

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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 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 First Sunday of Lent (B). The Readings are found at #1028 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** for the health and intentions of the Rahill family, req by Carmen Chang

### Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Michael Pepe, req by Ann Wenz and family

### Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:00am** Patrick Sullivan, req by John and Nellie Mulreany

### Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00am** Max A. Garcia, req by his family

### Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00am** Bridget Pryce, req by Theresa Lydon, Agnes Finegan, and their families

### Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am-** Mercedes Martinez, req by her family

-Kathleen Finegan, req by the Murphy family

-Eleanor Zakrzewski, req by Michael and Mary Clarke, and family

-Hudson Bain, req by Michael and Mary Clarke, and family

**5:00pm** Rose Sedlack, req by Liz

### Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday of Lent (26: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10)

**8:00am** Maureen Neville, req by John and Monica Murphy

**9:30am** Bernard Brady, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick and Daniel Horgan

**11:00am** James McInerney (ann), req by his wife, Pat, and family

**12:30pm** Sara Lopez de Rodriguez (ann), req by the Lopez family

### MAINTENANCE FUND

Next weekend, we will be accepting donations toward the **Parish Maintenance Fund**. Your contributions will help to offset the *rising costs* of both building and ground maintenance in our parish. Envelopes have been provided in your tithing packet. Thank you for your generosity.

### HOLD THE DATES FOR LENT

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter with Scripture!

February 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

The Rectory will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of President's Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9am.

### 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:** Gennaro Araimo, Michael O'Shaughnessy, John Credaroli, Fred Olbrei

### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Vito, Frank, and Dominick Rutigliano (anniversary)**, as requested by their sister, Nancy, and family.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Joe Donoghue**, as requested by Judy, Bob, Heather, and Sean Belon.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & CLW

There will be CLW at the 9:30am Mass and Sunday School on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### 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

Classes begin on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm.

### Merci Mardi Gras!

Thank you everyone for coming out to our Mardi Gras celebration and for all those who helped out behind the scenes! We are truly grateful! Our Pastoral Care Center helps with outreach and those in need. God bless you.

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.

**Youth Group** will meet TODAY, Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, but will NOT meet NEXT Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.



A LENTEN PERSPECTIVE OF “DESERT” TIME

Each year, on the First Sunday of Lent, this Gospel reading speaks to us about the desert experience that Jesus had, prior to His public ministry. Interestingly, many of us have also experienced “desert times.” For example, in a time of career discernment, we may feel uncertain about our next move and as a result, such desert time can help us to pull back from the “noise/s,” which often surrounds us. Also, in a time of serious illness, we may question our life’s focus by re-evaluating our priorities. And, in a relationship crisis, we may find our trust of a beloved companion to be shaken. On the positive side, should we survive such “desert time,” we may emerge *changed*--that is to say-- with a *deeper sense of direction*. At the same time, we may even have a somewhat fresh perspective, which entails a ***totally new focus, or a new mission***.

Upon emerging from His “desert time”, the initial words of Jesus were both urgent and focused: ***“This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”*** Apparently, Jesus leaves the desert with a fervent commitment to spreading the “News of God’s Kingdom.”

With the above in mind, during this Lenten season, we, too, are invited into the desert to reflect on HOW we MOST need God to: 1) *shake us up*, 2) *draw us away from sin*, and 3) *call us into new ways of life*. Therefore, today’s Gospel can be a timely reminder for us that Jesus came out of the desert proclaiming the reign of God. Consequently, looking toward the future, as we come out of the desert at Easter, we might ask ourselves—how have I changed with a readiness to advance God’s Kingdom? How might I allow God’s transforming grace to call me into a new mission? And so we pray:

***Lord, God of peace, may this Lenten season be for us a time of being sheltered by you in the wilderness in order that we may emerge—at Easter time—into a world made new by us—in, and through, the power of Christ’s Resurrection.***

In Christ,  
Fr. Amato

**BABY BOTTLES & RICE BOWLS**

You may notice our Empty Baby Bottles and Rice Bowls are around the Church. They will be available throughout Lent. We invite you to fill one with spare change, and return them to the rectory or FFH by Sunday, April 8th. The Baby Bottles are for Bridge to Life and the Rice Bowls are for Catholic Relief Services. The Bridge to Life, located in Flushing, serves over 4,000 mothers a year in need upon referral; Catholic Relief Services seeks to create positive change by serving the poor and vulnerable all over the world. We thank you in advance for your generosity. To learn more, visit their sites:  
The Bridge to Life: <http://thebridgetolife.org/>  
Catholic Relief Services: <https://www.crs.org>

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.

**LifeWay Network** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that joins the global movement against human trafficking by providing safe housing for women who have been trafficked and offering education about trafficking to the general public. LifeWay Network envisions a world in which human trafficking is abolished and every survivor is strong, connected and free. LifeWay Network is one of only two organizations in the New York Metro area providing safe housing for women survivors of human trafficking. What sets LifeWay’s Safe Housing Program apart is its community living model. It goes beyond offering shelter by welcoming each woman into a supportive, caring environment that helps them recover from their trauma, regain their sense of self-worth, and enables them to move from isolation towards reclaiming their independence.

**Reports to:** House Manager/Director of Safe Housing  
**General Description:** The Safe House Volunteer provides shift coverage to support our Host Community and Staff. Safe house volunteers provide a supportive presence for survivor guests as well as tutoring, mentoring, skills development. If interested, please contact:

**Courtney Biederbeck, MPA**

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### RESURRECTION – ASCENSION ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

#### Registration for 2018-2019 School Year

Registration has already begun for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child at our school, please call 718-426-4963 for an appointment. You may also visit our website at [www.racatholicacademy.org](http://www.racatholicacademy.org). To register your child, you will need 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?

Last year we made the decision to place our four children in Resurrection-Ascension Catholic Academy. Although we have only been a part of the school for a short time, we are extremely happy with our decision. Academically, our children are receiving a strong foundation and are also being challenged to succeed. The teachers provide a nurturing and caring environment, combined with a strong academic curriculum. Religion is also an important part of RACA and my children have grown spiritually. This is through classroom activities, as well as religious themed plays and monthly Mass. There are also numerous opportunities for my children to participate in, which have helped to expand their social relationships. This year, my older child was able to join the Robotics Team, Student Council, Safety Patrol, Altar Serving and the Aquinas Society. My other children had experiences such as ballroom dancing, robot building, basketball, and film class. These activities have helped them grow intellectually and socially, and have also developed in them a strong sense of responsibility. Overall, we are confident in our decision that RACA is where our family belongs. ~Teresa Sweeney, parent

#### Congratulations to the following students who have achieved honors in their high school:

St. Francis Prep: *Jeremy Rakotonirina, Eryka Roseburg, Brian Yabut*

#### BOOSTER WINNERS

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 | Mrs. Robin Battaglia, Floral Park |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50  | Donald Weber, MV                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25  | Joanne Bryzgornia, 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 19<sup>th</sup>- President's Day

- Rectory Closed, School Closed
- Food Pantry Closed, No Golden Age, No Yoga
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

##### Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

- Scripture Discussion 10-11am FFH Main
- School Closed, No Children's Choir
- No Track, Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

##### Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>- St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

##### Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>- The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- No Toddler Time, School Closed, Arise 9:45am FFH
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC, Vicariate Choir 7:30pm
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym

##### Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>- St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

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

##### Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

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

##### Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>- Second Sunday of Lent

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon, No Youth Group
- CYO Basketball & Volleyball Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

#### A Glimpse at your contributions... February 10/11:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 207	\$1,593	\$1,800
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 293	\$ 584	\$ 877
9:30am (English)	\$ 536	\$ 732	\$1,268
11:00am (English)	\$ 502	\$ 877	\$1,79
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 788	\$ 162	\$ 950
	\$2,326	\$3,948	\$6 274

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$631 (54 enrollees)

Total weekly collection: \$6,905 (this week's deficit=\$2,746)

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

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**Special Instructions:**

**We have been instructed by Eileen Walsh and Rhonda Cavalier to include this instruction sheet with our bulletin transmission from now on.**