

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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
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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 First Sunday of Advent (B). The Readings are found at #1002 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 4th

9:00am Agrippa Alamazon, req by Donald and Maureen Kelly

Tuesday, December 5th

9:00am for the intentions of Sister Rose Veronica, CSJ, req by Sister Richard Maureen

Wednesday, December 6th

9:00am for the intentions of Sister Susan Sabol, CSJ, req by Sister Richard Maureen

Thursday, December 7th

9:00am Paul Lin and Maria Jiang, req by Jinzhu Lin
7:30pm Vigil Rev. Lawrence J. McAlister

Thursday, December 8th - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30am Patrick Lydon and Patrick Finegan, req by Theresa Lydon and family

Saturday, December 9th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish
-Anne and Jim Brennan, req by Carol Scacalossi
-Anna Mangano (bday), req by Maria Mangano
-in thanksgiving to God, req by Hui Chen
-in thanksgiving, req by Mary Sammon
-Lucy Fowlkes Breed, req by Elizabeth Daly
-health and intentions of Viloría-Paez family, req by Paez-Chang family

5:00pm Angela and William Donlon, req by their daughter, Jane

Sunday, December 10th - Second Sunday of Advent
(5: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8)

8:00am Andy Hagarty, req by his wife, Ann, and family

9:30am Amado Francesco (bday), req by his family

11:00am Helen and William Heptig, req by their daughter, Helen

12:30pm Freddy Taveras, req by the RA St. Vincent dePaul Society

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a Vigil Mass on December 7th at 7:30pm, and Mass at 9:30am on December 8th.

HOLD THE DATES!

Prepare for Christmas with Scripture! December 5, 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.

YOUTH GROUP will meet today, Sunday, December 3rd. For info, call Jim Shearer at (917) 597-8807.

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: Elizabeth Sullivan, Blanca Rosa Rivas, William McQuade, Antoinette Carrieri

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 in loving memory of Ann Greco, as requested by Annmary and Larry Passantino.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the health and intentions of Barbara Ravert, as requested by Kurt and Simone Burger.

The Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother will be lit this week in thanksgiving for all the blessings and prayers, as requested by Mary Sammon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School and Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet next Sunday, December 10th.

BAPTISMS

The following children were welcomed into the parish community last month through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Isabella Gentile Yariel Hierro

The Final Session of **ARISE** will take place on Thursday, December 7th, at 9:45am in Fr. Feely Hall.

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

We have a limited supply of AT HOME WITH THE WORD books for EMHC who have made use of them in the past. These books are available and may be picked up at the Rectory on a "first come, first served" basis.

FOUR SEASONS "FALL" RAFFLE HAS BEGUN.....

Tickets are available for purchase at the Rectory, and are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. The holidays are coming!! Everyone can use some extra \$\$\$ Drawing to be held on Monday, December 18th. A perfect Christmas gift!

DECEMBER 3, 2017



A GLIMPSE AT PAST AND FUTURE (PARISH) EVENTS

(Since the bulletin material for Nov. 26 had to be submitted to the printer on Friday, November 17th, the following parish events are worthy of mention at this time)

To begin with, this past Thanksgiving Eve/Day gave us much reason to be a grateful people. On Wednesday, November 22nd, our traditional school Thanksgiving Prayer Service took place in our Church at 11am. During this gathering of our students, who joined in prayer, and song, to express thanks for God's blessings upon us, a combination of food and monetary donations were presented to the Little Sisters of the Poor, who staff Queen of Peace Nursing Home in Queens Village, and to Jane Donlon, the current Vice-President of our parish Society of St. Vincent. Following these presentations, our first grade students stood in front of the altar and displayed the word "T-H-A-N-K-S-G-I-V-I-N-G" by explaining how each of the letters speak about our observance of Thanksgiving day. Those present for this Thanksgiving Service also expressed how truly blessed we are at this time, as well as throughout the year.

On Thursday, November 23rd, after our 9:30am Thanksgiving Mass, approximately 20 volunteers (too numerous to mention by name) helped to prepare Thanksgiving Dinners for the homebound of our parish community. Notably, 48 dinners were delivered to the homebound, and those who would be alone on this Thanksgiving Day. Fortunately, two of our former parishioners, Donna and Kevin Ryan, drove up north from their current residence in the state of Georgia, in order to resume their dedication to this special service, as they had been accustomed to in the past. Once again, they exercised their gifts of TIME and TALENT by taking on the "mammoth task" associated with preliminary preparations such as: coordinating volunteers for the preparation of Thanksgiving Dinners, updating the list of those willing to transport these dinners, and, carrying out additional tasks associated with keeping the "spirit of giving." Given their past experience, and Kevin's exceptional organizational skills, their input has helped to pave the way for a smooth and enjoyable experience for all involved.

Additional "thanks" is due, also, to all who so very generously donated much needed canned goods, turkeys, and any monetary donations. In fact, this year, through the intervention of Fr. Robert Mema, now assigned to St. Kevin's Parish in Flushing, additional turkeys, pies, juice, and other canned goods were included among the meals sent to the homebound. Finally, many of our parishioners commented about the "seasonal fall arrangement" placed in front of the altar for the Thanksgiving weekend. Our sincere thanks to "Jim", from "Creative Florist", for his exceptionally beautiful floral arrangements on special occasions, as well as throughout the year.

As we move forward to engage in the spirit of the pre-Christmas Season, on Sunday, December 3rd at 2:30pm, we will have our annual celebration of "Lessons and Carols", which consists of an interspersion of hymns, and Scripture Readings, that proclaim events leading up to the birth of Christ. The English, Spanish, and Children's Choirs, as well as the Indonesian Choir will alternate with hymns which reflect the message of the Scripture Readings. Our sincere gratitude to our Music Director, Emanuel Bologna, and our parish Cantor, Patricia Kistner, for coordinating this parish event. Their efforts, consistently, provide both reflective, and meaningful, seasonal music for our parish community, and any visitors fortunate to attend.

In addition to looking ahead, please be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Diocesan Choir's Christmas Concert—also under the direction of our parish organist, and music director, Emanuel Bologna. This event is scheduled to take place on Friday, December 15th at 7:30pm, in our Church. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this Diocesan Event that will include the works of Bach, Handel, and other Christmas favorites, which has always been a spiritually uplifting –and memorable— evening as, fittingly, we enter the pre-Christmas Season. If you would like to attend, please see Patricia Kistner, (our leader of song) for tickets, or call the rectory for further information.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

☺ RESURRECTION – ASCENSION ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

Thanksgiving at RACA

Thank you to our first graders who helped us to remember all the things we are thankful for at our Thanksgiving Prayer Service. Our students sent over 30 cartons of food to our food pantry. We also collected money for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and the Little Sisters of the Poor. Each organization received \$465. Our families put their faith into action.

Advent Tree Lighting

Our annual Advent Tree Lighting will take place on Monday, December 4th at 7pm outside the church. Join us after the lighting of the tree for some refreshments and crafts!

Advent Prayer Service

Our Advent Prayer Service will take place on Monday, December 11th at 1:15pm. Please join us as we begin this holy season with prayer.

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 Mr. & Mrs. Stanislaw Wilczewski, RP
2nd Prize \$50 Ann Quinn, MV
3rd Prize \$25 Mrs. Maureen Sawey, Whitestone

Congratulations to all our winners!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 4th- St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Golden Age Christmas Luncheon at Villa Erasmo
- Advent Tree Lighting 7pm & Refreshments Gym
- No Basketball Practice, Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, December 5th

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

Wednesday, December 6th- St. Nicholas, Bishop

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC,
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, December 7th- St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Arise Together in Christ 9:45-11am FFH Garden
- Vigil Mass 7:30pm Church
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC,
- No Basketball Practice

Friday, December 8th- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Mass at 9:30am church
- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling, 4-7pm, Basketball Practice 7:15-9:30pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm, Basketball Practice Gym

Saturday, December 9th- St. Juan Diego, Cuauhtlatotzin

- OCA 10am PCC, No Basketball
- Twirling 10-12noon FFH Main
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, December 10th - Second Sunday of Advent

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Youth Group 12noon-1:30pm Garden Room
- Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2:30pm Church and Reception 3:30-7pm FFH
- CYO Basketball Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will be accepting donations for the Diocesan Religious Retirement Fund. Your donation works for aging religious. A donor writes, "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious". That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

THANK YOU...

.....to **Donna and Kevin Ryan**, who worked, tirelessly, to organize, and oversee, our annual Thanksgiving Meal Outreach Program to many homebound, while serving over 40 families.

..... to thank the **many parishioners** who donated their time, talent, and turkeys in order for this even to take place. There are so many of you that go out of your way to donate, stop by and help, or both. You all do it so willingly and joyfully. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful parishioners!

..... to thank **Pizza Classica Restaurant** for preparing and cooking the turkeys since we lost our oven in Fr. Feely Hall.

.....to the **Juniper Valley Knights of Columbus Council**, and to the **Queensboro Unico Men's Group**, for their generous donations, which they make every year.

.....to **St. Kevin's Church in Flushing**, for their donation of over 20 turkeys and sides to add to our bounty.

.....to **Grand Insurance Agency**, who provided many Catholic Churches in our area with vouchers for a Thanksgiving meal.

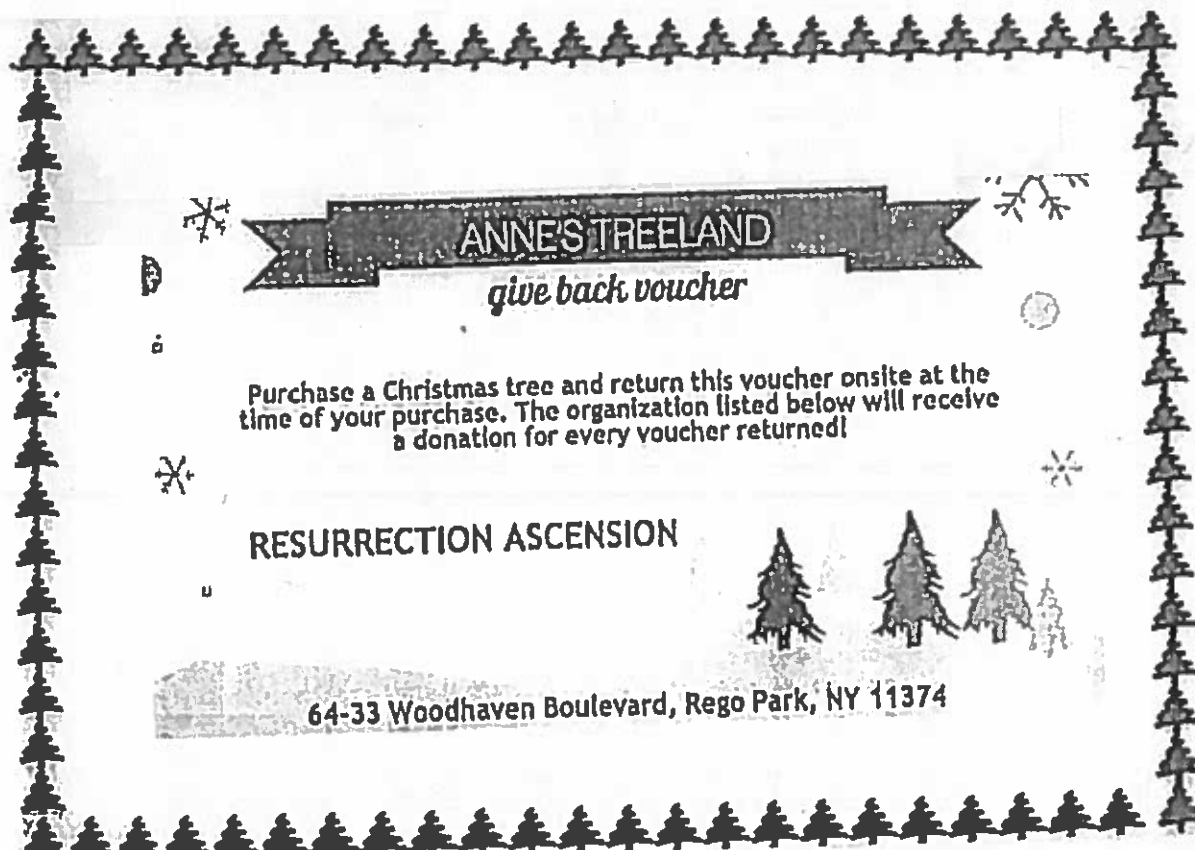
.....to **Met Food** for donating 150 rolls, which were blessed at our Thanksgiving Liturgy and distributed to our parishioners, and the homebound.


.... to **Resurrection-Ascension Catholic Academy**, whose students brought in food, and monetary donations, for our Thanksgiving outreach program.

 **HELP OUR PARISH WHILE PURCHASING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE!** 

This year, we are once again partnering with **ANNE'S TREELAND**
in their "give back" fundraising voucher program.


Therefore, please take this voucher to **ANNE'S TREELAND** when purchasing your tree
and our Church will receive a donation for each voucher received.




give back voucher

Purchase a Christmas tree and return this voucher onsite at the
time of your purchase. The organization listed below will receive
a donation for every voucher returned!

RESURRECTION ASCENSION



64-33 Woodhaven Boulevard, Rego Park, NY 11374

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!

Resurrection Ascension Church St. Vincent de Paul Society

BE AN ANGEL

Thank you to all who have decided to participate this year! Please remember to deliver gifts to FFH or the Rectory

before Monday, December 11th.

For more information, call (718) 533-7898.

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 WREATH SALE

Boy Scout Troop 106 will be selling Christmas wreaths after all the Masses **THIS** weekend, December 2/3. Stop by and purchase a wreath to "spruce" up your home for the holidays and support the Boy Scouts.

HARK TO THE GLAD SOUND!

You are invited to a service of

LESSONS & CAROLS

featuring the Adult, Children, Spanish, and Indonesian Choirs of

Resurrection Ascension Church

TODAY at 2:30pm.

Join us in preparing for the coming of our Lord through Scripture and Song

(and show these four choirs our appreciation for their time and talents as well!)

Donations for Madison York

We are currently accepting donations of new, or very gently used, items for Madison York's annual Christmas/Holiday events. Please, no clothes or stuffed animals.

Soap sets, toiletries, pocket books, costume jewelry, wallets, tchotchkes, and the like are gladly accepted at Father Feely Hall on Mondays, or the CMR on Sundays.

CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS AND FLOWER ENVELOPES

These items are available at the entrances to the church for your use, beginning the weekend of December 2/3.

The Christmas Spiritual Bouquet intentions will be remembered at all the Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE PARISH

THIS WEEKEND, December 3rd

you will have the opportunity to contribute your **Christmas Gift to the Parish.**

Your donation will help, considerably, to meet the ongoing costs, and payments, that have been incurred during the past year and, undoubtedly, may encounter also in the New Year. We, along with many other parishes, have mounting repair lists in existing buildings that call for repairs, at highly significant costs. However, it is through your generosity, that we are able to meet these expenses, and maintain the upkeep of our buildings, and property. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

THE STARS ARE COMING OUT!

THIS WEEKEND, December 2/3, our Christmas Giving Tree will be in the Narthex of the church.

You may pick a star(s) and make a bright Christmas for some little children, and young people. The recipients, again this year, will be "Hour Children", which is a program committed to the compassionate, and loving care, of the children of incarcerated women.

The **unwrapped** gifts should be returned next weekend, December 9/10.

God bless you, for your kindness, and generosity, during this Advent Season!

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

During the week of December 17th, we will have Morning Prayer on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday in the Church at 8:30am. All are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS SHOW!!!

The RA Youth Group is bringing back their Christmas Show.

Saturday, December 16th at 6:30pm.

Tickets will be on sale after the 9:30am, 11am, and 12:30pm

Masses **THIS & NEXT** weekend. Tickets are \$5.

Come out for an entertaining evening and support the youth of the parish!!

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.