

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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 Parochial Vicar
Mr. Emanuel Bologna, Director of Music
Mrs. Joann Heppt, Academy Principal
Mr. Jason Velazquez, Dir. of Religious Education & Parish Outreach
Rev. Basilio Monteiro, Weekend Presider

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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Rectory Hours

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

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RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is The Third Sunday of Advent. The Readings are found at #1009 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, December 17th

9:00am Jean Temkey, req by RA St. Vincent dePaul

Tuesday, December 18th

9:00am Marilyn Haughney, req by her husband John

Wednesday, December 19th

9:00am Joseph Caruana, req by Tom and Brenda McCabe, and family

Thursday, December 20th

9:00am Peggy Bartichek, req by Eileen Gillespie

Friday, December 21st

9:00am Patrick Tully, req by his wife, Ann

Saturday, December 22nd

9:00am For the People of the Parish

-Edward Zwickert, req by Iris Zwickert

-Anna Pagano

-Patrick Farley, req by Mary Sammon and family

-Jack Lynch, req by John and Concepta Lynch

-Eamonn and Pauline Lynch, req by John and Concepta Lynch

-Ann Callinan, req by John and Concepta Lynch

-Catherine Lee, req by the Divine Mercy Prayer Group

-Patrick Mullen, req by Mario and Mira Honovich, and family

-Anne, and sons Patrick and Joseph O'Dea, req by the O'Dea family

5:00pm Donlon, LaManna, Owens, and Grande families, req by Jane Donlon

Sunday, December 23rd - Fourth Sunday of Advent
(12: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45)

8:00am Camilla and Michael Pagano

9:30am Ryszard Kopczynski, req by his wife, children, and grandchildren

11:00am Mercedes Martinez, req by her parents and family

12:30pm Julio Rodriguez (bday), req by the Lopez family

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve- Monday, December 24th

5:00pm- SPECIAL "FAMILY" LITURGY

11:30pm- Christmas Carols followed by MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day- Tuesday, December 25th

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses: 9:30am, 11:00am in English (no Spanish mass on Christmas)

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

We will have Advent Morning Prayer on December 18th and 20th at 8:30am in the Church.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Colleen Breheny, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Kurt Burger, Martha Chaves, Richard DeNardo, Eleanor Ducey, Carmine Eso, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Jackie Hanley, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, Joe Loughnane, Mary Loughnane, Mary Ellen Lustberg, Patrick McCabe, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Joel Rivera, Julio Rosado, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

Deceased: Joseph B. McMahon, James Conlon, Gerard Kiefer

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Wilma Rueda and Elsie Acevedo**, as requested by a friend.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Francisco Lara**, as requested by Judy, Bob, Heather, and Sean Belon.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of James Gallagher**, as requested by RA Catholic Academy.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Peter and Sue Gabelli, and Marie Saladino**, as requested by Peter and Jacqueline.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. John Vianney** will be lit this week in **loving memory of deceased members of the Pagano family**.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in **loving memory of deceased members of the Forte family**, as requested by the Corey family.

Sunday School and Children's Liturgy of the Word, will NOT meet next Sunday, December 23rd.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

On Monday, December 17, 2018, our Diocese will join the Archdiocese of New York in celebrating **ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY**. On this special day, all the parishes of our diocese will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the great Feast of the Lord's Nativity. Confessions will be heard in the church at 7pm.

CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS AND FLOWER ENVELOPES

These items are available at the entrances to the church for your use. The Christmas Spiritual Bouquet intentions will be remembered at all the Christmas Masses.

SAVE THE DATE

Prepare for Advent and Christmas with Scripture. Last session takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 18th from 10-11am in Fr. Feely Hall. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Facilitator: John Cleary (718) 662-6069

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

On the weekend of December 1/2nd, many of you were generous toward the giving of your Christmas Gift to our church. Please know that your gift is very much appreciated and will be helpful in the meeting of expenses for parish programs, repairs, and whatever may be deemed necessary during the balance of this year, and the forthcoming year. In the event you were unable to give your gift to the Church on the weekend of Dec. 1/2nd, please feel free to do so on this date or, in the near future.

It's official!! The signs and reminders are all around us. The Christmas countdown began –prior to—and shortly after—our national observance of Thanksgiving. The newspapers, radio, and television *hammer away* at “**how many days remain until Christmas**”. All around us there are signs that Christmas is coming. For example:

- * Stores are filled with Christmas decorations
- * Christmas music has been playing on the radio and television (and, unfortunately, will no longer be heard on Dec. 26th and thereafter, until.....)
- * Christmas cards have begun to arrive in our mailboxes.
- * Christmas parties—have been—or will—take place at work, at school, and within our Church groups.

Obviously, there are plenty of signs that Christmas is coming. However, over 2000 years ago, when Jesus was born, there were *no big signs to announce this very significant event* about to happen. In other words, there were no ads that could be announced on the radio or TV stating: “Coming soon! A Savior will be born in a stable near you!” Consequently, when Jesus was born, *many people were surprised!* But, as the word of His birth spread, some people began to remember that the prophets had also told them “God was going to send a Savior”. Then, they came to know that *this baby, born in a stable, was God keeping His promise.*

Just as Christmas is a wonderful, and joyous, time to celebrate the birth of Jesus it is, also, a time to remember how *Jesus promised that He would come again.* It is noteworthy that we do not read much about that in the newspapers, and we do not hear much talk about it on the radio, or television. However, during these past few weeks, the Scripture readings continue to remind us that Jesus announced the need to “be prepared and to watch for His return.” Therefore, as we look forward to Christmas day, we join the Church in anticipation of the day *when Jesus will (also) come again.*

Since this weekend is often referred to as “Gaudete Sunday”, (the Latin word for “Rejoice”), it also signifies that we are beyond the mid-point of Advent, as we approach the feast of Christmas. Notably, the third candle on the Advent wreath is rose, or pink in color, and stands, in contrast, to the three remaining purple candles. May the lighting of this third candle serve as a reminder that just as the people of Israel found hope in the promises of God, we, too, can find hope and joy in the promise of Jesus that He will come again as we pray the following at each Mass: “***we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ***”.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (STILL) NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our assigned goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal has been the same amount (\$63,130) for the past few years. (Please know that in the year, 2016, this appeal goal was “folded in” with the Generations of Faith Campaign Goal. In other words, the assigned goal was subtracted from the total amount paid in the Generations of Faith Campaign during the year 2016). Please be aware, also, that the assigned goal was reduced from that of previous years, which had been \$65,270.

Each week, parishioners are informed as to the current status of the Annual Catholic Appeal. For example, the latest report, as of this past week, indicates that the number of donors amounts to 155, out of the total registered members listed as 829. Currently, the amount paid is \$60,449 toward the amount pledged of \$63,966 (i.e., \$836 slightly above the assigned parish goal of \$63,130.) Parishioners have been informed at Masses this past weekend that the amount needed to reach the *pledged* goal is \$3,515. In the event we do not meet our assigned goal, the parish will be responsible to “make up” the difference—(as we were for the year 2016).

Hopefully, between now, and the end of this calendar year, those who have not contributed will consider doing so in order to close the gap. At the present time, there are **18 open pledges that have not been completely satisfied.** Those who may be among the 18, please check your records for accuracy, and, if possible, consider contributing the difference needed before the conclusion of this year. Notably, there are parishes comparable to our socio-economic status that have already reached their goal, and beyond. Therefore, any attempts, on the part of our parishioners to satisfy the deficit, would be greatly appreciated, and also would help **to avoid any embarrassment** when the listings of all parishes is printed in the Tablet, and distributed among the parishes within the Diocese. The theme for this year has been “Answer the Call” -- a fitting one to satisfy the needs of the Diocese and, at the same time, to help our parish reach the assigned goal, commensurate with other parishes [of similar socio-economic status] within the Diocese.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**RESURRECTION-ASCENSION
CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS**



Congratulations to the following students who have achieved honors in the first trimester:

Grade 5A: Adam Korbowski, Brian Lancea, Nella Lyko

Grade 5B: Ebube Ajulu, Logan Dobis, Nicholas Neves, William-Franz Pascual

Grade 6: Emily Avaricio, Isabella Chase, James Gaffney, Audrey Lataille, Kielan Santos, Liam Sweeney, Santiago Uribe, Joseph Werner

Grade 7: Adriana Chamulak, Leslie Chiu, Jeremy Fernandes, Micah Gagarin, Noelle Imburgia, Christina Johnson-Duroseau, Janelle-Stephanie Pascual, Dylan Rosa, Erica Yu

Grade 7B: Rachele Bifulco, Sydney Ewald, Luca Landa, Seraphina Ng, Keilyn Rae Paulino, Jasmyn Pico, Erika Yick

Grade 8: Matthew Alvarez, Kenneth Chase, Karalyn Chiu, Natalie Kizior, Michelle Olhoviks, Elizabeth Paul, Elizabeth Quercia, George Tena Valladares

RCIA PROGRAM

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? Do you want to be Baptized? Are you Baptized, and wish to receive the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation? If so, please contact Jason Velazquez, our Director of Faith Formation, at (718) 533-7898, or email jvelazquezra@aol.com.

Spanish Bible Study

WILL NOT MEET on December 21st, 28th, and January 4th. It will resume on Friday, January 11th.

FOUR SEASONS 50/50

Tickets are available in the Rectory, and are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. Drawing will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 19th. Who couldn't use some extra \$\$\$ right before Christmas??? 😊

PLEASE NOTE—SPECIAL RECTORY HOURS

On Thursday, December 20th, the Rectory will be closing at 12:30pm. It will re-open on Friday, Dec. 21st, at 9am.

BE AN ANGEL

A heartfelt **thank you** to all of you who donated to our "Be An Angel" gift program to help serve the needy in our parish. We also wish to thank all those who generously contributed to our St. Vincent Society Outreach collection, and brought food items. What a blessing to be with so many who are willing to share and give of themselves! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!

Thank you to all that took a star, and dropped off their gifts for our **GIVING TREE**, which benefits Hour Children. We thank you for your participation and generosity year after year. God bless you during this Advent Season!

A Glimpse at your contributions... December 8/9:

	Checks	Cash	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$1,398	\$ 296	\$1,694
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 889	\$ 230	\$1,119
9:30am (English)	\$1,265	\$ 167	\$1,432
11:00am (English)	\$ 645	\$ 516	\$1,161
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 384	\$ 428	\$ 812
	\$1,637	\$4,581	\$6,218

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$875

Total number of envelopes used by registered parishioners: 207

Total weekly collection: \$7,093 Weekly goal needed to meet parish expenses: \$9,651. Deficit this week= \$2,558

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 17th

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Reconciliation 7pm Church
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden, Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, December 18th

- Morning Prayer 8:30am Church
- Advent Scriptures 10-11am FFH Main
- Children's Choir 3pm
- School Christmas Concert 7pm Gym
- No Track, No Basketball Practice
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, December 19th

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Pastoral Care Volunteers Christmas Luncheon 12:30pm
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm FFH Main & PCC

Thursday, December 20th

- Morning Prayer 8:30am Church, Rectory Closes 12:30pm
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

Friday, December 21st- St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- Student of the Month Assembly 8:15am Gym
- CODA 10am, Gym Closed
- Twirling 4-7pm, Basketball Practice 7:15-9:15pm Gym
- No Spanish Bible Study Group

Saturday, December 22nd

- Mass 9:30am**
- OCA 10am PCC, CYO Basketball
- No Spanish Classes, No Spanish Service
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, December 23rd- Fourth Sunday of Advent

- No Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- No Sunday School, No Youth Group
- No RCIA
- CYO Basketball, Gym, Alanon 12noon PCC

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

Please join us in decorating the Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 23rd at 1:30pm. All are welcome 😊



