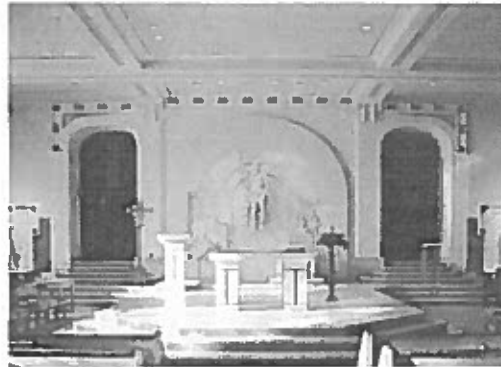


SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) . The Readings are found at #1089 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 30th

9:00am Giuseppa and John Dioguardi, req by the Tantillo family

Tuesday, May 1st

9:00am Peter Chen and Maria Lin, req by Jon Kwanmin Chen

Wednesday, May 2nd

9:00am special intentions of Athanatius Shen (bday)

Thursday, May 3rd

9:00am Msgr. John Antoncic, req by his cousin, Catherine Albanese and family

Friday, May 4th

9:00am *First Friday Perpetual Mass Society*

Saturday, May 5th

9:00am For the People of the Parish
-Mercedes Martinez, req by her family
-Yolanda Steg, req by the Meller family
-Francesco Carambia, req by Evelina Perna
-for the intentions and health of Joe and Mary Loughnane, req by the St. Vincent dePaul Society
-Mary Ilijic, req by Bertha Kosich and family
-Mary Ilijic, req by Harry and Maryann Fulda

5:00pm Anton Bruder, req by his daughter, Catherine

Sunday, May 6th - Sixth Sunday of Easter

(56: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1-4
1Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17)

8:00am Alfredo Basilio, req by his wife, Suzy

9:30am Lourdes Dabandan, req by the Eng family

11:00am Anna Albanese, req by her daughter, Catherine

12:30pm for the intentions of Victoria Osorio, on the occasion of her 75th birthday

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Your donation will help CRS to provide humanitarian aid, by resettling displaced individuals and families, and enable them to advocate on behalf of victims.

Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to learn more.

Thank you for your generosity.



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.

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: Peter Curran, Richard T. Zytko

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Wine and Hosts will be used this week for the intentions of our faithful parishioners.

There are several memorials available for your intentions. The donations for each memorial is \$25, and each memorial may be reserved by visiting the rectory office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday School will meet next Sunday, May 6th. There will also be a Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass.

2018 MASS BOOK

The remainder of the 2018 Mass Book (October-December) is now open for your Mass intention requests. No phone requests will be taken. You may either visit the rectory during business hours, or mail in your requests to the office, along with a self addressed, and stamped envelope and a check for your requested Masses. Please be sure to include your telephone number so that we may contact you.

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!

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, May 4th, is the First Friday of the Month. The following have been enrolled in the **Perpetual Mass Society:**

Elizabeth Hughes	Peter Curran
Neil Gilchrist	Maria Machica
Rosaling Beltran Mendoza	Pina Bruno
Marie-Alice Jeaniton	Florence O'Connor
Gerard Steven Foley	Lauren Whalen
Estebania Echevarria	James Lynch Family
Msgr. Vincent P. Dooley	



The Gospel reading for this weekend focuses on Jesus identifying Himself as “The Vine,” and His faithful followers as the “branches”. Just as magazines such as “Home and Garden” give advice and techniques for pruning, Jesus, by way of comparison, also, discusses the “*spiritual pruning process*.” Therefore, readers of this Gospel, who are accustomed to gardening, may readily see the parallels!

To begin with, the gardeners are advised to “*time it right*” — in other words, too soon may cut off new growth; and too late, may result in the plant growing wild. Also, a plant is expected to grow toward a certain maturity in order to survive the “trauma” of pruning. For example, if a rose grows in *bad soil*, or has not been watered enough, the gardener may need to be very gentle and prune very carefully—since the plant may now need *more attentive care*.

Next, the gardener may step back and view the whole plant—to see what dead, or diseased, stalks may need removing e.g., branches growing up the *wrong way*, or any that are *diseased*, as well as whatever is *dead already*. Notice any comparisons to us? We, too, may need to experience the pain of pruning, because “every branch that bears fruit, (God) prunes to make it bear *more fruit*”. In other words, if we are really trying to love God and our neighbor, then we will be “pruned”, or purified further. God shows *how we can love even more*, and that always requires some kind of effort/ change on our part.

Reflection on the above may help us to gain insight as to any areas, or tendencies, toward selfishness within us: e. g., possible inclinations to be consistently in control; an examination of motives in our expression of love? Fortunately, the Lord knows our deep place(s) where change may be needed. And, as we grow closer in our friendship with Christ, we may come to notice how “un-Christlike” we may have been-- at times. Although this feeling may be uncomfortable, the situation need not end there. Fortunately, this new knowledge can really *open the door* for us to make any needed, or significant change, while bringing us closer than ever to *living as Christ would have us live*. The end result could be that we--not unlike plants that are carefully pruned--are really blooming!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018.... ANSWER THE CALL!

Bishop's Court of Honor Participant Levels

Steward..... \$1,000 Sponsor.....\$2,500 Patron.....\$5,000
Benefactor.....\$10,000 Trustee.....\$25,000

The Bishop's Court of Honor is a special alliance of Catholic men and women who have come together with the Bishop to play a unique community leadership role in the work of the Church.

Benefits of membership in the Bishop's Court of Honor:

- Invitation to occasional spiritual and social activities with Bishop DiMarzio
- Membership pin
- Joy in knowing that you have helped change lives

Membership responsibilities:

- Pray for Bishop DiMarzio and his mission as shepherd of our Diocese
- Serve as ambassador for the Bishop and Bishop's Court of Honor
- Pledge to learn about the Bishop's priority ministries

Bishop DiMarzio will recognize your commitment in a special way at a reception in September 2018, at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston, where he will personally thank you for your kind and generous participation.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESURRECTION-ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Congratulations to the following Students of the Month who demonstrate the virtue of kindness, based on the life of St. Louise de Marillac.

Kindergarten	Ethan Tirado
Grade 1A	Valentine Peters
Grade 1B	Savanna Conroy
Grade 2	Afia Hamirani
Grade 3	Gavin Sweeney
Grade 4A	Cyrille Gonzales
Grade 4B	Alejandra Garcia
Grade 5	Samantha Jarina
Grade 6	Leslie Chiu
Grade 7	Lucas Stepan
Grade 8	Faiza Khan

Registration for 2018-2019 School Year

Limited seating is available in some grades 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)

A Glimpse at your contributions... April 21/22:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 277	\$1,595	\$1,872
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 461	\$ 629	\$1,090
9:30am (English)	\$ 559	\$ 560	\$1,119
11:00am (English)	\$ 562	\$1,140	\$1,702
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 486	\$ 184	\$ 670
	\$2,345	\$4,108	\$6,453

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$616

Total weekly collection: \$7,069

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

Deficit this week= \$2,582

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Amelia Dizon, RP
 2nd Prize \$50 Carol Mazza, SC
 3rd Prize \$25 Mike and Pat O'Connell, 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 30th- St. Pius V, Pope

- Golden Age 12noon FFH, Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Pre-Cana 7-9pm FFH Main & Chapel
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, May 1st- St. Joseph the Worker

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

Wednesday, May 2nd- St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Thursday, May 3rd- Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Vicariate Choir 8pm Church, English Classes 6-8pm PCC,
- Spanish Rosary 6:30pm FFH Chapel

Friday, May 4th - First Friday

- Perpetual Mass Society 9:30am CMR
- CODA 10am PCC
- Spanish Rosary 6:30pm FFH Chapel
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden
- Twirling 4-7pm Gym, Girl Scouts 7-9pm FFH Main

Saturday, May 5th

- OCA 10am PCC
- Twirling 10-12noon Gym
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church
- Spanish Rosary 12noon FFH Chapel
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, May 6th- Sixth 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
- Divino Nino 1:30pm Church & Reception Gym

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 OLQM? 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!

Congratulations to **Jackson Sanfilippo**, who finished in **1st Place** at the New York State level of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at West Point. Great job Jackson!!!

Understanding the Difference

Generations of Faith



Generations of Faith seeks to ensure the future vitality of our vibrant faith communities by focusing on three key areas:

1. **Strengthen Our Parish:** 50% of the total dollars raised are invested back into the parishes of the Diocese.
2. **Fulfill Our Promise to Those Who Have Faithfully Served** by augmenting the current retired priest and clergy funds.
3. **Catholic Foundation's Youth Evangelization Program:** The program's goal is to provide every parish throughout the Diocese with a qualified and trained youth minister by 2020.

Please be faithful to your Generations of Faith Pledges!

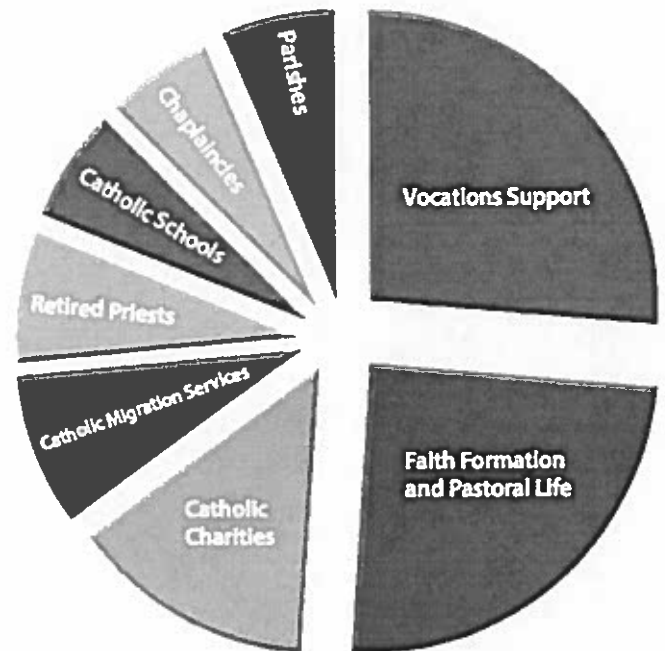
If you did not make a pledge to *Generations of Faith*, are new to our parish, or if you regularly give to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please prayerfully consider taking part in the work of our Church by making a sacrificial gift to help our church reach its 2018 goal.

Please visit www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or ask your pastor how you can make a pledge today.

Annual Catholic Appeal (2018)



The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal helps support the works of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone. Our Annual Catholic Appeal goal for 2018 is \$63,130 and supports the following ministries:



2018 ACA Success to Date

Campaign Goal*	\$63,130
Total Pledged	\$28,005
Total # Donors	67
Balance needed for Goal	\$35,125