

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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

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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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The Readings are found at #1030 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 27th

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

Tuesday, February 28th

9:00am for the intentions of Nathaniel Jake P. Santigao (bday), req by his mom

Wednesday, March 1st ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00am Maria Jiang and Paul Lin, req by their daughter, Jinzhu Lin

Thursday, March 2nd

9:00am Maria Arduengo, req by her family

Friday, March 3rd

9:00am *First Friday Perpetual Mass Society*

Saturday, March 4th

9:00am – For the People of the Parish
-John Kennedy, req by the Lydon and Mesa families

5:00pm Anthony Pappalardo, req by his wife, and family

Sunday, March 5th - First Sunday of Lent

(22: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11)

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

9:30am Luba and Paul Michalewicz, req by the Andrioli family

11:00am Eduardo E. Pedron (bday), and family, req by his sister

12:30pm Marrietta Cabrera, req by her family

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.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, March 3rd is the First Friday of the month.

The following have been enrolled in the

Perpetual Mass Society:

Maudie Altieri	Aidan Harte
Gabriel Martinez	Helen Bradley
Ida Burdyn	Annie O'Reilly
Henry Thomas Demery	Msgr. Vincent P. Dooley



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Tyler Benton, Stephanie Bojarski, Richard DeNardo, Louis F., Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Agnes Finegan, Elena Flores, 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 Wine and Hosts will be used this week in loving memory of Msgr. Joseph P. Bynon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday School and Children's Liturgy will meet next Sunday, March 5th.

ARISE!!

Please join us... 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. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 2nd, after the 9am Mass in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall.

MEMORIALS

We have many different memorial candle options available for you to memorialize a loved one, or to honor someone for their birthday, anniversary, or special occasion. The requested donation is \$25. Memorials include: Wine and Hosts, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Candles at the Statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. John Vianney, and the Flowers at the Blessed Mother. All memorials are for the duration of one week (Sunday through Saturday).

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.

ENGLISH CLASSES

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

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



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

LENT begins THIS Wednesday, March 1, 2017

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 14th year of age to abstain totally from meat on **Ash Wednesday, March 1st**, 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 June 4th. Easter time begins at the Vigil on Holy Saturday and concludes with the celebration of Pentecost, June 4th.

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 commended, 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.

A LENTEN CALL TO TAP OUR “HIDDEN” POTENTIAL

We are all familiar with the story, and musical, “The Wizard of Oz.” To begin with, there is Dorothy—who is hoping to return to Kansas. And, there is the “Cowardly Lion,” who is looking for “courage.” Then, there is the “Scarecrow”—who is looking for a “brain” because some crow told him he was “stupid” and, unfortunately, he believed it. Finally, there is the “Tin Woodsman”—who is trying to find a “heart” in order to demonstrate some sensitivity. All of them seek to find the “Wizard”—who, discouragingly, proves to be a fraud.

Notably, as the above story unfolds, the **most courageous** one in the group is the Lion, surprisingly, called “cowardly.” The one who, remarkably, has the **best ideas** is the Scarecrow, who, supposedly, has no “brain.” And, shockingly, the one who has the **most compassion** is the “heartless,” Tin Woodsman. Finally, we have Dorothy, who never left Kansas at all—especially since it was only a dream. All of the characters come to such “insights” —only after the Wizard of Oz calls it to their attention.

The above story may help us to realize that the twelve Apostles would never have been found in a “Who’s Who?” in Jerusalem, Nazareth, or Galilee. They were fairly obscure and, at first glance, not very talented individuals. However, that did not prevent Jesus from calling them to ministry—especially since He believed that there was a “GIANT INSIDE EACH OF THEM”, waiting to be awakened.

Perhaps the call of such *unlikely individuals* may serve as a reminder that we, too, may not realize *how gifted, and talented, we really are*. Similarly, the characters in The Wizard of Oz illustrate that some individuals may fail to recognize that there is a “GIANT HIDDEN WITHIN THEM.” Hopefully, the “Wizards” in our lives may be instrumental in calling us to tap our own “hidden potential” as **the forthcoming Lenten Season calls us to a conversion, i.e. a change of heart**.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Registration for 2017-2018

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will now be done by appointment only. Please call the office at 718-426-4963 to schedule an appointment. Tours are available. 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)

Financial aid is available through Futures in Education for families that qualify.



SAVE THE DATE!!



Our annual **St. Patrick's Day Dance** will be held on **Sunday, March 12th, 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 for tickets or more information. You don't have to be Irish to have a good time!!!

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 27th. 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!!

A Glimpse at your contributions... February 18/19:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 287	\$1,743	\$2,030
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 487	\$ 664	\$1,151
9:30am (English)	\$ 556	\$ 781	\$1,337
11:00am (English)	\$ 458	\$1,013	\$1,471
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 653	\$ 102	\$ 755
	\$2,441	\$4,303	\$6,744

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

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Torres Family, RP
 2nd Prize \$50 Agnes McGann, Franklin Square
 3rd Prize \$25 Sandy Chang, Woodhaven

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 27th

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

Tuesday, February 28th

- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- Track 4-5pm, Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel
- No English Classes

Wednesday, March 1st- ASH WEDNESDAY

- Mommy and Me 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10am-12noon
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 8:30pm Church
- No Basketball Practice, NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, March 2nd

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

Friday, March 3rd- St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

- English Stations of the Cross 9:30am Church
- First Friday Perpetual Mass Society 9:30am CMR
- CODA 10am PCC, Twirling 4-6:45pm FFH,
- Basketball Practice 7-9pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

Saturday, March 4th- St. Casimir

- OCA 10am PCC, Twirling 10-12noon FFH
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church
- Spanish Rosary 12:15 FFH Chapel
- Spanish Arise 12noon FFH Garden
- CYO Basketball Gym 6:30pm Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, March 5th-First Sunday of Lent

- Children's Liturgy at 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Divino Nino 1:30pm Church, Reception 2pm FFH
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- CYO Basketball Gym, Alanon 12noon PCC

LATEST GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE

Parish Target: \$650,000 Total Pledged: \$1,124,317
Pledged Percent of Goal: 173%

Number of Pledges: 229 Amount Received: \$319,438

\$319,438 - \$63,130 (ACA goal) = \$256,308

Half of \$256,308 = \$128,154 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

