

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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
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Heather Belon (*Bookkeeper*)- hbelonraaol.com
Cathy Mesa- ratuitionaol.com
(*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

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RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). The Readings can be found at #1120 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, February 4th

9:00am Jerry Sheehan, req by Irene

Tuesday, February 5th

9:00am Catherine Lee, req by neighbors of 83rd Place

Wednesday, February 6th

9:00am Mary Eckelt, req by Barbara Stoddard

Thursday, February 7th

9:00am Vincent Sammon (ann), req by his wife, Mary and family

Friday, February 8th

9:00am Philip Garfinkel, req by Anna Chi and family

Saturday, February 9th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish

-Anna Pagano

-Ray Scacalossi (bday), req by his wife, Carol Scacalossi, and family

-Mercedes Martinez, req by her family

-Mary E. Callaghan, req by the Marlborough family

-Bridie Hartnett, req by Rosemarie Phelan

5:00pm Donlon, LaManna, Owens, and Grande families, req by Jane Donlon

Sunday, February 10th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(75: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-5, 7-8 1Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11)

8:00am Vincent Sammon, req by his wife and grandchildren Jackie, Brian, Danny, Ceara, and Brendan

9:30am Rosalina M. Concepcion, req by Ciony and Danny Santiago and family

11:00am James Conlon, req by Jim Clynes

12:30pm Aristobulo Garzon and Miguel Parra, req by Maria Parra and family

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donations to our Thanks for the Memoires Collection, benefitting our parish school. On behalf of our students and staff, we thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Join us for our Mardi Gras Brunch!

Sunday, February 24th at 11am in Fr. Feely Hall.

Catered brunch including raffles, masks and beads! \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Kindly RSVP by February 18th to Jason at (718) 533-7898 or jvelazquezra@aol.com. A guarantee of 30 people is needed to hold this event. Hurry and get your tickets!

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The Pantry is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am-12noon.

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, 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

Deceased: Luis A. DelRosario, Ana J. Rijos, Lawrence Hendricks

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

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

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Arturo Salazer**, as requested by his wife, Gemma and family.

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SPECIAL LITURGY

There will be a Special Family Liturgy NEXT Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Sunday School will also meet after Mass.

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: February 13, 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 email jvelazquezra@aol.com.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

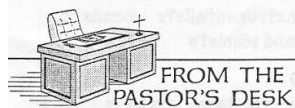


Our annual **St. Patrick's Day Dance** will be held on

Sunday, March 10th, 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 3rd 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!



CHOOSING TO EXPAND, OR LIMIT, OUR BOUNDARIES

The Scripture readings, repeatedly, remind us that prophets tend to be rather unpopular. For example, they get thrown into jail, are ridiculed, beaten up, or even killed. Furthermore, the leaders of Jerusalem once had Jeremiah thrown in a cistern, where he would have died if someone had not interceded for him with the king. In this weekend's liturgy, we hear how the people of Nazareth would have killed Jesus if He had not given them the slip when they tried to throw him off a cliff.

In both of the above cases, the people did not want a message that God was sending them. For example, Jeremiah had to tell the leaders that their time had run out because of their infidelity to the covenant. God was leaving them to their own devices, allowing Jerusalem to be destroyed by the Babylonians. In the New Testament, Jesus confronts His own townspeople by admonishing them since they should be like that woman whom Elijah helped, and that leper whom Elisha sent to wash in the Jordan. Jesus emphasized that *both of these Gentiles had the faith that the people of Nazareth were expected to imitate*. However, the villagers of this town of Nazareth only wanted a God who would wreak vengeance on the Gentiles, a God who only worked wonders for them, and who was confined within the boundaries of Israel.

Reflecting on the above, sometimes we may want to keep God in a little box of our own making, thereby limiting God to the boundaries of the Church building, or maybe, even, just the Tabernacle. In doing so, we can visit God when we have time, or need something. Yet, at the same time, we hope that God will not bother us too much with any burdensome demands. However, a further examination, and reflection, on the Scriptures reveals that the God of Israel was never satisfied with confinement, even in something the size of the Temple. At the same time, Jesus would not allow himself to be constricted in His own day concerning whom he associated with, ate with, or even touched. Tight quarters would not do then, but most especially—as time would tell-- once he was raised from the tomb.

Let us pray that we will be open to hear when God sends a challenging word to us, calling us to expand our boundaries so as to allow God to work within us in new, and perhaps, surprising ways.

"CONGRATULATIONS", DONORS, TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL, AND "THANK YOU"

On behalf of the people of the parish, I wish to express our "thanks" and "congratulations" to the 170 donors (out of a total of 817 registered members) who helped us reach our assigned goal of \$63,130. In early December, we were slightly below goal, which gave reason for concern since the parish would be expected to submit the difference. Fortunately, most of the donors, with open pledges, followed through on their pledges and 3 parishioners, in particular, gave substantial donations, which helped us to reach an amount, beyond our assigned goal, due to their individual donations totaling \$7,000. As a result, the final figures we received for the Annual Catholic Appeal are as follows:

Amount Pledged: \$74, 489

Amount Received: \$73, 813

Consequently, the parish will soon receive a check in the amount of \$10,683. As stated throughout the year, any amount above the goal can be considered equivalent to a fund raiser without the need for our parishioners to devote any time, or effort, beyond one's monetary contribution. Again, our "thanks," and appreciation, to the 170 donors, who took an interest to assist in the many programs of our Diocese, funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal, and for helping to make such a substantial return [of more than \$10,000] to THEIR parish.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

On Sunday, February 3rd, we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God, and the Church, through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation as sisters, brothers, or religious priests. Some join a secular institute. Others remain single and make a profession to God through the local bishop, and are known as consecrated virgins. May the light of Christ shine brightly through men and women who choose the consecrated life to live out their baptismal commitment, especially those who serve in the Diocese of Brooklyn now, or who have been part of our history.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

☺ RESURRECTION – ASCENSION ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

Class of 2019 News

Every child that applied was accepted to a Catholic high school!

Congratulations to the following students who received scholarships:

Matthew Alvarez Full Scholarship to St. John's Preparatory School; Half Scholarship to Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School

Kenneth Chase Half Scholarship to Christ the King High School; Partial Scholarship to Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School

Karalyn Chiu Full Scholarship to Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School; Veritas Scholarship to St. Vincent Ferrer High School

Anais Lipan Honors Scholarship to St. Vincent Ferrer High School

Angelina Moran Partial Scholarship to St. Agnes High School; Honors Scholarship to St. Vincent Ferrer High School

Michelle Olhoviks Full Scholarship to St. Francis Preparatory School

Elizabeth Paul Partial Scholarship to The Mary Louis Academy; Partial Scholarship to Christ the King High School

Elizabeth Quercia Half Scholarship to Christ the King High School; Partial Scholarship to Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School; Lumen Scholarship to St. Vincent Ferrer High School

Katelin Tennant Partial Scholarship to Bishop Kearney High School; Partial Scholarship to Cathedral High School

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE!

World's Finest Candy Bars are on sale at the rectory.
\$1 per bar, assorted varieties. Hurry, they sell quickly!

A Glimpse at your contributions... January 26/27:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 277	\$1,744	\$2,021
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 374	\$ 384	\$ 758
9:30am (English)	\$ 755	\$1,095	\$1,850
11:00am (English)	\$ 442	\$ 963	\$1,405
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 685	\$ 54	\$ 739
	\$2,533	\$4,240	\$6,773

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$711

Total weekly collection: \$7,484 (this week's deficit=\$2,167)

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 4th

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

Tuesday, February 5th- St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- Track 4-5pm, Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- Pre-Cana 7-9:30pm FFH Main
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, February 6th- St. Paul Miki and Companions

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

Thursday, February 7th

- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Diocesan Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

Friday, February 8th- St. Jerome Emiliani;

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling 4-7pm FFH Main; -No Basketball Practice
- School Sweetheart Dance 7-10pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

Saturday, February 9th- BVM

- OCA 10am PCC
- First Confession 12noon & Reception Gym
- CYO Basketball 6:30-9:30pm Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, February 10th- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Special Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- RCIA 12:30pm FFH Parlor
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2pm, Reception 3-6pm FFH
- CYO Basketball Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Congratulations to **Patrick McNamara, Colin Liu, Frank Valvo, John Lopez, Ricky Werner, Conor Shalvey, Riley Morgan, Kristen Vargas, Francesca DeSantis, and Angelina Navarra** as they advance to the District level of the **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**. Good luck in the next round!

SAVE THE DATE!!! Radio Bingo will take place on **Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Hope**. More details to come...Where Bingo meets "Name That Tune." This ain't your grandma's bingo!

NOVENA OF THE DIVINE CHILD

Resurrection-Ascension Church invites all its parishioners to join us for the "Universal" celebration of the Novena of the Divine Child in Spanish TODAY, February 3rd, immediately following the 12:30pm Mass. Copies of the Novena in English will be available at the main entrance. Come and witness the wonders of this beautiful devotion.

