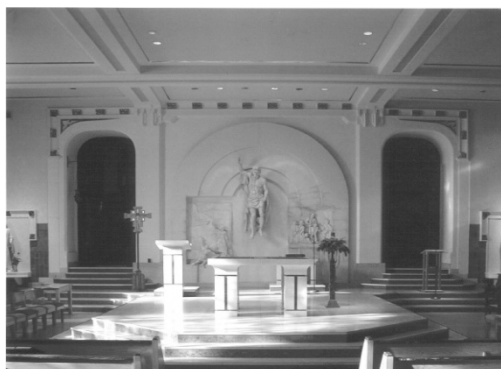


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

# 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 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

### 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

### Academy

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**RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK**

Today is The First Sunday of Lent (B). The Readings are found at #1125 in the Parish Hymnal.



**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Candido A. Garcia, req by his daughter

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Eileen Gibbons (10<sup>th</sup> ann), req by her mom and family

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Angela Forte, req by her family

**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Janusz Borkowski, req by his wife

**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Maria Taveras (bday), req by her daughter, Griselda

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am-** Rosemary Fahy, req by John and Concepta Lynch

-Martha Mejia, req by John and Concepta Lynch

-Hannah Stack, req by John and Concepta Lynch

-Sister Margaret Lynch, req by John and Concepta Lynch

**5:00pm** Vincent Sammon, req by Bridie Grogan and family

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Lent**

**(23: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1Pt 3:18-22  
Mk 1:12-15)**

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

**9:30am** Felipe Angarita, req by the Shemitz family

**11:00am** Irene and Edmund Mackiewicz

**12:30pm** For the People of the Parish

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION**

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donation to the Black and Indian Mission Collection from the Diocese of Brooklyn. An envelope has been provided in your tithing packet. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

**HOLD THE DATES FOR LENT**

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter with Scripture! February 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27. 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

**Youth Group** will not meet TODAY,

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, or Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. They will meet on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

The **Marian Rosary Group** WILL NOT meet during the month of February. The next meeting for the group will be on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45am in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** Vahide Atlas, Josephine Bravchok, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Martha Chaves, Mercedes Coral, Richard DeNardo, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Agnes Finegan, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Eileen Grubb, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, 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:** Bernard Brady

**WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES**

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Frank Brucale**, as requested by Donald and Maureen Kelly and family.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Bernard Brady**, as requested by Kathleen Fitzpatrick and Daniel Horgan.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week **for the intentions of Bridie Grogan and family**, as requested by Mary Sammon and family.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & CLW** will not meet on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, in observance of President's Day.

☘ **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE** ☘

Our annual **St. Patrick's Day Dance** will be held on **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8pm.** Tickets are \$35 per person, children 12 & under are FREE. Come join us as we honor our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Irish Person of the Year,, **Mrs. Rita Geraghty!** DJ playing Irish and contemporary favorites. Buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, juice, water, coffee, tea. Call the rectory at (718) 424-5212, ext. 12, or email [rarectory@aol.com](mailto:rarectory@aol.com), for tickets or more information.

**FREE SPANISH CLASSES  
IN THE PASTORAL CARE CENTER**

Registration will take place on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. Classes begin on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**A Glimpse at your contributions... January 27/28:**

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 403	\$1,477	\$1,880
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 258	\$ 442	\$ 700
9:30am (English)	\$ 862	\$1,129	\$1,991
11:00am (English)	\$ 490	\$ 698	\$1,188
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 638	\$ 34	\$ 672
	<b>\$2,651</b>	<b>\$3,780</b>	<b>\$6,431</b>

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$896 (54 enrollees)  
Total weekly collection: \$7,327 (this week's deficit=\$2,324)

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

The **Knights of Columbus Juniper Valley Council 14578** and the **RA Home Academy Association** would like to thank all those who made the Radio Bingo fundraiser a huge success.

**FEBRUARY 11, 2018**



The following information may be helpful in your planning and understanding of certain practices during the forthcoming Lenten season.

**LENT begins THIS Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

Ashes will be distributed during the 9:00 AM Mass and during the 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM Prayer Services on the above date.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**ABSTINENCE:** The Church requires all the faithful who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year of age to abstain totally from meat on **Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, and **ALL Fridays of Lent**.

**FASTING:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59, inclusive, are also bound to observe the fasting regulation on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions, in the course of the day.

**EASTER DUTY:** All the faithful are bound by obligation to receive Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time during the year. Please note the Easter season ends on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Easter time begins at the Vigil on Holy Saturday and concludes with the celebration of Pentecost, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED:** By divine law, all the faithful are required to do penance. In view of this, the obligation to observe, as a whole, or “substantially”, the penitential days specified by the Church, is a serious one. In addition, all other Fridays of the year remain as days of penance in prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ. While abstinence, in a true spirit of penance, is recommended, the Bishops of the United States have indicated that each individual may *substitute* for that tradition some other practice of voluntary self-denial, or personal penance. For example, this may involve acts of mortification, temperance, prayer, or charity.

**PLEASE NOTE:** At all the Masses and Prayer Services, on Ash Wednesday, a special collection envelope has been provided for your opportunity to donate, as we begin the Lenten Season. We thank you, in advance, for your consideration, and your generosity.

During these first few weeks in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the Gospel of Mark introduces us to those first days during which Jesus engaged in His ministry of preaching, and healing, in order to help people know that God is near. Through His message, and His deeds, Jesus brought people back to full life in the community. As we have seen in past weeks, by casting out “demons,” and curing the sick, Jesus restores *to full humanity* those suffering from “possession” and illness. Interestingly, in this week’s Gospel, Jesus confronts a condition that would have been even more excruciating—namely, what was referred to as a person afflicted with “leprosy”.

At that time, to be a “leper” meant to be cut off from others in all ways. To begin with, “lepers” were: cast out of the community, forced into isolation, and doomed to live in deserted places. They were: 1) no longer part of the human family, 2) unable to participate in any social events, and 3) considered to be “unfit to worship God”. At the same time, the assumption was that if anyone had “leprosy”, they had “sinned in some way.” Under the Law of Moses, “lepers” were expected to cry out “unclean, unclean”, whenever anyone came near.

In today’s Gospel, the fact that Jesus *touched a leper* also meant that—in the eyes of others—He also became unclean, and unfit, to associate, and worship, with others. Nevertheless, when a leper asked for healing, Jesus was unequivocal in His reply: “I do will it. Be made clean” (Mark 1:41). Subsequently, Jesus—ever respectful of the law—sent the man to the priest, [for a ritual cleansing], as commanded in the book of Leviticus. Here, we have a perfect example that, in Jesus, compassion and pity ***took precedence over the law, but did not abolish it***. And so we pray,

***Jesus, you came to bring us into deeper communion with the Father and one another.  
Give us the courage to reach out, as You did, to those in need of our compassion and help.  
And, help us never to be fearful of the opinions of others whenever we realize that—  
in following Your example-- a greater good can be done. Amen.***

**In Christ,  
Fr. Amato**

Bishop DiMarzio has issued a memo to inform parishes that the distribution of the Precious Blood should be **temporarily suspended**, due to the increasing numbers of influenza, **during the current flu season**.

Until further notice from the Bishop, only Hosts will be distributed.

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### **Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year**

Registration for next year will take place on the following dates:

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30-10:00 and 3:00-5:00**

**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30-10:00 and 3:00-5:00**

*If these dates and times are not convenient, please call the school office for an appointment.*

Please bring the following:

- Birth certificate
- Baptismal certificate
- Immunization records
- Social Security Card
- Copy of report card (Grades 1-8)
- Standardized test results (Grades 3-8)
- \$150 registration fee (non-refundable)

#### **Why should you send your child to Resurrection-Ascension Catholic Academy?**

*"Resurrection-Ascension Catholic Academy (RACA) provides a quality academic and catholic education. Our son, now entering the 4th grade, and our daughter, now entering 1st grade, began their educational journey from nursery grade. From the exceptional leadership and educational values guided by the principal and her administrative team, which is reinforced by the knowledgeable and hard-working teachers, to the sense of community and social awareness, this school is everything our family hoped our children would experience. Our children love their school; showing consistent growth in their academic skills, with a motivation to thrive and learn new things daily. Their growth does not end here, as the RACA community has many opportunities to come together during special events. RACA continues to nurture our children's knowledge and abilities, as well as promote the maturing of their social aptitude and moral compass through the core curriculum and many additional activities they have the opportunity to partake in such as Violin Lessons, Chess Club, Golf Classes, Swimming Classes, Cooking Club, Sports, and many other opportunities. RACA has nurtured their curiosity and reinforces their interests in the world around them. We simply just can't say enough good things about Resurrection-Ascension Catholic Academy. We are grateful our family is part of such a wonderful institution."*

~Juanita Dobis, parent

#### **BOOSTER WINNERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Nora O'Connor, MV  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 John Frassanito, MV  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Donald Kelly, RP

#### **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, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

##### **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 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, February 14<sup>th</sup>- Ash Wednesday**

- Food Pantry Delayed Opening-12noon PCC
- Prayer Service 3:30 and 8:30pm (Ashes distributed)
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 8:30pm Church
- No Basketball Practice, NA 7:30pm PCC

##### **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR, Arise 10:45am FFH
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC, Vicariate Choir 7:30pm
- School Academy Board Meeting 7pm CMR
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym

##### **Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Student of the Month Assembly 8:15am Gym
- Stations of the Cross (English) 9:30am Church
- CODA 10am PCC, No Twirling
- Basketball Practice 7-9:30pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

##### **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>- The Seven Holy Founders of the Seville Order**

- OCA 10am PCC, CYO Basketball & Volleyball Gym
- Spanish Class Registration 3-5pm PCC
- Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

##### **Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>- First Sunday of Lent**

- No Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- No Sunday School
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- CYO Basketball & Volleyball Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

#### **UNUSED YARN AND CROCHET SUPPLIES NEEDED**

Resurrection-Ascension Catholic Academy recently started a crochet/knit club. If parishioners have any unused yarn or crochet hooks that they no longer need, we would be happy to accept them for future use! Kindly drop off any donations at the rectory. Thank you!

#### **FOUR SEASONS PARISH 50/50**

Drawing will be held on Monday, April 2nd. Tickets are 3 for \$25, or \$10 each, and are available for purchase in the rectory.

