

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

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, “Transitional” 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 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) (A). The Readings are found at # 1081 in the Parish Hymnal.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 24th

9:00am Rosalia Zolfo, req by the Tantillo family

Tuesday, April 25th

9:00am Patrick Finegan, Patrick Lydon, and Patrick Pryce, req by Agnes Finegan, and family

Wednesday, April 26th

9:00am Robert Doyle, req by Bob Blechner and Paula Kraus

Thursday, April 27th

9:00am Tommy Donovan (4th anniv), req by his mom

Friday, April 28th

9:00am Anthony Infranco, req by the Infranco family

Saturday, April 29th

9:00am – For the People of the Parish
-Edward Zwickert, req by Iris Zwickert
-Thomas J. Neville, req by John and Monica Murphy
-Jose Perdomo, req by the Perdomo family
-Sante Guatelli, req by Jane Donlon

5:00pm Tommy Donovan (anniv), req by his mom

Sunday, April 30th – Third Sunday of Easter

(46: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
1Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35)

8:00am Roger Carrano, req by Carol Mazza

9:30am Alfredo Basileo (anniv), req by his wife, Susan Basileo

11:00am Gloria Mempin, req by the Eng family

12:30pm Bonocio Reyes (1st anniv), req by his children and grandchildren

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next weekend we will be accepting your donations toward the diocesan **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**.

An envelope has been provided in your tithing packet.

Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD PANTRY

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 on Monday & Wednesday from 10am-noon. Thank you and God bless you!

THANK YOU....

...to Creative Florist for the gorgeous flowers and for all those who helped to decorate RA and make it look beautiful!

...to the Hosting and Hospitality Committee for organizing a wonderful post-Easter Vigil reception.

...to all who helped decorate the Church for Easter. You all did a wonderful job!

**May the risen Christ remain in your hearts
in the spirit of sharing your time and talent!**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Deceased : Emmanuel Chang, Carmen Major, Sante E. Guatelli, Hernan Gordillo, Eileen 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 Madeline Silecchia.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **thanksgiving for God's Divine Mercy**, as req by Jane Donlon.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Laura DeSimone (3rd anniversary)**, as req by Nicole, Michael, and Charlee.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week **for the living and deceased members of the Franco and Borzell families**, as requested by Joan Franco.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Annie and John McCarthy**, as requested by Eleanor Ducey, and family.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in **loving memory of Laura DeSimone (3rd anniversary)**, as requested by her daughter, Sandra.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday School & CLW will meet next Sunday, April 30th.

MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

Praying the Easter Season with Mary

All parishioners- please join the Marian Rosary Group as we rejoice with Mary in celebrating the Resurrection of her Son. We shall recite the rosary on **Thursday evening, April 27th at 7:30pm** in the Garden Room in Fr. Feely Hall. We will look forward to praying with you. Refreshments will be served.

Please take note of the 7:30pm time

YOU CAN STILL 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.

Registering is easy- just visit our parish website www.rachurch.net, and click on Online Giving.



Today, with the completion of the Easter Octave, I would like to express my thanks to all who contributed to the reverence and dignity of our Holy Week Services. All of the services [beginning with Palm Sunday, through the Triduum, to Easter Sunday] were, obviously, very well prepared and experienced as truly prayerful.

During the Vigil Mass at 8 P.M. on Saturday, April 15th, **Violet Renee Gera** received the Sacrament of Baptism and *three* young people received the “fullness of the faith” through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. The three who were welcomed into the “Fullness of the Faith” with the church were: **Leyla Collado, Ruby Gera, and Jake Gera**. What a privilege, and joy, to bring them to fuller participation, as we, also, express our gratitude for their decision, [resulting from the example of others,] and their willingness to, [essentially], “have what we have.” This experience also calls to mind those days in the early Church when adults came forward on the Easter Vigil to be baptized, after their preparation during the Lenten Season.

On behalf of all worshippers during the above Masses and Services, our sincere gratitude to those who played a special role for their *time, dedication, and effort*; namely, our “behind-the-scenes” Sacristans, the three choirs (Junior, Spanish, and Adult), Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Church decorators, the Hosting and Hospitality Committee, and any additional volunteers--such as those who participated in the feet washing on Holy Thursday.

Notably, each year, as a parish, we have received *thanks and compliments* for the prayerful manner in which our Liturgies are celebrated. Therefore, it is fitting to express our gratitude for what has, consistently, been a *Truly Team Effort!!!*

On Sunday, April 30th, at 3pm, the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered by Bishop Raymond F. Chappetto to 39 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:

Joseph Lucas Alfano	Ashley Catherine Guerra	Krishna Lazarus Rakotonirina
Justin Adrian Aragundi	Ian Martin Knox	Stefani Maria Rangel
Victoria Elizabeth Avaricio	Robert Thomas Lilly	Jessica Sevillano
Carlo Rocco Battaglia	Sergio Antoine Medina	Lauren Maria Solla
Jonathan Anthony Brugaletta	Mackenzie Rose Muench	Carina Dymphna Stepan
Adriana Antonia Calle	Gabriella Alice Neves	Mia Theresa Tandy
Matthew Louis Cardona-Sanchez	Sabrina Barbara Ortiz	Juan David Francis Uribe
Nicholas Paul Chamulak	Andrew Sebastian Palanca	Kimberly Genevieve Vega
Nylah Clare Chatel	Gabriel Paul Pereyra	Albert Sebastian Velazquez
Dylan Francis Corral	Noppone Paul Pornpitaksuk	Rosalie Sophia Vera
Andrea Sophia Cruz	Ashley Mikayal Puerto	Daniel Francis Vizhnay
Kori Stephen Dezena-Andrade	Roberth Paul Pumahuacre	Matthew Sebastian Wenz
Gabriella Valentine Fusco	Stephanie Cecilia Quercia	Daniel Vincent Yonamine

**In Christ,
Fr. Amato**

LATEST GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE

Parish Target: \$650,000 Total Pledged: \$1,124,317 Pledged Percent of Goal: 173%

Number of Pledges: 229 Amount Received: \$343,685

\$343,685 - \$63,130 (ACA goal)= \$280,555

Half of \$280,555 = \$140,277.50 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Welcome Wednesdays

We will be conducting Spring Open Houses during the month of May. We invite any families who would be interested in our school to visit, tour our building and get an information folder. Open Houses will take place from 9am-11am on Wednesdays in May: May 3, May 10, and May 17. If these dates and times are not convenient, please call the school office at 718-426-4963.

Registration for 2017-2018

If you are interested in registration for 2017-2018, please call the school office at 718-426-4963. You will need to bring 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 HS
Yorciana Lasprilla, Principal's List

St. John's Prep
Rayn Adams, Honor Roll

The Mary Louis Academy
Vienna Lam, First Honors

St. Francis Prep Honor Roll
Antonio Pagan
Jeremy Rakotonirina
Eryka Roseburg
Brian Yabut

A Glimpse at your contributions... April 8/9:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 414	\$1,897	\$2,311
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 519	\$1,171	\$1,690
9:30am (English)	\$ 867	\$ 795	\$1,662
11:00am (English)	\$ 826	\$ 861	\$1,687
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$1,216	\$ 190	\$1,406
	\$3,842	\$4,914	\$8,756

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$1,530

Parishioners enrolled in Online Giving: 39

Total weekly collection: \$10,286

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

Your Easter Gift to the Parish: \$6,598

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!!

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Quiano, Elmhurst
 2nd Prize \$50 Annette O'Connell, Nesconset
 3rd Prize \$25 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Passantino, MV

Congratulations to all 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 24th- St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Golden Age 12noon FFH
- Confirmation Practice (Candidates) 4:15pm Church
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, April 25th- St. Mark, Evangelist

- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- Confirmation Practice (Candidate & Sponsor) 7pm
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Wednesday, April 26th

- Mommy and Me 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, April 27th

- Marian Rosary 7:30-9pm FFH Garden
- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Friday, April 28th- St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

- Student of the Month Assembly 8:15am Gym
- CODA 10am PCC
- Supermarket Blitz 7pm Gym
- Twirling 4-6:45pm FFH
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

Saturday, April 29th- St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- OCA 10am PCC
- First Holy Communion Banner Making 11am FFH
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm
- Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, April 30th – Third Sunday of Easter

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45 School
- Confirmation 3pm Church
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Alanon 12noon PCC

2017 CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Goal: \$63,130 Registered members: 815
Number of Donors: 49 (an increase of 6)
Amount Pledged to Date: \$23,500 (an increase of \$1,670)
Amount Paid to Date: \$12,250 (an increase of \$968)
 *Pledge forms are available in Church, or at the Rectory, in both English and Spanish. ***An increased number of donors will help to reach our goal and beyond!!!**

