

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

# 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 Staff

Debbie Gross (*Receptionist*)- [dlgreactoryaol.com](mailto:dlgreactoryaol.com)  
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(*Tuition Officer/Rectory Receptionist*)

### 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). The Readings can be found at #1129 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** intentions of Betty and Joe Elenchik, req by a grateful friend

### Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Patrick Tully, req by his wife Ann

### Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Patrick Mullen, req by Joan and Patrick Heaney and family

### Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** John Dennigan, req by Brenda, Tom and Timothy McCabe and family

### Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – First Friday

**9:00am Perpetual Mass Society**

### Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

-Leonard Rella

-John Kennedy, req by the Mesa family

-Angela DeSimone, req by her sister Nancy Canfarotta

-Robert Slattery, req by Ann and Fred Ruebenacker

**5:00pm** James Conlon, req by Tom and Brenda McCabe and family

### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(84: Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16  
1Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45)

**8:00am** Camilla and Michael Pagano

**9:30am** Joan C. Monteleone, req by the Forgione family

**11:00am** Maria Arduengo, req by her family

**12:30pm** Mercedes Martinez, req by her family

### EASTER SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Next weekend, we will be accepting your Easter Spiritual Bouquet Intentions. Envelopes have been provided in your tithing packet. Thank you for your generosity.

### FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>, is the First Friday of the month. The Following have been enrolled in the

#### Perpetual Mass Society:

Lawrence Pugh Kenneth Dean James Higgins  
Mrs. Tessi McElhatton Dominic Caiaccia

### HOLD THE DATES

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter with Scripture!

Tuesdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16, 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.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** Vahide Atlas, Colleen Breheny, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Kurt Burger, Eleanor Ducey, Steve Ferrugio, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Jackie Hanley, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, Emma Knapp, James Leung, Joe Loughnane, Mary Loughnane, Mary Ellen Lustberg, Dolly Serna Ocampo, Brendan Phelan, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Joel Rivera, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Anna Pagano**.

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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Ricardo DelRosario**, as requested by RA Catholic Academy.

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

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Joseph** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Camilla and Michael Pagano**.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. John Vianney** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Anna Pagano**.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Sunday School will meet also.



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE



Our annual **St. Patrick's Day Dance** Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8pm.

DJ playing Irish favorites, as well as contemporary favorites. You don't have to be Irish to come and have a good time! **We will also be honoring our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Irish Person of the Year, Mrs. Maureen Kelly!!** Tickets are \$35 per person, children 12 and under are free. Ticket includes unlimited hot buffet, beer, wine (BYOB), soda, water, coffee/tea, dessert, and party give-aways. No tickets sold at the door. **To purchase tickets, or for more information, please call the RA Rectory at (718) 424-5212, ext. 12 to speak to Heather.** Ask around, you'll hear what fun it is!

### MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

Inviting all parishioners to join the Marian Rosary Group in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall on Thursday morning, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45am and share a warm cup of coffee, and a snack, as together we recite Mary's beautiful prayer of the rosary. We pray for our intentions, as well as those of our families, friends, and parishioners. Also, one of the best ways to bring peace to our nation is to pray the rosary. We look forward to seeing you!



### THE POWER (AND EFFECTS) OF FORGIVENESS

During the Revolutionary War, a man, named Peter Miller, was the pastor of a little Baptist Church in Pennsylvania. Not far from the church lived a man who—constantly-- criticized, and abused, Miller, as well as the members of his congregation. Notably, this same critic was also found guilty of treason, and sentenced to death. Upon hearing this man's sentence, Peter Miller set out—on foot—to appeal to George Washington for his enemy's life. When Washington replied that he could not grant Peter's appeal for his "friend", Miller exclaimed: "My friend! He is the worst enemy I have." George Washington replied: "What, you have walked sixty miles to save the life of an enemy? That puts the matter in a totally different light.--- Pardon is granted!"

With pardon in hand, Miller hurried to the place of execution—fifteen miles away. He arrived just as the traitor was being led to the scaffold. Noticing Miller, the condemned man shouted: "There's old Peter Miller. He came to get his revenge by seeing me hanged." But, Miller stepped forward and gave the executioner the pardon, [signed by George Washington], which Peter Miller had requested.

The above is somewhat of a striking example of what Jesus asks of us in this weekend's Gospel. Some may say that is asking too much—despite the fact that Jesus commands us to "love our enemies, and do good to them....." Upon further examination of the command of Jesus, it does not, necessarily, mean that we have to throw our arms around our enemy. At the same time, it does not mean that we may not use legal means to restore what has been unjustly taken from us. Essentially, it means we are not to use vicious, violent methods to get even, or to seek revenge. It also could mean that much of what we consider the work of an enemy could very well be the result of a little thoughtlessness, or carelessness, that we may allow to be blown up into a big insult. However, even when we are positively sure of an evil intention, Jesus informs us of the command to forgive.

Hopefully, there are more Peter Millers in this world. The following are a few ways that we can be like him, as the Lord suggests in today's Gospel:

- 1) Pray for the person (you think) has offended you.
- 2) Ask God to forgive that individual and help you to forgive.
- 3) Ask God to help you find some way to prove that you have forgiven that same individual by communicating with this so-called "enemy" by means of: a smile, a greeting, a note, a phone call, a big, or even small, act of kindness.

Additional ways to engage in the process of forgiveness is to: reflect on the act of forgiveness given by David, toward his "enemy," Saul, from the first book of Samuel, as well as calling to mind the ways that Christ forgave in the Scriptures, culminating in His prayer, "Father, forgive them....." concerning those who had nailed Him to a cross. Finally, let us always be mindful—with special attention—to the words of the prayer the Lord has given us: "Forgive us, as we forgive others....."

### A LACK OF INTEGRITY, AND PROFESSIONALISM, IN NEWSPAPER REPORTING

Last weekend, the New York Daily News chose to publish an article concerning a priest from our Diocese, who is currently pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church in Jackson Heights. The following is an official statement of the Diocese of Brooklyn—which may help those familiar with this article to be properly informed of the absolute truth.

***"The claim by Thomas Davis, reported in the New York Daily News against Monsignor Otto Garcia involved an allegation that was more than 40 years old. As per Diocesan policy, an investigation was initiated after the claim was referred to law enforcement authorities. After an extensive investigation, the nine-member Independent Diocesan Review Board determined the allegation was NOT credible. Independently of the Diocesan Review Board, the administrator of the IRCP, Kenneth Feinberg, denied the claim. The claimant asked for re-consideration and Feinberg's office denied it again. Out of more than 400 cases handled by the Independent Diocesan Review Board, only 19 have been rejected. There are no other allegations against Monsignor Garcia, and he adamantly denies this allegation against him. Therefore, this article is nothing more than irresponsible journalism, on the part of the New York Daily News. This decision to print unfounded allegations and found faulty by not one—but two independent bodies—is shameful, and continues to challenge the integrity of the Daily News, and the (lack of) professionalism in their reporting."***

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

Registration for next year has begun. If you are interested in registration, or would like a tour of the school, please contact us at 718-426-4963.

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)

Application for the Pre-K For All program has also begun. Visit [www.myschools.nyc](http://www.myschools.nyc) to apply. The deadline is March 15, 2019.

**Congratulations to** Conor Shalvey and Kristen Vargas as they advance to the Long Island Conference Finals of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held at Chaminade High School on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Good luck in the next round.

**Knights of Columbus Juniper Valley Council 14578** and the Our Lady of Hope Holy Name Society present Radio Bingo on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm where Bingo meets "Name That Tune." The \$35 per person (21 and over please) ticket includes Bingo games, beer, wine, soda and snacks. Ticket information coming soon. This ain't your grandma's bingo!

#### A Glimpse at your contributions... February 16/17:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 566	\$1,743	\$1,309
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 345	\$ 388	\$ 733
9:30am (English)	\$ 531	\$ 595	\$1,126
11:00am (English)	\$ 717	\$ 520	\$1,237
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 591	\$ 339	\$ 930
	\$2,750	\$3,585	\$6,335

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$855

Total weekly collection: \$7,190 (this week's deficit=\$2,461)

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

#### An Invitation to those Divorced and Separated

Please join us for a brief prayer experience seeking God's guidance, peace, and courage in dealing with the effects resulting from divorce or separation, with the hope of forming a Separation & Divorce Support Group. We will gather in Fr. Feely Hall on the following Wednesdays: March 13, or April 17, following the 9am Mass and also at 7pm. (you may choose to attend either the morning or evening session). For more info or questions, call Jason Velazquez at (718) 424-5212, ext. 28 or [jvelazquezra@aol.com](mailto:jvelazquezra@aol.com).

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- Diocesan Math Bee 4-6pm Gym
- No Track, Basketball Practice 6:30-9:30pm Gym
- Pre-Cana 7-9:30pm FFH Main,
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

#### Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

#### Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

- Marian Rosary 9:45am FFH Garden
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Diocesan Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

#### Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> - First Friday

- Perpetual Mass Society 9:30am CMR
- CODA 10am PCC, Twirling 4-7pm Gym
- Basketball/Volleyball 7:30-9:30pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

#### Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - BVM

- OCA 10am PCC
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church
- Spanish Rosary 12noon FFH Chapel
- CYO Basketball/Volleyball Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

#### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School, RCIA 12:30pm
- Divino Nino 1:30pm Church followed by reception in FFH
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- CYO Basketball Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

### 2019 MASS BOOK OPENING

**July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019**

The Mass Book will be open for your Mass intentions beginning on **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at**

**10 am** in the Rectory. You may come to the Rectory during regular business hours to make your requests. ***Please remember the rectory closes from 12noon to 1pm.***

If you can be flexible with the DATE & TIME, we will take requests by mail. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation of your mail-in requests. **No phone requests will be taken.** Please note—Saturday 5pm and Sunday Masses will be \$25 per Mass, weekday Masses remain \$15. In an effort to increase the opportunity when requests for 9am Masses are made, the **Saturday Masses at 9am will continue to include collective intentions** @ \$10 each for a maximum of 10 intentions. The above is permissible for **one Mass only** each week.

