

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 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

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Rectory

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Rectory Staff

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(*Tuition Officer/Rectory Receptionist*)

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent (B). The Readings are found at #1011 in the Parish Hymnal.

Christmas Eve- Sunday, December 24th

5:00pm- SPECIAL "FAMILY" LITURGY

(Spiritual Bouquet Intentions)

11:30pm- Christmas Carols

followed by MIDNIGHT MASS

(Spiritual Bouquet Intentions)

Christmas Day- Monday, December 25th

Masses: 9:30am, 11:00am in English

(Spiritual Bouquet Intentions)

(no Spanish Mass on Christmas)



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Tuesday, December 26th

9:00am Al Grogan, req by his wife, Bridie

Wednesday, December 27th

9:00am Michael Lavin (bday), req by his wife,
Philomena

Thursday, December 28th

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

Friday, December 29th

9:00am Charles Gillespie, req by his family

Saturday, December 30th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish

-Anna and Philip Brady, req by their daughter, Mary Ellul

-in thanksgiving to God, req by Hui Chen

-for the health and intentions of Mary Sammon, req
by the Grogan family.

5:00pm Gerard Harrington (30th anniv), req by Patrick
and Albina Harrington, and their families

**Sunday, December 31st – The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**(Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Ps 105:1-6, 8-9 Lk 2:22-40)**

8:00am Ezio Benini, req by his family

9:30am in thanksgiving to God, req by Hui Chen

11:00am Mercedes Martinez, req by her family

12:30pm por la paz del mundo, req by Stella Giraldo

RECTORY CLOSED

The Rectory will be CLOSED on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th. It will re-open on Wednesday, December 27th at 9am. The Rectory Staff wish you all a Merry Christmas!

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st is the **Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God (NOT a Holyday).**

There will be a Mass at 10am. The Readings can be found at #1020 in the Parish Hymnal.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The Pantry will be CLOSED until Wednesday, January 3rd.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CLW

Sunday School and CLW will not meet next Sunday.

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 Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

Deceased: Leticia Daste Cueva

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Patrick Lydon (41st anniversary), and Patrick Finegan** as requested by Theresa Lydon, and family.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of deceased members of the Harrington and McDaniel families**, as requested by John and Mary Harrington, and family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Charles Fallon**, as requested by Nicole, Zachary, Maryssa, Charlie, and Heather.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week for the intentions of **Dorothea Petriello, on the occasion of her birthday**, as requested by Nicole, Zachary, Maryssa, Charlie, and Heather.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Patrick Ducey, Sr., and Patrick Ducey, Jr. (bday)**, as requested by their family.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in **loving memory of Al Grogan (anniversary)**, as requested by his wife, Bridie.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Radio Bingo is coming to Resurrection Ascension on February 3, 2018. This ain't your grandma's bingo!

More information to come.....

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Bishop Di Marzio invites all to join him in this year's Annual Catholic Charities Collection. The collection takes place at all the Christmas Masses. Please return the special Catholic Charities envelope from your envelope packet with your gift. Bishop DiMarzio urges all to join in sharing God's love with families and children in need by giving generously to this year's Charities Christmas collection.

FALL FOUR SEASONS RAFFLE

And the winners are....

Eugene Hennessey and Josephine Santiago will each receive a check for \$430. Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Four Seasons Raffle. The next drawing will take place on March 26th.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

A CALL TO FOSTER ANOTHER "MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS"

On this final Sunday of the Advent Season, the readings are a constant reminder to us of God's fulfillment in relation to the prophetic promises that alerted the people to what would soon be realized. In the reading from the Book of Samuel, the Lord reminds King David that He brought the Israelites through desert wanderings to their own dwelling. At the same time, they are reminded that He has always been with them—even when bearing hardships. In other words, He was not aloof in a palace but "going about in a tent under cloth" as they carried the Ark of the Covenant from Egypt to Canaan. In a similar way, let us remember that the Lord *accompanies us* during this Advent season through the wanderings of our heart. Now, we are the ones who look forward toward the celebration of fulfillment at that First Christmas.

Each week, we worship to remember the miraculous birth of Christ and the implications of that historical moment in time—but, let us be mindful that the miracles are not over: Christ died and did the impossible by rising—AND Christ will come again. Therefore, these final days before Christmas are a reminder that the Spirit calls us to bring back the miracle of Christmas by doing what Mary said and did in today's Gospel, namely, to say "yes" to those challenges that may look totally impossible. As a matter of fact, not surprisingly, we are gathered, today, to help each other do just that!

**A WEEKEND THAT HAS BEEN: SPIRITUALLY UPLIFTING,
ENTERTAINING, AND ONE THAT GAVE US MANY REASONS TO BE THANKFUL**

It all began on Friday, Dec. 15, when despite the surprising snow accumulation, a good number of people came to experience the program given by our Diocesan Choir, under the direction of our parish Music Director, Emanuel Bologna. The Diocesan Choir began twenty-five years ago and now consists of 45 choristers from around the Diocese. They have been singing for major Diocesan events, such as: the R.C.I.A., Chrism Mass (during Holy Week), as well as for our Priesthood Ordinations, and those occasions when a Bishop is ordained to the fullness of the priesthood. The main feature of this program consisted of works from Johann Sebastian Bach, as well as an invitation for audience participation while singing some Christmas favorites, along with the Diocesan Choir. This year's medley of hymns concluded with the popular Handel's "Hallelujah." Overall, those attending attest that this event has always proven to be a fitting way to enter into the spirit of the Advent Season, resulting in a consistently uplifting experience, as well as one that is seasonally entertaining.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, our annual "Breakfast with Santa" took place for many of our primary grade students. This has always proven to be a tremendous success, attributed to a dedicated group of parents that have worked so hard to bring about a family experience, often associated with this pre-holiday season. At the same time, additional entertainment was given by our parish Youth Group, under the direction of our Youth Minister, Jim Scherer. This "Christmas (Variety) Show" is a follow-up to the last one that took place six years ago. After a brief hiatus, Jim, and our youth in the parish, demonstrated their talents, and skills, while contributing to the joy of the holiday season. Our thanks to Jim, for his exceptional leadership, and guidance, as well as for the combined efforts of our youth, who have helped to bring about the return of our parish youth group.

A final word of "thanks" to two of our parishioners who followed through with the Boy Scout's intent to help the parish in times of need. Due to the surprise accumulation of snow, and the activities scheduled to take place on Saturday, Brendan Sammon, along with his mother, Maureen Sammon, spent a large part of Saturday morning, [and afternoon], clearing our property of snow in order to ensure the safety of our parishioners, and those supporting our parish activities. Their efforts and prompt response, [at that time], is another prime example of STEWARDSHIP whereby parishioners demonstrate their willingness to contribute their TIME, and TALENT (EFFORT) in order to be of service, and (in this instance) to guarantee the safety of those supporting our parish events.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

A word of WELCOME to all visitors to our parish during this Christmas season ☺

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

☺ **RESURRECTION – ASCENSION** ☺ **CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS**

Early Childhood Open Houses

We will be holding open houses throughout the month of January for Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. If you, or someone you know, would like to visit our school please come on one of the following dates:

Tuesday, January 9th from 9am-11am
Tuesday, January 16th from 9am-11am
Tuesday, January 23rd from 9am-11am

You will receive information about our school and a tour of the building. These are wonderful opportunities to see our children in action! If these dates are not convenient, please call the school office at 718-426-4963.

We will also have our usual Catholic Schools Week Open Houses on Sunday, January 28th and Wednesday, January 31st for all students

We are host to two Pre-K For All classes. Registration opens online on February 5th. Priority is given to current Nursery students and siblings of RA students.



This
Christmas
end a quarrel.

Seek out a forgotten
friend. Dismiss suspicion,
and replace it with trust.

Write a love letter. Share some
treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage
your loyalty in work and deed. Keep a promise.

Find the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy.

Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to
understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on
others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind.

Be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve
confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry
complacency. Express gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a
stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the
beauty and wonder of

the Earth. Speak
your love.

Speak
it again.

Speak your
love once more.

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Joan & Chris Quercia, Maspeth
2nd Prize \$50 Kathy & John McCabe, RP
3rd Prize \$25 Irene Sheehan, MV

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, December 25th- The Nativity of the Lord

-Rectory Closed, School Closed
-Food Pantry Closed, No Basketball Practice, No Yoga
-NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, December 26th- St. Stephen, The First Martyr

-Rectory Closed, School Closed
-No Track, Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
-No English Classes, Spanish Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 27th- St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

-School Closed, Food Pantry Closed
-Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
-NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, December 28th- The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

-School Closed, No Toddler Time
-English Classes 6-8pm PCC
-Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym

Friday, December 29th- Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord

-School Closed, No Twirling
-CODA 10am PCC
-Basketball Practice 7:15-9:30pm Gym
-No Spanish Bible Study

Saturday, December 30th- Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord

-OCA 10am PCC, No Basketball
-Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
-Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, December 31st- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

-No Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
-No Sunday School, No Youth Group
-Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2:30pm Church and
Christmas celebration 3:30-8:30pm Gym
-No Basketball
-Alanon 12noon PCC

A Glimpse at your contributions... December 16/17:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 122	\$1,420	\$1,542
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 417	\$ 674	\$1,091
9:30am (English)	\$ 747	\$ 647	\$1,394
11:00am (English)	\$ 329	\$ 559	\$ 888
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 525	\$ 176	\$ 701
	\$2,140	\$3,476	\$5,616

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$776 via 52 enrollees)

Total weekly collection: \$6,392 (this week's deficit=\$3,259)

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

