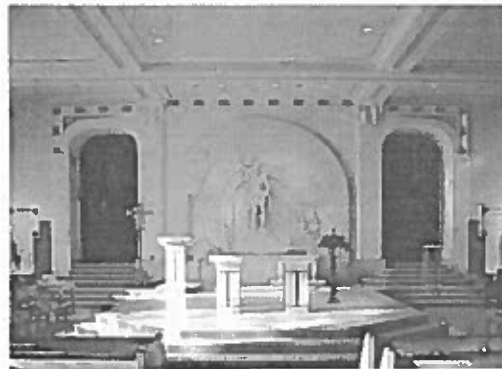


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

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 &
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Rev. Basilio Monteiro, Weekend Presider

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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 Lent (B). The Readings are found at #1031 in the Parish Hymnal.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 26th

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

Tuesday, February 27th

9:00am John Skorupa and Frederico Castro, req by Terry and Christine

Wednesday, February 28th

9:00am Emma Bruder, req by her daughter, Catherine

Thursday, March 1st

9:00am Maria Arduengo, req by her family

Friday, March 2nd

9:00am *First Friday Perpetual Mass Society*

Saturday, March 3rd

9:00am- For the People of the Parish
-James Kozlik, req by Carmela Tantillo
-Bernard Brady, req by Mary Christy and family
-Michael O'Shaughnessy, req by Angie McCarthy
-John Credaroli, req by Ann Ruebenacker

5:00pm James Shannon, req by Pat and family

Sunday, March 4th - Third Sunday of Lent

(29: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25)

8:00am Richard Fortuanto

9:30am Claire Stein, req by the Lambert family

11:00am Martin and Mary Geraghty, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

12:30pm Julio Simon Lopez (2nd ann), req by his daughters and wife

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Next weekend, we will be accepting your Easter Flower Offerings. 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 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

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, March 2nd, is the First Friday of the month.

The following have been enrolled in the Perpetual Mass Society:

Massimino Amoroso	Theresa Semkow
Julian Lopez	Elizabeth Sullivan
Frank Brucale	James Kozlik
Raul Macatangay	Bernard Brady
Matthew David Koenig	Michael O'Shaughnessy
John Credaroli	Msgr. Vincent Dooley

Youth Group will NOT meet TODAY, Sunday, February 25th.

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: Helen Fitzpatrick

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Wine and Hosts will be used this week in loving memory of **Angela and John DeSimone (birthday)**, as requested by their sister, Nancy, and family.

The Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother will be lit this week in loving memory of **Maria Arduengo (20th anniversary)**, as requested by her family.

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 Belon.

The Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother will be placed this week in loving memory of **Julio Simon Lopez (2nd anniversary)**, as requested by his daughters and wife.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CLW

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

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>

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

FREE SPANISH CLASSES in the Pastoral Care Center from 3-5 pm on Saturdays.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

Every Sunday, throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn, among 187 parishes, (similar to our parish of Resurrection-Ascension), the faithful of our Diocese come together to renew their relationship with the Lord. At the same time, throughout the 365 days of the calendar year, members of our diocesan family, and our own parish family, continue to "ANSWER GOD'S CALL" to love one another in ways that continuously respond to this renewal. Last year alone, Resurrection-Ascension Parish assisted our sisters and brothers throughout the Diocese by contributing to the various components of this appeal such as: the training of seminarians—as was noted at the time of the ordination of the now, Father Robert Mema; migration services, as testified by one of our parishioners at the Spanish Mass last year; and assistance in the area of Catholic Education; just to name a few of the areas that our appeal money funds throughout the year. It is important to emphasize that while the Generations of Faith Campaign has helped to promote specific services in the Diocese—as well as assisting parishes to satisfy their case statements, such as our new conditioner, and new boiler—the Annual Catholic Appeal is needed for the ORDINARY ANNUAL EXPENSES/SERVICES, while the Generations of Faith donations are earmarked for expenses/services considered to be EXTRAORDINARY.

During this Lenten season, it seems a fitting time for us to reflect on the "CALL OF JESUS" who asks us to feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, and welcome the stranger. Sacred Scripture continues to remind us in the words of Jesus that: "Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving." (Acts 20:35). As His missionary disciples, we are encouraged to share our faith in the world through our expressions of love and compassion. Therefore, during this year, we are called to respond to the many needs of the families within our diocese through the pastoral, charitable, and educational services administered, generously, to the people throughout Brooklyn and Queens. As stated each year, *The Annual Catholic Appeal* has become the PRIMARY VEHICLE for raising the necessary funds which will allow our community to continue to share our gifts with others.

Let us pray that the 2018 *Annual Catholic Appeal* will prove to be successful, as it allows us to continue reaching out—with the Lord's love—to the all who are in need, across our entire Diocese. For those who have contributed in the past to the Annual Catholic Appeal, your donations are very much appreciated, and to those who have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider joining our parish community as we continue a tradition of grateful sacrifice, expressed through a significant number of former, and new, participants in the 2018 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. ***Please be aware, also, that for the past six years, we have reached the assigned goal of \$63,130 and beyond that amount—which was forwarded to the parish. Unfortunately, during the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, we were approximately \$4000 below the goal, and, as a result, the parish had to submit the difference to match the goal. Therefore, with an increased number of participants—in addition to those who regularly contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal—we can be reasonably assured of reaching the assigned goal of \$63, 130, [and beyond], in order that any amount over the assigned goal may be utilized for unanticipated repairs, or possible improvements.***

One of the greatest paintings of all time is Raphael's picture, "THE TRANSFIGURATION", located in the Vatican Gallery in Rome. The painted scene depicts *three levels*: The purpose of the *first level* is in order that one can see Christ *raised up in "billowy clouds"* with His face and form transfigured—meaning, essentially, that He is God, who shines through the covering of His human flesh. Immediately beneath the above scene, Peter, James, and John, are depicted as representative of *all people on their way to God*. And, on the lowest scene, Raphael has painted a group of disciples and a family surrounding a sick young boy. This last scene has, as its purpose, to draw a *contrast* between the brightness of Jesus above, and the darkness of the dismal scene below.

It is noteworthy that Raphael was actually attempting to remind us of one of the important lessons in today's Gospel, namely: **Christ is the Hope and Healer of all**. The afflicted boy represents all of us with the limitations of our human condition. Notably, in Raphael's masterpiece, there are *two figures* who really stand out—one is the disciple pointing to the sick child, and the other is the disciple pointing [forcefully] up to Christ.

Granted, we are called upon, [and expected], to do all that we possibly can within the limits of our human power to help the helpless. However, over and above that we, also, recognize the need to call upon Christ for the only **complete help** we can give to one another. Therefore, the **final, and only effective** solution to solve the problems of our day will come, ultimately, through Christ, i.e., through His inspiration, and through His limitless power to heal, and to help.

One reason Christ showed the brightness, the joy, the hope, and the power of His inner God-ness and Goodness [in the Transfiguration], was in order that every heart in the world could take courage and realize that He is the Savior, the Healer, in every sense of the word. Finally, today's Gospel serves to remind us that we need to **look up to Christ Glorified, Transfigured** as He shows Himself—*bright and powerful*—to encourage us in the sacrifices we may make during this Lenten season, as well as in the challenges and problems we may encounter in our own lives, as well as in the lives of others.

In Christ, Fr. Amato

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

RESURRECTION – ASCENSION ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

Registration for 2018-2019 School Year
Registration has already begun for the 208-2019 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. 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)

Our annual

 **St. Patrick's Day Dance** 

will be held on **Sunday, March 11th**,
from **4pm - 8pm**.

Tickets are \$35 per person,
children 12 & under are FREE.

Come join us as we honor our
2nd 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,

for tickets or more information.

NO tickets will be sold at the door. Please
reserve tickets by Thursday, March 8th.

Congratulations to **Jackson Sanfilippo** for advancing to the next round of the **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**. The competition will take place at Chaminade High School on Saturday, March 24, 2018. We wish him the best of luck!

Faith & Film Fridays during Lent

Friday, March 9, at 10 AM in FFH, **OF GODS AND MEN**. Monks soon to be beatified depicted in the film, Of Gods and Men. Loosely based on the life of the Cistercian monks of Tibéhirine in Algeria, from 1993 until their kidnapping in 1996, **OF GODS AND MEN** tells a story of eight French Christian monks who live in harmony with their Muslim brothers.

Starring: Lambert Wilson, Michael Lonsdale, Olivier Rabourdin. Runtime, 2 hours. Subtitled

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Mrs. Ann Byrne, MV
2nd Prize \$50 Sumini Sukati, Corona
3rd Prize \$25 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Arena, 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 26th

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

Tuesday, February 27th

- 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 Stations of the Cross 6:30pm FFH Chapel
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, February 28th

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

Thursday, March 1st

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

Friday, March 2nd World Day of Prayer

- Stations of the Cross (English) 9:30am Church
- Perpetual Mass Society 9:30am CMR
- School Closed, CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling 4-7pm, Basketball Practice 7:15-9:30pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

Saturday, March 3rd St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

- OCA 10am PCC, CYO Basketball & Volleyball Gym
- Altar Server Training 1:30-2:30pm Church
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church
- Spanish Rosary 12noon FFH Chapel
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, March 4th Third Sunday of Lent

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon, Youth Group 12-1:30 FFH
- Divino Nino 1:30pm Church & Reception in FFH Main
- CYO Basketball & Volleyball Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

A Glimpse at your contributions... February 17/18:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 482	\$2,018	\$2,500
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 287	\$ 596	\$ 883
9:30am (English)	\$ 296	\$ 560	\$ 856
11:00am (English)	\$ 508	\$ 483	\$ 991
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 833	\$ 54	\$ 887
	\$2,406	\$3,711	\$6,117

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$756 (54 enrollees)
Total weekly collection: \$6,873 (*this week's deficit*=\$2,778)
Weekly goal needed to meet parish expenses: \$9,651



Annual Catholic Appeal 2018

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year, Resurrection-Ascension Church and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the *Annual Catholic Appeal* which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and effects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE *Annual Catholic Appeal*?

The Lord calls us all to care for one another and the church. It is up to us to answer that call in the ways we know how.

Those who are hungry, without shelter, without access to Catholic education, men discerning the priesthood and those who are ill and dying are just a few of the groups who depend upon our generosity to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Your gift to the Appeal is a response in love to serve our neighbors by funding the ministries of the Diocese of Brooklyn that cannot be supported by any one parish alone but benefit all parishes in our Diocese.

You can answer the call of Jesus who asks us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and imprisoned, honor our mother and father, celebrate the Eucharist and educate and make disciples of all nations through your donation to the *2018 Annual Catholic Appeal*.

Why is my participation important?

Resurrection-Ascension has always counted on the broad-based support of its parishioners to accomplish its fundraising objectives, particularly for the weekly offertory.

This appeal also needs that broad-based support. All households are asked to consider a gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* (over and above their continued annual support of the parish in the weekly collection) over the next ten (10) months.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE *Annual Catholic Appeal* AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

In the coming weeks, every family will be invited to participate in this appeal and prayerfully consider a pledge.

Please join with us to respond to those in Brooklyn and Queens who are in need, and support the important work of our Diocese through a pledge to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* today.

Thank you and God bless you.

How Will Our Parish Benefit?

The goal at Resurrection-Ascension Church is \$63,130.00.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

*Answer the Call to:
feed the hungry,
welcome the stranger,
visit the sick and imprisoned,
honor our elders,
celebrate the Eucharist and
educate and make
disciples of all nations!*

For questions regarding the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Parish Office –
(718) 424-5212

ANSWER THE CALL



Campaña Católica Anual 2018

DIÓCESIS DE BROOKLYN

Cada año Resurrection-Ascension Church y la Diócesis de Brooklyn se dedican a *La Campaña Católica Anual*, la cual sostiene programas católicos a través de Brooklyn y Queens, teniendo efecto en las vidas de innumerables personas y familias viviendo en nuestros vecindarios.

La Campaña Católica Anual busca recaudar un mínimo de 8 millones para proveer los programas y ministerios a lo largo de la Diócesis y apoyar los esfuerzos locales de las parroquias como la nuestra.

¿CUALES SON LOS OBJETIVOS DE *La Campaña Católica Anual*?

El Señor nos llama a cuidarnos unos a otros y a la Iglesia. Depende de nosotros responder a este llamado de la manera de la que sabemos hacerlo.

Aquellos que tienen hambre, sin refugio, sin acceso a la educación Católica, hombres discerniendo el sacerdocio y aquellos que están enfermos y muriendo – son sólo algunos de los grupos que dependen de nuestra generosidad para *la Campaña Católica Anual*. Su donación a la Campaña es una respuesta de amor para servir a nuestro prójimo mediante la financiación de los ministerios de la diócesis de Brooklyn que no pueden ser sostenidos por una sola parroquia, pero que si benefician a todas las parroquias en nuestra diócesis.

Usted puede responder a este llamado de Jesús que nos pide alimentar a los hambrientos, dar la bienvenida al forastero, visitar a los enfermos y encarcelados, honrar a nuestra madre y padre, celebrar la Eucaristía, educar y hacer discípulos de todas las Naciones a través de su donación a *La Campaña Católica Anual del 2018*.

¿Porqué mi participación es importante?

Resurrection-Ascension siempre ha contado con el amplio apoyo de sus feligreses para lograr los objetivos de recaudación de fondos, particularmente en su ofertorio semanal.

Esta Campaña también necesita este amplio apoyo. Se les pide a todas las familias que por favor considere dar una donación a *La Campaña Católica Anual* (mas allá de su continuo apoyo anual a la parroquia en su colecta semanal) en los siguientes (10) meses.

¿QUE ES LO SIGUIENTE PARA *La Campaña Católica Anual* Y COMO PODEMOS AYUDAR?

En las siguientes semanas, todas las familias serán invitadas a participar en la Campaña y en oración considere hacer un compromiso.

Por favor únase a nosotros para responderles aquellos en Brooklyn y Queens que están en necesidad y apoyar la importante obra de nuestra diócesis con su compromiso a *la Campaña Católica Anual* hoy.

Gracias y Dios les bendiga.

¿Como se beneficiará nuestra Parroquia?

La meta de Resurrection-Ascension Church es \$63,130.00.

Después de sobrepasar nuestra meta, recibiremos 100% de los fondos recaudados por encima de esta cifra directamente para nuestra parroquia.

*Responder al Llamado de:
¿Alimentar a los que tienen hambre, acoger al extranjero, visitar al enfermo y encarcelado, honrar a nuestros ancianos, celebrar la Eucaristía, educar y hacer discípulos para toda las naciones!*

Para preguntas acerca de *la Campaña Católica Anual* o para hacer una cita para hacer una donación a la Parroquia, por favor de contactar la Oficina Parroquial – (718) 424-5212.

Responder al Llamado