

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 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 Third Sunday of Easter (A). The Readings are found at #1082 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 1st

9:00am Maria Jiang and Paul Lin, req by their daughter, Jinzhu Lin

Tuesday, May 2nd

9:00am Ray Sackman, req by Bob Blechner and Paula Kraus

Wednesday, May 3rd

9:00am Margaret Columbia, req by her granddaughter

Thursday, May 4th

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

Friday, May 5th

9:00am First Friday Perpetual Mass Society

Saturday, May 6th

9:00am – For the People of the Parish

-Jose Perdomo, req by the Perdomo family

-Gioan Baotixita, req by Tang Hoang

-for the Christian martyrs, req by Jane Donlon

-Sante Guatelli, req by Joyce Mennona

-Justin Pinckering, req by the Perdomo family

5:00pm Tadeusz Wilczewski, req by his family

Sunday, May 7th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

(49: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6

1Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10)

8:00am Kathleen Hefferor, req by Leo and Joan Leavy, and family

9:30am William and Angela Donlon, req by their daughter, Jane

11:00am Helen and William Heptig, req by their daughter, Helen

12:30pm intentions of all mothers, req by Stella Giraldo

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next weekend we will be accepting your donations toward the diocesan **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. An envelope has been provided in your tithing packet. Thank you for your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY

This **Friday, May 5th**, is the First Friday of the Month. The following have been enrolled in the **Perpetual Mass Society**:

<i>Carmen Armijos</i>	<i>Ethel Taylor</i>
<i>Dawn Colleary</i>	<i>Zerera DeNicola</i>
<i>Esteban Garcia</i>	<i>Lawrence Bealer</i>
<i>Frances Dorgon</i>	<i>Felicidad de Guzman</i>

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SPECIAL LITURGY

There will be a Special Liturgy next Sunday, April 30th. Sunday School will also meet.

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

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of James F. McInerney**, as requested by Bill and Joan Morrissey.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Alfredo Basileo**, as requested by his wife, Suzy Basileo.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Myrtle Passantino**, 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 Dorothy McDonald**, as requested by Donald and Maureen Kelly.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Joseph** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Charlie Canfarotta (20th anniversary)**, as requested by his wife, Nancy Canfarotta, and his children.

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!

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Our Spanish Community will be praying the rosary during the month of May in the Chapel of FFH at the following times. All are welcome.

Monday-Friday, from 6:30 to 7:30; Saturdays, from 12:15 to 1:15pm; and Sundays from 1:30 to 2:30pm.

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.



THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

People who enjoy reading can appreciate great writers who, literally, have a knack for conveying deep, and not to be forgotten, truths in just a few words. Interestingly, this is also the kind of clever artistry, and talent, that we find in today's Gospel. To begin with, Luke, very tellingly (and with a touch of suspense), relates the story of how two people (Cleopas and another disciple) meet the Lord on their journey to Emmaus. At the same time, Luke is also raising our own consciousness to the *transforming power of the Mass*.

In this weekend's Gospel, Luke (24:17-18) describes how both disciples were very disheartened as they were heading home because Jesus had been crucified. They managed to hold out *some hope* because Mary Magdalen had informed them about "an empty tomb." However, that startling fact, [and her experience], *did not seem to be enough to raise their own spirits*. This same Gospel story informs us that when Jesus met them on the road to Emmaus, [and concealed His identity], they opened up, [at the same time], by sharing with Him their doubts about Jesus, and all that they had previously experienced. In response, Jesus began to tell them the story of salvation history. Hearing this poignant scriptural reference from Jesus, the Gospel states that, upon further reflection of their journey to Emmaus, as well as their experience of conversing with Him, they also remarked: "did not our hearts begin to burn!" Surprisingly, later, at dinner, Jesus "*blessed and broke the bread*" at which time "*their hearts were opened and they recognized Him.*" Now, with their faith restored, the disciples turned around and hurried back to Jerusalem so that they could inform the others about what had happened—especially since they came to recognize Jesus in "*the breaking of the bread.*"

With the above in mind, experience reminds us that in our contemporary world, it is not uncommon to hear people comment that they have "stopped going to Mass because they do not feel that they get anything out of it." However, these same individuals may fail to recognize that this can occur when the "**OUTER FORM OF THE MASS**"—i.e., the quality (or lack) of music, the appearance of the Church, the various words and gestures of the liturgy—tend to become more important than the "**INNER SUBSTANCE**" of *what is actually taking place*.

For example, "form" is when we say: "*I confess.*" Substance, on the other hand, is our *actual experience of God washing us clean*. Form takes place when the lector is proclaiming the readings. Substance, however, is *God's word coming alive in our hearts*. Form is our act of *receiving Communion*. Substance is our *openness to God and to His power that can fill our hearts*. Finally, (and most importantly) substance *moves us to change our lives and to share the "Good News" about Jesus with our neighbors*. Therefore, the Gospel for this Sunday is a helpful reminder to all of us that while form focuses *more on what we do*, substance, [essentially and appreciably], **focuses on WHOM we are meeting**.

It is noteworthy that today's Gospel truly relates a *journey* that captures a memorable experience. As many can attest, "*life is a journey.*" However, the same can be said when speaking about our Faith. As a result, just as journeys take us to all sorts of unexpected places-[or else they are not really journeys]; so also, FAITH can be, for us, one of those *unexpected turns in the road that can make the journey new—and (remarkably) meaningful!!!!*

A BITTER-SWEET MESSAGE

In May of 2016, our parish community was introduced to Robert Mema, a third year theology student, [preparing for the priesthood], assigned to be of assistance in various (ministerial) ways, for a period of eight weeks. During this time, worshippers at weekday and Sunday Masses, students and school faculty, and the parish-at-large experienced his energy, enthusiasm, and willingness to be of service—**above and beyond the call of duty**. Within those eight weeks, many, (not surprisingly), grew very fond of this young man, who assisted at parish Masses, delivered periodic reflections following Communion, attended staff and parish meetings, visited students in the school, and Sunday School, conducted prayer services at Dry Harbor Nursing Home, visited the home-bound, and assisted at our Vacation Bible School.

After his ordination as a "Transitional" Deacon, we were fortunate to have Robert re-assigned to our parish. Ordination to the Diaconate gave him the additional opportunities to preach at our parish Masses, to baptize, and to be a significant presence—on weekends-- to our parish community. Throughout this period, Robert has, consistently, demonstrated his **potential** to be a tremendous asset to any **future** parish assignment, as he has been, most assuredly, during both of his assigned periods to this parish. In the name of our parish community, our prayers and best wishes are extended to Robert Mema as he moves forward to priesthood ordination on Saturday, June 3, 2017. And, to use the Latin expression---commonly expressed among the clergy-- "AD MULTOS ANNOS."

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Congratulations to this year's Chance Book Drive Winners!

Congratulations and thank you to those who participated in our Chance Book Drive.

I want to give a special thank you to the many parishioners who participate each year. Among this year's winners are long time parishioners whose children attended Resurrection Ascension. Please say a special prayer of thanks for these special people!

First Prize	\$1000	Mary Sammon
Second Prize	\$500	Carol Scacalossi
Third Prize	\$250	Karol Kosiec
Early Bird	\$100	Adolfo Torres
Complete Book	\$250	Jaiden Maxime

Art Show

Come to our annual **Art Show** on Sunday, May 7th following the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. There will be refreshments served and raffle prizes. Arts and Crafts tables will be set up for our budding artists. We hope to see you there!

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.

A Glimpse at your contributions... April 22/23:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 256	\$1,518	\$1,774
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 312	\$ 712	\$1 024
9:30am (English)	\$ 534	\$ 447	\$ 981
11:00am (English)	\$ 453	\$ 645	\$1,098
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 664	\$ 142	\$ 806
	\$2,219	\$3,464	\$5,683

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$490

Parishioners enrolled in Online Giving: 39

Total weekly collection: \$6,173

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

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!!

BOOSTER WINNERS

1 st Prize \$100	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Maierle, MV
2 nd Prize \$50	Patrick & Joan Leavy, MV
3 rd Prize \$25	Bill & Gladys Estrella, Corona

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, May 1st- St. Joseph the Worker

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 3rd- Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

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

Thursday, May 4th

- Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Friday, May 5th - First Friday

- Perpetual Mass Society 9:30am CMR
- CODA 10am PCC; Gym Closed
- Twirling 4-6:45pm FFH Main
- Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

Saturday, May 6th

- OCA 10am PCC; Gym Closed
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church
- Spanish Rosary 12:15-1:15pm FFH Chapel
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm; Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, May 7th- Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Special Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- School Art School Gym; Sunday School 10:45 School
- Divino Nino 1:30pm Church & Reception 2pm FFH
- Spanish Rosary 1:30-2:30pm Small Schoolyard
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Alanon 12noon PCC

2017 CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Goal: \$63,130 Registered members: 815

Number of Donors: 61 (an increase of 12)

Amount Pledged to Date: \$31,865 (an increase of \$8,365)

Amount Paid to Date: \$20,775 (an increase of \$8,525)

*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!!!**

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

