remi Ulrich
Angel *Francis* Vaca
Oscar *Anthony* Santos
Franz *Jude* Poppe

GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE

We need everyone’s help!

Pledged by RA Parishioners: \$1,118,517

Received to date from Generations of Faith quarterly disbursements: \$215,542

Amount spent from parish funds on the first two Generations of Faith projects: *Air Conditioning replacement (\$302,278), boiler replacement in convent (\$97,327)*: \$399,605

In order to completely satisfy the cost of these two projects, a balance of **\$184,063** from Generations of Faith will cover the difference. **This is dependent upon everyone’s faithfulness to their Generations of Faith pledges!**

Completion of our third Generations of Faith project (leveling of Woodhaven Blvd parking lot) cannot commence until the total costs of the first two projects have been met.

We thank you for your dedication, and generosity, to accomplish our goals!



Annual Catholic Appeal 2018

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Goal: \$63,130
Pledged: \$25,005

We would like to thank all those generous individuals who have/will pledge(d) to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal during our In-Pew weekend.

If you were not able to make a pledge, we are asking each family to consider making a tax deductible gift today.

We have not yet reached our assigned goal of \$63,130, and need your support!

Amount for 1Year	Amount per Month for 8 Months	Amount per week	Daily Sacrifice	Daily Sacrifice Item
\$1,000	\$125	\$28.58	\$4.08	1 Starbucks Venti Caffe Latte
\$500	\$62.50	\$14.29	\$2.04	1 Dunkin' Donuts Large Coffee
\$250	\$31.25	\$7.14	\$1.02	1 Donut from Dunkin' Donuts
\$200	\$25	\$5.71	\$0.82	Less than a newspaper
\$100	\$12.50	\$2.86	\$0.41	1 Apple

Just think: If 150 parishioners pledge \$500 each to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal, WE WOULD EXCEED OUR GOAL, AMOUNTING TO A POSSIBLE \$75,000!!!