

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 &
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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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Readings are found at #1163 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 14th

9:00am Stanislaw Shen (anniv), req by his son

7:30pm (Vigil) Anne Augusto

Tuesday, August 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:30am Rev. Richard E. Mackiewicz

Wednesday, August 16th

9:00am Robert and Virginia Moriarty, req by Theresa Lydon and family

Thursday, August 17th

9:00am Eveline Racicot, req by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Elenchik

Friday, August 18th

9:00am Argabito Shen (anniv), req by his brother

Saturday, August 19th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish
-persecuted Christians, req by Jane Donlon
-Marie Mackelberg, req by Marryann and Harry Fulda

5:00pm Rev. Harvey Jamieson, req by Josephine P. Santiago

Sunday, August 20th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(118: Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28)

8:00am Baldomeyo Cortes, req by Domingo Cortes and family

9:30am Lea Morra and Alma Furletti, req by Louis and Robert Morra

11:00am Donald Meng, req by Helen Heptig

12:30pm Pedro and Maria Giraldo, req by their daughter

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.

Tuesday, 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 Monday, August 14th, at 7:30pm, and a 9:30am Mass on Tuesday morning.

(Please note the time of Mass on

Tuesday morning is 9:30am, not 9am.)



FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE



Our next drawing of the Four Seasons Parish Raffle will take place **on Monday, September 25th**.

Tickets will be available in the Rectory beginning Monday, August 21st, as well as inserted into the August 27th and September 17th bulletins.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Deceased: Rosario Mazzola

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

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

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week **Roy Passantino**, as requested by Annmary and Larry Passantino.

2017-2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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. Please stop by, or call our office in Father Feely Hall (718) 533-7898. Registration forms are available online at www.rachurch.net.

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.

We are in need of volunteers to assist at the Saturday morning Mass at Dry Harbor Nursing Home. Please call the rectory, or email jmennona@hotmail.com if you can be of assistance. Thank you!

AIR CONDITIONING COLLECTION

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to help supplement the costs of use during the summer months. Please be assured that with repeated changes in humidity and temperature, efforts have been made to reduce the noise level, and to determine the comfort level and satisfaction for most, if not all of our parishioners. In the meantime, just as you choose to do so when entering theaters, restaurants, etc., please remember to bring a sweater, or light jacket, for your own personal comfort.

FOOD PANTRY SUMMER HOURS

The Food Pantry will be **CLOSED** during the entire month of August.



THE SURPRISING TIMES WE FIND/MEET OUR SAVING GOD

This Sunday's Gospel features Jesus as He moves toward a boat, carrying His disciples through a *storm of windy darkness*, and *over a sea of nighttime waves*. It is approximately three in the morning when Jesus finds His disciples tossed about in another way, i.e., in *their own storm of windy fear*. Not surprisingly, the Gospel relates that Peter [who always seems to say the right thing--by saying the wrong thing-- at the right time]—excitedly calls out across the tumult: "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." Jesus complies, while calling back, and simply inviting Peter to "COME."

Now, however, Peter faces the challenge to decide **IF** he will step off the platform and into the "roller coaster" or, **if** he will be cautious and "play it safe". Amazingly, Peter decides *not* to play it safe but, rather, step right into the swirling storm of life. But, in a short while, as Peter begins to sink, he fears drowning. Yet, Peter now discovers that God, in Jesus, is actually reaching out and grasping him. Notably, in this instance, had Peter played it safe and stayed in the boat, he might never have known God's saving hand. At the same time, Peter also realizes what Jesus came to preach was—*not an amusement park of fun and games*—but, rather, **a Kingdom where life is known only through great risk**.

Reflecting on the above, such elements can also be the story of our own lives when we, too, must choose between-- a life of apparent security—and the **REAL LIFE** that is usually revealed through risk and trust. Throughout life, some may face choices such as: following through on the prospect/need for marriage counseling, encountering the challenges of first-time parenting or, late-life parenting (and all that entails), experiencing losses such as: job, spouse, health, or, even, what may appear to be loss of faith. Thus, Peter's experience may remind us that at such CRITICAL times, NOT to "step out of the boat and into the swirling storm" and, NOT to risk *all for the sake of all*—could possibly result in the ACTUAL RISK OF LOSING IT ALL. On the other hand, to REALLY STEP OUT—even though it may encompass a great fear—could—as in the experience of Peter— result, also, in **MEETING OUR SAVING GOD**, that is, the **ONE**—still-- in charge of our lives.

AN UPDATE ON THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM

Parishioners, and worshippers, may have noticed that the cooling of our Church has vastly improved in terms of comfortable temperatures, and the comparatively unnoticeable operation of the system. Please be aware that funding for this new installation comes directly from the "Generations of Faith Campaign". Prior to the initial installation, one half of the total cost (\$275,000) had to be forwarded for the purchase of materials needed, and for the labor involved. At that time, \$137,500 was disbursed from the "Generations of Faith Campaign" as the installation process began in May. Completion is expected by the end of August which means that the balance of \$137, 500 will be due.

Since the monies from this fund are distributed only once every three months, the next disbursement will take place in October. Therefore, parishioners should be aware that the balance due was not available from the "Generations of Fund Campaign" (**\$404,928 received—minus \$63,130 folded in for the Annual Catholic Appeal—divided by half=170,899 available funds from the "Generations of Faith" funding**). Consequently, the balance due needs to be paid from our parish reserves. With that in mind, all donors with the Generations of Faith Campaign are reminded to, PLEASE, be faithful to their pledges, and those who have not, [in any way], contributed, please re-consider making a one-time donation, or filling a pledge card—available at the Church entrances-- for the remaining three years. An additional opportunity to express your appreciation may take place through the special collection, next weekend, for the maintenance of the Air Conditioning system, which takes place *twice* during the summer season.

AN UPDATE ON THE RENOVATION OF THE MEN'S BATHROOM

Improvements for the men's room continue to take place with the latest aspect of tiling, installed this past week. Future improvements will continue based upon the availability of the men, from "Queensboro Unico" who are donating their free time for this project. The most recent renovation consists of a donation of 31 boxes of tiles from "Tiles Unlimited", located in Glendale, Queens. Parishioners who may be considering similar improvements in their homes may wish to patronize those affiliated with "Tiles Unlimited," as an expression of our gratitude for their generosity. More details to follow concerning this renovation.....

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Registration

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is ongoing. However, there is limited seating available in most grades. If you are interested, please call the office at 718-426-4963 or email us at RASchool443@aol.com to schedule an appointment. 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)

**Please be faithful to your
Generations of Faith Donations / Pledges.
Pledge cards are available
at the doors of the Church.
We thank you for your faithful support!!**

A Glimpse at your contributions... August 5/6:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 166	\$1,805	\$1,971
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 321	\$ 674	\$ 995
9:30am (English)	\$ 617	\$ 861	\$1,478
11:00am (English)	\$ 493	\$1,488	\$1,981
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 686	\$ 132	\$ 818
	\$2,283	\$4,960	\$7,243

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$1,498

Parishioners enrolled in Online Giving: 49

Total weekly collection: \$8,741 (this week's deficit= \$910)

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!!

SVDP CAR PROGRAM GIVES BACK TO YOUR PARISH!

For every car, truck, or van, running or not,
St. Vincent dePaul will donate
\$75-\$200 per vehicle.
Please call SVDP at (718) 491-2525
for more information.

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Mike & Pat O'Connell, MV
 2nd Prize \$50 Mrs. Gerry Liberatore, NJ
 3rd Prize \$25 William & Joan Morrissey, RP

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

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

Tuesday, August 15th- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

- Mass 9:30am Church
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, August 16th- St. Stephen of Hungary

- Food Pantry Closed
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, August 17th

- No Meetings

Friday, August 18th

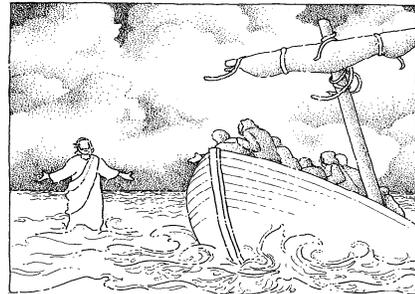
- CODA 10am PCC

Saturday, August 19th- St. John Eudes, Priest; BVM

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

Sunday, August 20th- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Alanon 12noon PCC



It is I; do not be afraid.

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LAUGHTER... GOOD FOR THE HEART & SOUL

While laughter is hardly a cure-all, research has shown that positive emotions can have an impact on your health. A good laugh can help relieve stress and muscle tension. Many of us go through our daily lives stressed out because we forget to give ourselves time to just have fun. When you need a little comic relief, try a funny movie or read a humorous book. Try to see the humor in everyday events. You'll be laughing before you know it! *This is not medical advice.*

Always consult your doctor first!

CATHOLIC APPEAL YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON

2015

Goal: \$63,130

Registered Members: 818

Number of Donors: 183

Amount Pledged to Date: \$72,498

Amount Paid to Date: \$62,425

2017

Goal: \$63,130

Registered Members: 817

Number of Donors: 135 (an increase of 2)

Amount Pledged to Date: \$50,815 (an increase of \$865)

Amount Paid to Date: \$42,152 (an increase of \$345)

