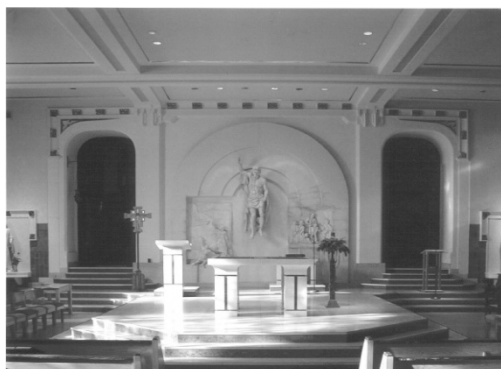


SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019

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

Very Rev. Thomas G. Pettei, Administrator
Rev. Salvatore J. Amato, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Thelen, Part-time Parochial Vicar
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Mrs. Joann Heppt, Academy Principal
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Rectory Hours

Monday through Friday: 9am - 12noon, and 1pm - 5pm
(closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm)
Saturday: 9am – 1pm, CLOSED SUNDAY

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) . The Readings are found at #1165 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 12th

9:00am Ann Lane, req by John and Mary Harrington and family

Tuesday, August 13th

9:00am Stanislaus Shen (ann), req by his son, Athanatius Shen

Wednesday, August 14th

9:00am Ann Lane, req by Hanora Malley and family
7:30pm Vigil John Pettei, Sr.

Thursday, August 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30am Margaret Pettei

Friday, August 16th

9:00am Linda and Bill Houston, req by the Schmidt family

Saturday, August 17th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish

- Anna Pagano
- Rita Silecchia, req by her daughter, Madeline
- for the intentions and prayers of Antonio Chang, req by his parents
- Maria P. Diaz DeMarmol, req by her family
- Lucas Marmol, req by his family
- for the intentions of Nilda and Elizer Mendoza

5:00pm Eleanor Ducey, req by the Carvelli family

Sunday, August 18th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(117: Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40)

8:00am Edward Gibbons, req by his wife and family

9:30am No Mass

11:00am Dennis O'Connell (bday), req by Maureen and family

12:30pm Zoraida Bonilla and Alberto Valero, req by Carlos Valero

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Church teaches that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed, taken up, body and soul, to live in the presence of God, to be with her Son, and to reign as Queen of Heaven.

Thursday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

We will have a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, August 14th, at 7:30pm, and a 9:30am Mass on Thursday morning. *(Please note the time of Mass on Tuesday morning is 9:30am, not 9am.)*

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Colleen Breheny, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Kurt Burger, Richard DeNardo, Kathleen Fallon, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Jackie Hanley, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, James Leung, Joe Loughnane, Mary Loughnane, Saverio Lunetta, Mary Ellen Lustberg, Nora Lydon, Dolly Serna Ocampo, Brendan Phelan, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Joel Rivera, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Chana Yadgarova

Deceased: Mildred A. Shanley, Catherine T. Upton, Cathy Bruno

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Paulino Prado**, as requested by his family.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Roy Passantino**, as requested by Larry and Annmarie Passantino.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Anna Pagano**.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Nancy Kerrane**, as requested by her husband and family.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Joseph** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Patrick Ducey, Sr. (90th birthday in heaven)**, as requested by his family.

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

The **Candle at the Statue of St. John Vianney** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Leonard and Rose Rella**.

FOOD PANTRY SUMMER HOURS

The Food Pantry will be **CLOSED** the entire month of August. It will re-open Wednesday, September 4th.

SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. Thomas Pettei will be installed as Pastor of Resurrection Ascension on Sunday, September 8th, at the 11:00am Mass, by Bishop DiMarzio. A light reception will follow after in the auditorium. All are welcome!

AIR CONDITIONING COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donations towards our Air Conditioning Collection. An envelope has been provided in your collection packets. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

AUGUST 11, 2019

Dear Friends,

Do not underestimate the challenging nature of faith.

A recent Pew Research center study just released (Aug. 5, 2019) on Catholic belief about the Eucharist shared some shocking statistics.

It revealed that barely one-third of all U.S. Catholics (31%) say they believe that “during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus.” When the study looks at regular attendees, the number shifts: “about six-in-ten (63%) of the most observant Catholics — those who attend Mass at least once a week — accept the church’s teaching about transubstantiation. Still, even among this most observant group of Catholics, roughly one-third (37%) don’t believe that the Communion bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ.”

Now, this is a central, core belief of Catholic faith. But the study shows that we cannot take it for granted. So, I would say that we need to deepen our commitment to this teaching, and to this faith, if we want to bear witness to it before others.

“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).” The Letter to the Hebrews states it pretty clearly—“Faith is...evidence of things not seen.” But we want to see tangible, clear evidence. We want proof.

Let faith take you deeper. Go beyond the surface, and let God, who created the universe, reveal himself to you, as he shares his very self in Holy Communion. May we not underestimate the gift.

Peace,
Father Tom

Queridos amigos,

No podemos subestimar la naturaleza desafiante de la fe.

Un estudio reciente del Centro de Investigación Pew recién publicado el 5 de agosto de 2019, respecto a la creencia católica sobre la Eucaristía compartió algunas estadísticas impactantes.

Reveló que apenas un tercio de todos los católicos en los Estados Unidos (31%) dicen creer que "durante la Misa Católica, el pan y el vino en realidad se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús". Cuando el estudio analiza a los que van a Misa regularmente, el número cambia: "Aproximadamente seis de cada diez (63%) de los católicos más practicantes, aquellos que asisten a misa al menos una vez por semana, aceptan las enseñanzas de la iglesia sobre la transubstanciación. Aún así, incluso dentro de este grupo de católicos más dedicados, aproximadamente un tercio (37%) no creen que el pan y el vino del ofertorio se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo" de la Comunión.

Sabemos que esta es una creencia central y primordial de la fe católica. Pero el estudio demuestra que no podemos darlo por hecho. Entonces, diría yo, que necesitamos profundizar en nuestro compromiso con esta enseñanza y con nuestra fe, si queremos dar testimonio de ella ante otros.

"La fe es la forma de poseer, ya desde ahora, lo que se espera y de conocer las realidades que no se ven. (Hebreos 11: 1)". La Carta a los Hebreos lo dice claramente: "La fe es ... conocer las cosas que no se ven". Pero a veces, queremos ver evidencia tangible y clara. Queremos pruebas.

Dejemos que la fe nos lleve más profundo. Vamos más allá de la superficie y dejemos que Dios, quien creó el universo, se nos revele al compartir Su propio ser en la Sagrada Comunión. Ojalá y no subestimemos este don.

*Paz y bendiciones,
Padre Tom*

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Parish Goal: \$62,027

Pledged to date: \$60,823

Paid to date: \$50,466

The Appeal is ongoing! Pledge envelopes are available in the pews in church. You can also visit our website www.rachurch.net and click on the ACA link to donate online. Thank you for your generosity!

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESURRECTION-ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

We've Been Nominated!

Our school has been nominated for the Bethpage Best of the Boro contest! You may vote for our school once per day until the end of the contest on August 31st. Go to bestof.qns.com, click on Education, and click on Catholic school. They will ask for your email address, and then vote for us!

Late Registration

There are limited seats available in some grades. If you are interested in registration for the 2019-2020 school year, we will be holding a **late registration on Wednesday, August 21st from 9am-12pm.**

Please 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)

For more information about our school, please visit www.racatholicacademy.org. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT R.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Are you or someone you know considering coming into the Catholic Church, or are you already Baptized and wish to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? To learn more, please call Jason 718-424-5212 ext. 28.

Volunteers Needed

Our Sacraments program is in need of **volunteer catechists, substitute catechists and hall monitors.** Classes are held on Sunday from 10:45 am-12 pm and will begin on September 22nd. If you can make a commitment or would like further information, please call Jason at the Faith Formation Office - 718-424-5212 ext. 28.

Sunday School

Faith formation is an ongoing, continuing process. Children need to re-register each year. The classroom environment allows children to ask questions and have discussions about the Catholic faith with their peers. Registration forms are available online at www.rachurch.net, or at the Rectory. Classes begin Sunday, September 22nd.

A Glimpse at your contributions... August 3/4:

Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$2,204
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$2,395
9:30am (English)	NO MASS
11:00am (English)	\$1,295
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 479
	\$6,373

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$1,695

Total weekly collection: \$8,068

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 12th - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

- Food Pantry Closed
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, August 13th - Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, August 14th - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

- Food Pantry Closed
- Vigil Mass 7:30pm Church
- NA 7:30pm FFH Main & PCC

Thursday, August 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Holy Day of Obligation- Mass at 9:30
- No Meetings

Friday, August 16th - St. Stephen of Hungary

- CODA 10am PCC

Saturday, August 17th - BVM

- OCA 10am PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, August 18th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Alanon 12noon PCC
- Baptismal Instruction 1:30pm FFH
- Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2pm Church and Reception 3-6 FFH



FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE



Our next drawing of the Four Seasons Parish Raffle will take place **on Wednesday, September 25th**. Tickets will be available in the Rectory beginning Monday, August 19th, as well as inserted into future bulletins.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL SUMMER HOURS

Please be aware that during the summer season, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will close at 1:30pm. The regular hours will resume in the fall, and the specific date will be announced in the bulletin.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS BLOOD DRIVE- Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 9:15am to 3:15pm

72-55 Austin Street, Forest Hills, NY, in the NY Blood Center Bus Mobile. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift. For questions about medical eligibility, call 1-800-688-0900 or visit www.nybc.org. For more information, contact Dennis Portelli, OLQM Pastoral Care Director, at (718) 268-6251, ext. 41.

Monday, Aug 12, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Make peace with the world

Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's." But at other times, he's not so clear. What's more, it's not always clear what's a worldly concern and what's a godly one. No doubt Jane Frances de Chantal wrestled with this ambiguity. Left a widow in 1601, with four children to care for and an estate that she'd rescued from ruin, she found solace under the spiritual direction of Saint Francis de Sales. But even after her worldly affairs were put in order, Francis dissuaded her from jumping too quickly into the life of a nun. There was much good she still needed to do in the world. What in the world are you called to do?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). "The highest heavens belong to the Lord, your God, as well as the earth and everything on it."

Tuesday, Aug 13, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARYTRS

No finger-pointing, please

There is a lesson for us today in looking at the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire that led to the deaths of Pontian, Hippolytus, and many more. When Rome burned, Nero blamed the Christians. As the city fell on hard times, Christians were easy targets. A minority group, with unfamiliar religious customs— what more was needed to scapegoat them? Accused of being disloyal foreigners, things got so out of hand that Christians were suspected of incest for calling each other brothers and sisters and even of cannibalism because they consumed the "body and blood" of their Savior. Next time a demagogue points a finger to vilify a whole group, ask if one day that finger might be pointed at you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Wednesday, Aug 14, 2019

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR

Make a difference

Maximillian Kolbe (1894-1941) was a Polish priest whose devotion to Mary was a central part of his life. He was a writer whose monthly columns expressed that devotion to a sizeable readership. Human like the rest of us, Maximillian sometimes was a difficult colleague, and initially his publications reflected some of the anti-Semitic rhetoric of his time and place. However, he never abandoned the work of promoting faith, citing indifference as the poison of the time. Sentenced to Auschwitz in 1941, he ultimately gave his life to save another prisoner. His was a martyrdom of love. Be mindful today of the toxin of indifference within and around you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). "For where two or three are gathered together in my name . . . there I am in the midst of them."

Thursday, Aug 15, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Don't assume faith is easy

The Assumption of Mary is often portrayed in art in a blissful scene of cherubs transporting Mary, eyes cast upward and robes flowing majestically, up into the heavens. Beneath this image, however, is a life of grit and grace in which Mary lived the fullness of Christian discipleship. Mary hears, ponders, challenges, and receives the Word of God, allowing it to permeate her whole being. Her Assumption then is a symbol and a promise to each of us that our journey of discipleship is one destined for ultimate wholeness in God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Friday, Aug 16, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Hail, holy order

To some, Stephen of Hungary was an iron-fisted monarch who punished any hint of paganism among his people. To others, he was a grieving father who—having outlived his immediate family—spent the rest of his days washing the feet of paupers. Either would be great fodder for the high drama of a Hollywood screenplay. The reality? Stephen's legacy stems from being an administrator. He created local dioceses for the successful establishment of the church in his country. His rule provided such a lasting peace that a route through Hungary became the preferred way for pilgrims to visit the Holy Land. We tend to bristle at "rules and regulations," but when the motive behind them is good, more appreciation is perhaps in order.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). "Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."

Saturday, Aug 17, 2019

A tribute to touch

Today's gospel has Jesus placing his hands on children and praying for them. The simple gesture of "touch and prayer" can be profound because all humans crave a kind touch. Examples of "touch and prayer" abound. The sacraments are built on this combination. Some Christians hold hands during grace. In many Latin countries children routinely ask for a blessing from elders, who trace a cross on the child's forehead as they pray. Can you bless somebody in your life today through the power of "touch and prayer"?

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). "Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray."



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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