

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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  
Robert Mema, “Transitional” Deacon

### Church

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### Rectory

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### Rectory Staff

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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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The Readings are found at #1124 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** for the intentions of Ricardo N. Santiago, req by his family

### Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Nora Brady, req by her family

### Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Joseph Arigo, req by Julie Infranco

### Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** – For the People of the Parish  
-Joseph Nemaric, req by the Honovich family  
-Marija Honovich, req by the Honovich family  
-Klemento Honovich, req by the Honovich family  
-Elda Grzinic, req by the Honovich family  
-Mary Franco (anniv), req by Joan Franco

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

### Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(79: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48)

**8:00am** Margaret Slattery, req by Kathleen Creighton

**9:30am** Joseph Quajlito, req by his sisters Mary and Martha residents of Dry Harbor Nursing Home

**11:00am** Paul and Luba Michalewicz, req by the Androli family

**12:30pm** Aida Delgado, req by her daughter Carmen

### ST. VINCENT PARISH OUTREACH COLLECTION

(formerly known as St. Vincent dePaul Society)

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the **St. Vincent Parish Outreach of Resurrection Ascension**. Your contributions help us reach out to our parish family and neighbors experiencing difficult times. An envelope has been included in your regular tithing packet. Thank you.

### ENGLISH CLASSES

There will be no English Classes until March 2017. Resume date will be published in a future bulletin.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF GIVING....** Our Society of St. Vincent offers Memorial Cards, or Birthday cards, in honor of a loved one. Simply make a donation for whatever amount you wish. Cards are available at the Rectory.

**FOUR SEASONS RAFFLE.....** The Four Seasons 50/50 has been "revamped" as the Four Season Raffle to allow TWO winners. The church will receive half of the monies collected, while two winners will split the remaining half. The drawing will take place on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Simply fill out and return to the rectory, or in next weekend's collection basket. Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!!

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** Tyler Benton, Stephanie Bojarski, Richard DeNardo, Louis F., Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Agnes Finegan, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Eileen Grubb, George Harms, George J. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, Carmen Mayor, Kathy O'Connell, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Grace Radonicic, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Vincent Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Alicia Witherby

### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

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 **thanksgiving to Christ**, as requested by Stella Giraldo.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **thanksgiving to our Blessed Virgin Mary**, as requested Stella Giraldo.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
& CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
Sunday School and Children's Liturgy of the Word **WILL NOT** meet next Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of the President's Day holiday.

### ARISE!!

Arise will begin on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in Fr. Feely Hall, following the 9am Mass. All are welcome! Arise is a weekly gathering including Scripture Study and sharing in a non-judgmental setting. For questions, or to sign up, email [jmennona@hotmail.com](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com).

### OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our parish Food Pantry. Your donations help to feed families in our parish that are in need. Our Pantry is always in great need of staple items. If you are able to contribute, please feel free to drop off items on Sunday in the Church Meeting Room, or at the Rectory during business hours. We are in need of cereal, coffee, rice, canned vegetables, soups, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, pasta, and beans. Thank you for your continued support!

### HOLD THE DATES

**Prepare for Holy Week and Easter with Scripture!**  
March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11.  
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



**A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH**

Most of us have heard the “Sermon on the Mount” often enough that we can quote from it smoothly, and naturally—or, at least, we can recognize the even *more familiar quotes*, such as the *Beatitudes*. However, the real challenge surfaces when we “raise the bar” and try to “*live its precepts.*” At the same time, we may recall the many passages, in the Gospels, when Jesus confronts the Scribes and the Pharisees over their attempts to include *human additions* to the Law of Moses. Here, such additions that become both rules and regulations may seem petty—and impossible—to follow exactly.

In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus tells the people: “*Do not think that I have come to abolish ‘The Law or the Prophets.’ I have come [rather] not to abolish the Law but to bring it to fulfillment.*” It is noteworthy that the reason many of the people found it difficult to follow The Law—and the reason the Scribes and Pharisees felt compelled to add *extra rules* in order to be certain that the people did not break the “BIG RULES”—was because they were *not* able to focus on the “HEART OF THE LAW”, namely, “THE COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.”

Therefore, in His “Sermon on the Mount” Jesus is really attempting to lead the people to an even *deeper understanding of the Central Commandments of their faith*. At the same time, His intent was to help them realize that it is not a question of doing the bare minimum to remain on God’s side. On the contrary, as Christians, we are called to enter so deeply into our relationship with God that we will learn to treat all people with the care and respect due to them as our sisters and brothers in Christ. Upon doing such, following the Commandments can be—as the saying goes—“second nature.” Here, not unlike Moses and the Prophets, Jesus is actually showing us that keeping God’s Law is not so much a matter of “following the rules” as it is rather, a “matter of life and death.” Essentially, the Law that Jesus offers us is exhorting us to refrain from simply “trying to avoid evil” and, instead, strive to *seek out many of the opportunities to do well*. As a result, our faith, [and our actions], will shine brightest when we act ***out of love rather than fear***. Like Moses and the Prophets, Jesus shows us that keeping God’s Law is really not a matter of following the rules as it is truly a ***matter of both life and death***. With that in mind, one cannot help but come to the realization that the very best way is to: ***“CHOOSE THE ONE THAT GIVES LIFE!”***

In Christ,  
Fr. Amato

**A Glimpse at your contributions... February 4/5:**

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 451	\$1,717	\$2,168
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 352	\$ 792	\$1,144
9:30am (English)	\$ 568	\$1,441	\$2,009
11:00am (English)	\$ 547	\$1,338	\$1,885
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 864	\$ 207	\$1,071
	\$2,782	\$5,495	\$8,277

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

**LATEST GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE**  
 Parish Target: \$650,000 Total Pledged: \$1,124,317  
 Pledged Percent of Goal: 173%  
 Number of Pledges: 230 Amount Received: \$281,412  
 \$281,412 - \$63,130 (ACA goal) \$218,282  
 Half of \$218,282 = \$109,141 we will receive for designated Capital Improvements.  
**Pledge payments should be mailed directly to:**  
 Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens,  
 Generations of Faith Campaign Office  
 P.O. Box 7356, Berlin, CT 06037



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Our annual **St. Patrick’s Day Dance** will be held on **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8pm**. Ask around about what fun we had last year!! DJ, buffet, step dancers, and we will have our first “Irish Person of the Year” presentation.

Tickets are \$35 per person, children 12 & under are FREE. Call the rectory at (718) 424-5212, ext. 12, or email [rarectory@aol.com](mailto:rarectory@aol.com) for tickets or more information. You don’t have to be Irish to have a good time!!!

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

### ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

#### Registration for 2017-2018

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will take place on **Tuesday, February 14th and Thursday, February 16th from 9am-11am and 3pm-5pm.**

Please bring the following items:

- 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)

#### Congratulations!

The **RA Tech Titans Robotics Team** placed 3rd in the area of Core Values at the First Lego League Queens Qualifier on Saturday, February 4th. They now move on to Round 2!

#### Student of the Month

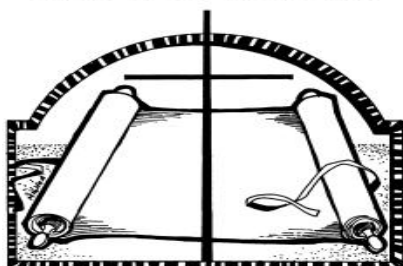
Congratulations to our Students of the Month who demonstrated respect as St. Juan Diego did:

Kindergarten A	Ciara Sweeney
Kindergarten B	Taylor Busti
Grade 1	Thomas Ramirez
Grade 2	Alexandra Szczerbinski
Grade 3A	Sophie Malone
Grade 3B	Peyton Lee
Grade 4	Liam Sweeney
Grade 5	Louis Gonzalez
Grade 6	Ruby Gera
Grade 7	Francesco Mancini-Menditto
Grade 8	Krishna Rakotonirina

#### CONGRATULATIONS.....

.....to **Justin Munson, David Giraldo, and Jacob Aguaviva**, as they advance to the Queens County level of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 9am at Cathedral Prep.

*Obey and teach  
God's commandments*



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#### BOOSTER WINNERS

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 | Mary Ann Ott, MV               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50  | Katherine Madigan, MV          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25  | Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Maierle, 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, February 13th

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

##### Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>- Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

- No Children's Choir
- Track 4-5pm Gym
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel
- No English Classes

##### Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

- Mommy and Me 9:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10am-12noon
- Spanish Choir 6pm Church
- English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Pre-Cana 7-9:30pm FFH Main
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

##### Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

- Arise 9:30-12noon FFH Garden
- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- No English Classes

##### Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

- Student of the Month Assembly 8:15am Gym
- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling 4-6:45pm Gym
- Basketball Practice 7-9pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

##### Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>- BVM

- OCA 10am PCC
- CYO Basketball Gym 6:30pm Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm PCC
- Spanish Service Group 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

##### Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>- The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

