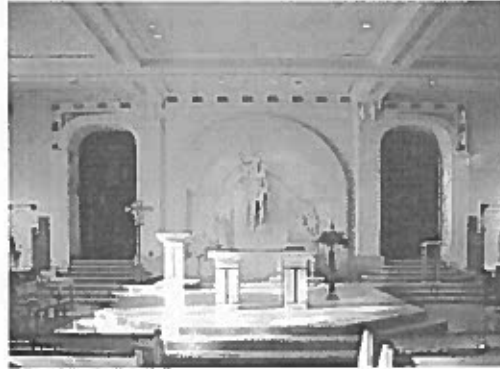


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

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. Thefen, 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 Second Sunday of Advent (B). The Readings are found at #1005 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, December 11th

9:00am Joan Logan, req by Ann Wenz and family

Tuesday, December 12th

9:00am Joseph Chen and Maria Shi, req by Jinzhu Lin

Wednesday, December 13th

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

Thursday, December 14th

9:00am Angela Aldini, req by Genevieve Taraswicz

Friday, December 15th

9:00am Carmela Barone (ann), req by her family

Saturday, December 16th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish

-Edward Zwickert, req by Iris Zwickert

-James Grace, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-William McElligott, Sr., req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-Martin and Anna Geraghty, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-Patrick and Kathleen Hannon, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-The McMahon family, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-Michael Manning, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-William McElligott, Jr., req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

-in thanksgiving to God, req by Hui Chen

5:00pm Carmen Cordani, req by her sister, Renee, and family

Sunday, December 17th-Third Sunday of Advent

(8: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 Lk 1:46-50, 53-54

1Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

8:00am in thanksgiving to God, req by Hui Chen

9:30am Estefania B. Verendia, req by Angel and Nita Almazan

11:00am Neal Jr., Angela, and Neal Forte, req by their family

12:30pm Julia Robles and Carlos Ortega, req by Maria Ortega

MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

The Marian Rosary Group invites all parishioners to join us for the recitation of the rosary and some reflective thoughts on the true meaning of this holy Christmas season. We shall meet on Thursday, December 14th at 9:45am in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall. Please consider pausing in your busy preparation time to honor Mary and her Son as they prepare for their role in Salvation's history. Light breakfast refreshments will be served.

HOLD THE DATES!

Prepare for Christmas with Scripture! December 12, 19. Tuesdays 10-11am in Fr. Feely Hall. Reading, discussion, and prayer about the Scriptures of the Mass for the following Sunday. All are welcome. Come when you can. Bring a friend. Facilitator: John Cleary (718) 662-6069.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Josephine Bravchok, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Martha Chaves, Mercedes Coral, 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, Kathy O'Connell, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Zoila Orellana, Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pralley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

Deceased: Patrick J. Dunne

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Wine and Hosts will be used this week in loving memory of Kay and Kenneth Madigan, Pat McCarthy, and Connelly, Madigan, McCarthy, and Gil families.

The Altar Candles will be lit this week in loving memory of Ann Carrieri, as requested by Anne and Dave Irwin.

The Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother will be lit this week in loving memory of Charlie Canfarotta, as requested by his wife, Nancy, and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SPECIAL FAMILY LITURGY

Sunday School will meet next Sunday, December 17th. There will be a Special Family Liturgy next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year we are again offering Christmas cards.

You can choose between a picture of our altar, decorated for Christmas; our outdoor crèche, or a combination package including both scenes.

These cards are being sold at the rectory. 12 cards for \$10. Share the beauty of our parish with your loved ones this Christmas season!

HELP WANTED

Please join us in decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday, December 23rd, after the 9am Mass. Meet us in the gym for some refreshments and holiday cheer as a prelude to making our church beautiful!

CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS AND FLOWER ENVELOPES

These items are available at the entrances to the church for your use, as well as in your tithing packets for next weekend. The Christmas Spiritual Bouquet intentions will be remembered at all the Christmas Masses.

BE AN ANGEL

We kindly ask that you bring your gift cards to FFH or the rectory by tomorrow, December 11th. Thank you for your generosity!

DECEMBER 10, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

As we move further away from our recent Thanksgiving celebration, and enter a new Church year with the Season of Advent, it appears that "time seems to rule our lives." Our clocks are constantly keeping us in line, we wear wrist watches, while our computers, and our cars, as well as our iPads and iPhones, are constantly reminding us of the passing of time.

The basic Advent theme reminds us once more that we are waiting for God's patient love "to come again in its fullness, in order that all which is broken in this world can be made whole again". Obviously, this is not "useless waiting" as one might refer to when in a line at the check-out counter or, at the doctor's office. This is a *special waiting, an eager and expectant waiting*—not unlike a woman, and loved ones, who await the birth of a child.

In a recent article, Fr. James Martin, S.J. shares a reflection concerning one way that we can profitably use this waiting time, during the season of Advent. Fr. Martin states that he "treasures silence during Advent since silence is a gift that we can give to ourselves in the middle of a noisy season. "In addition, he recommends that "silent prayer is something we can all afford—especially since it costs nothing."

Fr. Martin gives further examples as to how we can foster silence in our lives. He contends that "in busy times, it is important to let quiet be our prayer, which can be as simple as "withdrawing" as Jesus did, from the busyness of life, and by just sitting in the presence of God. Or, it could be a simple meditation, reflecting on a single word from the exceptional readings during the Advent Season, e.g. from the Book of Isaiah, the Psalms, or the Gospels."

To allay any fears, Fr. Martin states that "sometimes people may feel guilty for taking a break during the weeks before Christmas—especially since there seems to be so much to do". However, his final suggestion is that we should "think of silence as a gift one can give—not only to oneself—but to God, who wants to meet us in the silence as we wait for Jesus to enter our heart in a *new way this Advent.*" And so, we can see that "TIME IS RIPE," and can speak to us in a favorable, and welcome manner— even in the midst of pausing for those "precious moments of silence"—as we joyfully await His Coming!!

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL [STILL] NEEDS YOUR HELP.....

Please note that at the present time—among the 825 registered donors, 155 have made pledges/payments. As of this date, \$57,190 has been pledged, (90.59% of pledged goal), and the amount paid-to-date (\$52,469) is equivalent to 83.11% of received monies toward the annual goal of \$63,130. At this point in time, we are only \$10,661 short of assigned goal. These updated amounts lend to a [hopefully] reasonable assumption that the desired goal could be realized by the end of the year. **IF NOT, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE PARISH WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE.**

Donations made before Dec. 31 are accepted for the Annual Catholic Appeal, and can also apply to individual tax statements. Finally, to the donors who have pledged, and continue to remain faithful to their pledges, as well as to those who have already fulfilled their pledges, "thank you" for your support of the Diocesan programs, through your participation in the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL, that is focused on the theme, "LIVE IN FAITH, GIVE IN LOVE."

In Christ, Fr. Amato

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Aging religious need your help! Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Perhaps you recall two years ago when we included the story of "Bambellini Sunday" as part of the homily. It is a tradition where families travel to St. Peter's Square in Rome, bringing their Baby Jesus figurine to be blessed by the Pope, and place in their own nativity. This tradition takes place on the Third Sunday of Advent. Therefore, we invite everyone to bring their "Bambinelli" to Mass with them on the weekend of December 16/17 to be blessed. To read more about this beautiful tradition, visit our parish website.

DIOCESAN VICARIATE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 15th at 7:30pm, here at RA.

Come hear advent music, and seasonal favorites.

Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under.

Featuring the works of Bach, Handel, and other Christmas favorites. If you would like to attend, please see Patricia Kistner, our cantor.

A Glimpse at your contributions... December 2/3:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 362	\$1,140	\$1,502
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 378	\$1,456	\$1,834
9:30am (English)	\$ 356	\$ 1,247	\$1,603
11:00am (English)	\$ 107	\$ 1,323	\$1,430
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 735	\$ 241	\$ 976
	\$1,938	\$5,407	\$7,345

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$1,406 via 52 enrollees)

Total weekly collection: \$8,751 (this week's deficit= \$900)

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

☺ RESURRECTION – ASCENSION ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved honors this trimester:

Grade 5: Emily Avaricio, Amaris Braun, Isabella Chase, James Gaffney, Kielan Santos, Liam Sweeney, Santiago Uribe

Grade 6: Rachele Bifulco, Leslie Chiu, Sydney Ewald, Jeremy Fernandes, Micah Gagarin, Noelle Imburgia, Seraphina Ng, Janelle-Stephanie Pascual, Dylan Rosa, Erica Yu

Grade 7: Matthew Alvarez, Karalyn Chiu, Natalie Kizior, Elizabeth Quercia, George Tena Valladares

Grade 8: Isabel Caamaño, Raffi Chirinian, Samantha Del Rosario, Samantha Fernandes, Manuel Roxas, Aidan Sweeney

Congratulations to the following students who have received honors at their respective high schools:

Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School

Principal's List: Andrea Cruz, Nadine Walker

First Honors: Michael Nooney, Stephanie Quercia

Second Honors: Nicholas Nanan, Matthew Wenz

St. Francis Preparatory School

Honors: Jeremy Rakotonirina, Eryka Roseburg, Brian Yabut

2018 MEMORIALS

We will begin taking requests for the 2018 Memorials **Tuesday, December 12th at 10am**. You may stop in the Rectory during regular business hours to reserve the Memorials for Wine & Hosts, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Candles, etc. Please note that **No phone requests** will be taken. The donation remains \$25.

2018 MASS BOOK OPENING (July-August-September only)

The Mass Book will be open for your Mass intentions beginning **Tuesday, December 12th at 10am** in the rectory. You may come to the rectory during regular business hours to make your requests. Please remember, the rectory closes from 12noon-1pm. We are limiting Mass requests to 5 Masses. If you can be flexible with the DATE and TIME, we will take requests by mail. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation of your mail-in requests. No phone requests will be taken.

Reminder: the offering for a Sunday Mass is \$25 per Mass, weekday Masses remain \$15.

Saturday Masses at 9am will continue to include collective intentions at \$10 each, for a maximum of 10 intentions.

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Angela McCarthy, MV
2nd Prize \$50 Thomas & Brenda McCabe, RP
3rd Prize \$25 Mary McLoughlin, MV

Congratulations to all our winners!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 11th- St. Damasus I, Pope

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC, Golden Age 12noon FFH
- School Advent Prayer Service 1:15pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden, NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, December 12th- Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Scripture Discussion 10-11am FFH Main
- Children's Choir 3pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Track 4-5pm, Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, December 13th- St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Pastoral Care Christmas Gathering 10-2pm FFH
- Academy Board Meeting 7pm RMR
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC and FFH

Thursday, December 14th- St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Marian Rosary 9:45am FFH Garden
- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 8-9pm FFH Main
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC,
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym

Friday, December 15th

- CODA 10am PCC, Twirling, 4-7pm FFH Main
- Diocesan Choir Concert 7:30pm Church
- No Basketball Practice, Gym Closed
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm, Basketball Practice Gym

Saturday, December 16th

- OCA 10am PCC, No Basketball
- School Breakfast with Santa 10-12noon Gym
- Youth Group Show 6:30pm Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, December 17th- Third Sunday of Advent

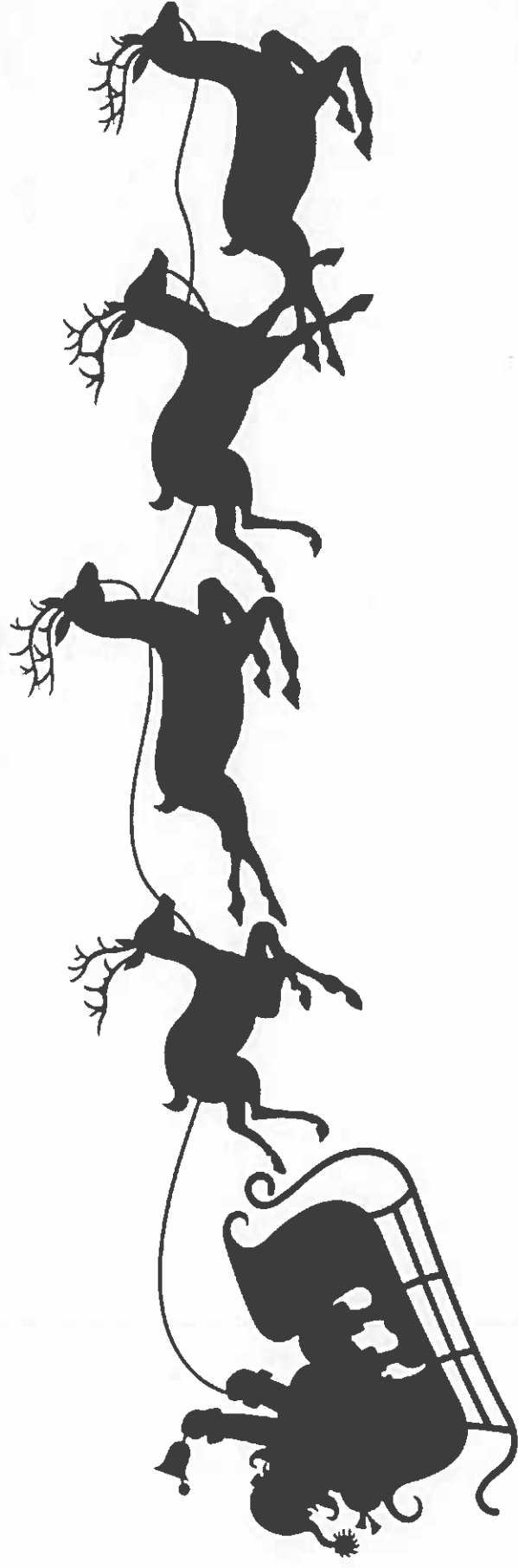
- Special Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon FFH
- Youth Group 12noon-1:30pm Garden Room
- Spanish Children's Christmas Party 2-5pm Gym
- No Basketball, Alanon 12noon PCC

FOUR SEASONS "FALL" RAFFLE

Tickets are available for purchase at the Rectory, and are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25, and are included in this bulletin for your convenience. Simply return to the rectory during the week, or place in next weekend's collection basket. The holidays are coming!! Everyone can use some extra \$\$\$\$. At time of press, two winners will each receive \$. Drawing to be held **NEXT Monday, December 18th**. A perfect Christmas gift!

R.A. YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS

THE CHRISTMAS SHOW!



SAT. DEC. 16, 6:15PM

**BRING THE FAMILY FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC, COMEDY & FUN!
(BAKE SALE & 50/50 RAFFLE DURING INTERMISSION.)**

TICKETS \$5 RESURRECTION-ASCENSION GYMNASIUM