

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 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, Director of Religious Education & Parish Outreach
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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C).
The Readings are found at #1017 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, December 31st

9:00am Carolyn M. Kelly, req by Julie Infrano
5:00pm Vigil Mercedes Martinez, req by her parents
and family

Tuesday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00am For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 2nd

9:00am Cesar Rivera, req by his wife, Elsa Rivera
and family

Thursday, January 3rd

9:00am Mortimer Hartnett, req by his wife Josephine
and family

Friday, January 4th

9:00am First Friday Perpetual Mass Society

Saturday, January 5th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish
-Jose Perdomo, req by daughter Ladita
-Aranza Zelaya, req by her aunt Ladita
-Eileen Avezzano, req by Josephine Hartnett
-for the intentions of Lauren Sullivan, req by
Josephine Hartnett
-for the intentions of Bridie Hartnett, req by her family
-for the health and intentions of Maureen Rahill, req
by Angie McCarthy
-for the intentions of Leokadia and Marek Glogowski,
req by Malgorzata Jablonka
-Jim Conlon, req by Carol Scacalossi
-Anna Pagano

5:00pm Michael Daglia, req by Lisa Panella and
Daniel Daglia

Sunday, January 6th - The Epiphany of the Lord (20: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt. 2:1-12)

8:00am Thomas Kenny, req by Joyce and Albert
Franceschina

9:30am Michael McGuire, req by Bill and Bozena
Hickey

11:00am Francisco Lara, req by Rita and Ed
Geraghty

12:30pm Carmen Lopez, req by the Lopez family

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, January 4th. is the First Friday of the month.
The following have been enrolled in the

Perpetual Mass Society:

Ann Conte Luba Mihalics Vincent R. Kriny
James Conroy Marianna Bencivenni Patrick Gilroy

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of
God (a Holy Day of Obligation). There will be a
vigil Mass on Monday, December 31st at 5pm,
and a 10am Mass on Tuesday, January 1st.

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: William J. Houston

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in
loving memory Luba Mihalics, as requested by
Joann Heppt.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving
memory of Mary Ellen and Peter Fitzpatrick**, as
requested by Kathleen Fitzpatrick.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in
thanksgiving for B.E.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother**
will be lit this week in **thanksgiving for Maureen
Kelly**, as requested by the Marian Group.

Correction: In the December 16th bulletin, the
intention at the **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed
Mother** should have read:

**"will be lit this week in loving memory of Peter
and Sue Gabelli, and Marie Saladino, as
requested by Susan, Peter and Jacqueline.**

We apologize for the error.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donations to the
Diocesan Mission Collection. The revenue from this
collection will be used when the Bishop receives appeals
from various missions for support from the Diocese of
Brooklyn, and when Mission appeals are requested from
the Society of the Immaculate Conception.
As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**A Glimpse at your contributions... December 23/24:
Figures not available at time of press....**

RECTORY CLOSED

The Rectory will be CLOSED on Tuesday, January 1st.
It will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd at 9am. The
Rectory Staff wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year!

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The Pantry will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CLW

Sunday School and CLW
will meet next Sunday, January 6th.



On this, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we still find ourselves within the Christmas Season—also known as “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” During this season, there are many gatherings of family members and friends with much to share. Among the cherished and shared experiences, one common way is through the telling, and sharing, of stories. Since the Season of Christmas is replete with stories—especially those that are heartwarming and inspire us to do the same when it comes to extending kindness, caring, and—most especially—generosity, the following story may also be a means of “passing on” and providing “food for thought” (no pun intended).....

Many Christmases ago, a very poor woman named Eva received a gift of “plump, beautiful grapes” from the grocer. Eva’s first thought was that of her son, Edward, when she said to herself, “This is Edward’s favorite! I can’t wait to give them to him tonight.” Upon her arrival at home, Edward’s eyes widened, and his mouth began to water when he saw his favorite fruit—the grapes. Yet, at the same time, he thought, immediately, of his little sister, Gracie.

Since times were hard, Edward pictured just how much Gracie would love the grapes, especially because there were very few treats Gracie had in recent years. Now, when his little sister received the grapes, she became jubilant with this “rare” treat. Just then, however, she heard her father, Robert, arriving home after a long day, while out seeking employment. Gracie thought to herself “wow, these grapes will really make my father smile!” So, she rushed in and, with excitement in her eyes, offered him the grapes before he could even take off his coat. “Here, Daddy,” she said, “here is a small gift from me to you.”

Although Robert arrived home very tired and, somewhat disappointed, the very sight of the juicy grapes given to him by his little girl made him smile. Yet, at the same time, he cast an even wider smile when he thought to himself, “what a wonderful surprise these grapes would be for my wife, Eva!” Robert felt that since his wife had given up so much for her family, she certainly deserved something special. He raced around the house to find his wife and, upon doing so, placed the same beautiful bunch of grapes in her hands — and, at the same time, accompanied by a kiss. In the spirit of the Christmas season, this story demonstrates for us how: the gift of beauty, nourishment, and self-giving love can really come FULL CIRCLE.

The above clearly illustrates how everyone received—and everyone gave. Therefore, during this remaining Christmas Season, may the message of that FIRST CHRISTMAS continue to bring the delight of TRUE LOVE to others. In other words, just as we receive so much from the God who loves us so deeply-- and dearly—to become one of us, may we, too, be examples of “HOW TO BRING OUT THE BEST” in ourselves, and—at the same time-- inspire others to do the same.

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

It all began on Friday, Dec. 14th, when a considerable 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-six 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.

This year’s program had as its title: “**CHRISTMAS CAROL SING: A CHORAL CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY**”. The main feature of this program consisted of the choir singing familiar Christmas Hymns, interspersed with audience participation to join in singing some of these hymns, while alternating some of the verses with the Diocesan Choir. This year’s medley of hymns concluded with what may be best described as a fitting *crescendo* of the familiar, and 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. 15th, 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. On the same date, and at 6:30 P.M., additional entertainment was given by our parish Youth Group, under the direction of our Youth Minister, Jim Shearer. This “Christmas (Variety) Show” is a follow-up to last year’s, [after a hiatus of six years ago when the last variety show took place]. The finale consisted of inviting all the young people to come on stage and join in singing the closing Christmas song. Once again, 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 leadership ability, as well as contributing his time, and effort, to cultivate the talent of our local youth, and for providing the audience with an enjoyable evening of Christmas entertainment.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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Save the Date!

Early Childhood Open House

We will have an Open House for our Early Childhood students (Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten) on the following Tuesdays in January:

Tuesday, January 8 th	9am-11am
Tuesday, January 15 th	9am-11am
Tuesday, January 22 nd	9am-11am

All Grades Open House

Our Open Houses for all grades will take place on:

Sunday, January 27 th	11:00am-12:00am
Tuesday, January 29 th	9:00am-11:00am & 3:00pm-5:00pm

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved honors in their respective high schools:

St. Agnes Academic

First Honors: *Yorciana Lasprilla*

Second Honors: *Vanessa Cisneros*

The Mary Louis Academy

Principal's List: *Elaina Wahmann*



A sincere “**Thank you**” is also in order to our parishioners for the many gifts, greetings, and wishes extended to the priests, the “core pastoral staff”, and the “support staff” (i.e., clerical, sacristy, maintenance, etc.)

As we look forward to welcome and celebrate the New Year, 2019, let us pray, in the words of the Church, for a “**Blessed, and Happy, New Year**”:

Heavenly Father, giver of every good gift, grant us Your grace and every blessing, keep us safe throughout the coming year; guide us, also, to an unwavering faith, a constant hope, and love that endures to the end.

As you order our days and our work in Your peace, hear our every prayer, and lead us to everlasting life and joy.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 31st- Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I, Pope

- Vigil Mass 5pm Church
- School Closed
- Food Pantry Closed, No Basketball Practice, No Yoga
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, January 1st- The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

- Mass 10am Church
- Rectory Closed, School Closed
- Gym Closed, FFH Closed, PCC Closed

Wednesday, January 2nd- Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, January 3rd- The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- No English Classes
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym

Friday, January 4th- First Friday; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

- First Friday Perpetual Mass Society 9:30am CMR
- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling 4-7pm, Basketball Practice 7:15-9:30pm Gym
- Girl Scouts 7-8pm FFH Main, No Spanish Bible Study

Saturday, January 5th- St. John Neumann, Bishop

- OCA 10am PCC
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church
- Spanish Rosary 12noon FFH Chapel
- CYO Basketball
- No Spanish Classes, No Spanish Service
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, January 6th- The Epiphany of the Lord

- Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- RCIA 12:30pm FFH Parlor
- Divino Nino 1:30pm Church, Reception 2-3pm FFH
- CYO Basketball
- Alanon 12noon PCC

RESPECT LIFE BRUNCH 2019

Sunday, January 13, 2019,
following the 9:30am Mass
in Fr. Feely Hall.

Delicious Catered Brunch and Raffles!

For more information, or to reserve
your seat, please call Jason Velazquez

at (718) 533-7898, or email

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We hope to see you there!

