

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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

### Church

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### Rectory

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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. The Readings are found at #1006 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** for the intentions of Florence and Frank Orzo, on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, req by Mr. & Mrs. Burger

#### Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Richard Sheridan, req by Gloria MacCartney

#### Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Josephine Ferrante, req by Joan Franco

#### Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Charles Buscema, req by Joan Franco

#### Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Helen Credaroli, req by Julie Infranco

#### Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** For the People of the Parish

-James Grace, req by Ed and Rita Geraghty

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

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

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

-The McMahan family, req by Ed and Rita Geraghty

-The Dillon family, req by Ed and Rita Geraghty

-Ann and Denis Lowney, req by Ed and Rita Geraghty

-intentions of Ann Daly, req by Ed and Rita Geraghty

-Carmela Barone (ann), req by her family

-for the health and intentions of Kurt Burger, req by Marian and Margaret Szyzka and family

**5:00pm** Eileen Grubb, req by Tom and Brenda McCabe and family

#### Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Third Sunday of Advent

(9: Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7  
Lk 3:10-18)

**8:00am** deceased members of the Pagano family

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

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

**12:30pm** Ivette Salcedo, req by Stella Giraldo

#### YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS SHOW

Members of our Youth Group will be selling tickets to their annual Christmas Show after the 9:30am and 11am Masses this weekend. Tickets are also available in the rectory. The show will take place on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm in the Auditorium. Come check it out!!!

#### **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.

#### 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:** Kristine Baguyo, Thomas Kenny

#### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Richard Sheridan**, as requested by Gloria MacCartney.

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 in **loving memory of Rose and Leonard Rella**.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **loving memory of William Morrissey (birthday)**, as requested by the Morrissey family.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in **loving memory of William Morrissey (birthday)**, as requested by the Morrissey family.

**Sunday School** will meet next Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, following a **Special Family Liturgy** at the 9:30am Mass.

#### **MARIAN ROSARY GROUP**

The Marian Rosary Group will pray the Rosary and wait with Mary for the birth of her son. We shall meet on a special date- Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am- in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall. Please join us this Advent Season as we look beyond the commercial aspect of this time, and focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Morning refreshments will be served.

#### **HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!**

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

#### **ADVENT MORNING PRAYER**

We will have Advent Morning Prayer every Tuesday and Thursday during Advent at 8:30am in the Church. The dates are as follows: December 13, 18, and 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Prepare for Advent and Christmas with Scripture. December 11, 18. Tuesdays from 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



THE QUESTION OFTEN ASKED OF US IS: "HOW DO YOU PREPARE?"

The quote from Isaiah, in this weekend's Gospel, speaks about preparing the way of the Lord and, also, serves as a reminder of what happens in any locale when a dignitary, or someone of great importance, visits. Almost instinctively, extensive preparations begin to take place such as: filling long-standing potholes, sprucing up buildings in disrepair, and making sure that everything is "smoothed out", "fluffed up", and brightened in order to impress. Similar situations arise at workplaces when the CEO arrives—desks are instantly cleaned, and the office atmosphere speaks of continued productivity.

In the Gospel for this Second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist is identified as the "voice of one crying out in the desert," who challenges people to "prepare the way of the Lord." However, this preparation was not—literally—about "smoothing roads" and "filling valleys." It was, rather, about repenting, and *preparing one's heart* to welcome the Lord—which is, exactly, what the season of Advent proposes. For example, the words "every valley shall be filled" suggest looking at what may be the gaping valleys in our hearts. In other words, to ask ourselves: "What do I need *more of* in my life in such areas as: TRUST, HOPE, GENEROSITY?"

Similarly, looking more closely at the expression: "Every mountain and hill shall be made low" may suggest that we look at what we may need *less of* such as: PRIDE, SELFISHNESS, ANGER.....

"The winding roads shall be made straight" may suggest that we consider what paths *have led us away from God?* And, "the rough ways made smooth" may help us to question ourselves as to what personality bumps need smoothing with reference to: a judgmental attitude, an intense need for control, and/or the desire to be the center of attention?

Hopefully we do not prepare our hearts for the Lord out of fear, or to make a good impression (as we would in special situations when dignitaries, etc. visit). Rather, our intent is to prepare them so God can live in us, and transform us into the holy people that we are called to be. As St. Paul exhorts, "The one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it....." In other words, "Prepare the way," and GOD WILL DO THE REST.

As we began the Advent Season, there have been a number of parish activities worth commenting upon. On Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:30 P.M., we had our annual celebration of Seasonal Music interspersed with Scripture readings leading up to the birth of Christ (Lessons and Carols). The Junior, Spanish, and Adult English Choirs, along with the Indonesian Choir alternated with hymns which reflected the message of the Scripture readings. Our sincere gratitude to our **Music Director, Emanuel Bologna, and our parish Cantor, Patricia Kistner**, for coordinating their efforts to provide a reflective and meaningful seasonal program for our parish community and visitors in attendance. Thank you, also, to our choirs, for their hard work and dedication to this event.

On Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual observance of the *Christmas Tree Lighting* which consisted of seasonal songs, a Blessing of the Tree, and refreshments for approximately 250 family members who attended. A *prayerful and joyful* time was had by all family members who attended. Our sincere thanks to **Mrs. Heppt, our principal, and her staff**, who made such an experience possible during this pre-holiday season.

On Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, the Diocesan Vicariate Choir, under the direction of **Emanuel Bologna, our parish Music Director**, will provide a prayerful, reflective, and meaningful program that focuses on "Music in Celebration of the Nativity", and will include carols sung by the assembly, followed by carol arrangements by various composers for Choir. This event marks the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocesan Vicariate Choir. (For tickets, see our cantor, Patricia, at Mass. Tickets will also be sold at the door.)

In Christ,  
Fr. Amato

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.

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

*The Appeal will be drawing to a close at the end of this year. We thank all those who have generously donated to the appeal. We are glad to report that we met our goal this year! Please remember to fulfill your pledges by December 31<sup>st</sup>, so our parish will not be held responsible for the deficit.*

Goal: \$63,130  
Amt Pledged to Date: \$63,956

Registered Members: 829  
Amt Received to Date: \$60,390

Number of Donors: 170  
Amount still outstanding: 3,566

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS



Congratulations to the following students who were **Student of the Month for November**. We honored students who demonstrate *gratitude*.

Kindergarten A	Braiden Tiu
Kindergarten B	Ardi Marku
Grade 1	Athena Marte
Grade 2A	Samara Gagarin
Grade 2B	Falynn Coleman
Grade 3	Maya Skowronski
Grade 4	Emilio Perez
Grade 5A	Alyssa Reyes
Grade 5B	William-Franz Pascual
Grade 6	Emily Avaricio
Grade 7A	Sierra Conroy
Grade 7B	Keilyn Rae Paulino
Grade 8	Matthew Alvarez

#### BE AN ANGEL

We kindly ask that you bring your Be an Angel gifts to FFH or the Rectory by tomorrow, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

#### RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

The 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 this collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection. Thank you.

#### 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](mailto:jvelazquezra@aol.com).

**Spanish Bible Study** will meet December 14<sup>th</sup>, but **WILL NOT MEET** on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and January 4<sup>th</sup>. It will resume on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### FOUR SEASONS 50/50

Tickets are available in the Rectory, and included in this bulletin for your convenience ☺ \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. Drawing will take place on Wed., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Who couldn't use some extra \$\$\$ right before Christmas??? ☺

#### GIVING TREE GIFTS RETURN

Please return any gifts for the Giving Tree, benefitting Hour Children, by Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. They will be picked up by Hour Children that afternoon. Thank you!!

#### A Glimpse at your contributions... December 1/2:

	Checks	Cash	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$1,098	\$ 530	\$1,573
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$1,231	\$ 245	\$1,237
9:30am (English)	\$ 442	\$ 609	\$ 833
11:00am (English)	\$1,154	\$ 347	\$ 492
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 284	\$ 526	\$ 572
	\$4,209	\$2,257	\$6,466

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$2,031

Your Christmas Gift to the Parish: \$5,548

Total number of envelopes used by registered parishioners: 194

**Total weekly collection: \$8,497 Weekly goal needed to meet parish expenses: \$9,651. Deficit this week= \$1,154**

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

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

##### Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>- St. Damasus I, Pope

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

##### Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>- Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

##### Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>- St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- Morning Prayer 8:30am Church
- Marian Rosary 9:45am FFH Garden
- Diocesan Choir 7:30pm Church,
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 8-9pm FFH Main
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

##### Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>- St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- CODA 10am, Gym Closed
- Twirling 4-7pm FFH Main, Girl Scouts 7-8pm FFH Main
- Diocesan Concert 7:30pm Church, No Basketball
- Spanish Bible Study Group 7-9pm FFH Garden

##### Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

- Mass 9:30am**
- OCA 10am PCC, Breakfast with Santa 10-12noon Gym
- Youth Group Christmas Show 6-9pm Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- No CYO Basketball
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

##### Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>- Third Sunday of Advent

- Special Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- RCIA 12:30pm FFH Large Parlor
- Spanish Children's Christmas Party 2-6pm Gym
- No Basketball, Alanon 12noon PCC



