

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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

### 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

### Academy

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## RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The Readings are found at #1121 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Arturo Salazer, req by his wife, Gemma, and family

#### Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Vincent Sammon, req by Mary Sammon, and family

#### Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Rosalia Realmuto, req by the Tantillo family

#### Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Ray Scacalossi (bday), req by his wife, Carol

#### Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Joseph A. Arigo, req by the Rahill family

#### Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – For the People of the Parish

-Jose Polit (anniv), req by the family

-Mieczyslaw Nadolny (30<sup>th</sup> anniv), req by his son and niece

-Anthony, Florence, and Maureen Borzell, req by Carol Franco

-in thanksgiving to our Lady of Lourdes, req by Joan Franco

-for the intentions of George J. Harmes and Claire LaRocca, req by Joan Franco

5:00pm Danny Guez, req by his parents

#### Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> -Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(76: Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
1Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37)

8:00am John Costello, req by Kathleen Creighton

9:30am Ellen Heppt, req by the Landa family

11:00am Candido A. Garcia, req by his daughter

12:30pm in thanksgiving, and for the health and intentions of Stella Giraldo, req by Stella Giraldo

#### THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donations towards our **Thanks for the Memories Collection**, which benefits Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy. On behalf of the students and staff of RA, we thank you, in advance, for your generosity! ☺

#### ENGLISH CLASSES

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

**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.

#### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our annual **St. Patrick's Day Dance** will be held on **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:rarectory@aol.com) for tickets or more information. You don't have to be Irish to have a good time!!!

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** Tyler Benton, Stephanie Bojarski, Richard DeNardo, Louis F., Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Agnes Finegan, 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

**Deceased:** Gonzalo Mempin, Sister Mary McGowan, SC

#### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this week **for the intentions of Msgr. Vincent F. Fullam**.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Marie Louise, Rene Germaine, and Georges**, req by the LeCam family.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in **honor of Our Lady of Lourdes**, as requested by Joan Franco.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL & SPECIAL FAMILY LITURGY

Sunday School will take place next Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Special Family Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass.

#### ARISE!!

Arise will begin on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in Fr. Feely Hall, following the 9am Mass. 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](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com).

#### OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

Our Pantry is in great need of staple items. If you are able to contribute, please feel free to drop off items on Sunday in the Church Meeting Room, or at the Rectory during business hours. We are in need of cereal, coffee, rice, canned vegetables, soups, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, pasta, and beans. Thank you for your continued support!

Are you a grandparent or relative helping raise children? Come and join this FREE Support Group. Meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 10am-noon. Come and meet other caregivers, learn about resources, share ideas.

For information and registration please call Laura Zimmerman LCSW-R at (718) 456-7001. Glendale Mental Health Clinic, 67-29 Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385. Sponsored by Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services.



**“THE VARIED MEANINGS OF SALT”**

In the Gospel reading for this weekend, there are two familiar images that may capture our attention as Jesus calls His followers to be “salt for the earth” and “light for the world.” Notably, in that first century, salt was considered to be “essential”—not only for *seasoning*—but, also, for *preserving* meats, fish, and other foods. Presumably, the disciples of Jesus—several of whom were fishermen—would have been familiar with the advantage, as well as the common use of salt. At that time, especially, salted meats needed to be “reconstituted” with water before they could be used. In addition, the common understanding was that too much salt could render “meats” inedible and, not enough salt, would, obviously, cause them to spoil.

With the above in mind, this Gospel account speaks of a warning from Jesus that if “salt loses its flavor, it is worthless.” Furthermore, Scripture scholars also inform us that while salt cannot lose its “saltiness”, it can become *so diluted by impurities* that may be rendered useless. Applying this meaning to a contemporary experience, we all have known times when we can become so overwhelmed by the day-to-day grind of our lives that –life itself—seems to lose its savor. As a result, not only can we *not* be salt for others, we, also, may not find anything in our own lives to “perk us up”. Perhaps, then, it is at these times that the words of Christ strike a chord deep within us.

Strikingly, this Gospel reminds us that salt can also become a rich *metaphor* for our lives **as followers of Christ**. For example, when we can think about how our faith can add “*spice and flavor*” to our lives, [and the lives of those around us], we may also come to know that when we allow our spiritual lives to become “diluted” and “contaminated” by too many other things, the end result is that we risk losing touch with the faith that saves us. In addition, we can also come to the realization that when, at times, we may seem to be “overbearing” in our insistence on other people to “do things our way” [even if we are convinced that “our way is God’s”] nevertheless, it is likely that we will turn people away from a path they might otherwise have followed.

Since salt is a chemical compound—and one of the characteristics of such compounds is the way it interacts with everything with which it comes into contact-- consequently, if we are to be salt of the earth, then we also need to be aware of *how we are interacting with others* and, also to be sure that we are *bringing the flavor of the Gospel to others*. Therefore, this Gospel reminds us that Jesus is calling us to “walk in His footsteps”, i.e., to treat others the way He treated them. Not unlike salting our food, *living our faith* allows for a range of differences. And, if, by chance, we find ourselves in a peak moment when we hear the words of Jesus, this heightened experience could signal a call to bring Christ’s presence to the world.

On the other hand, if we are feeling even less bright and salty, then we may need to find ways to return to THE SOURCE OF OUR FAITH. In a similar way, this may also signal a need to rid ourselves of some distractions and bring some new seasoning to our faith lives. Essentially, then, the “Good News” of the Gospel is meant *to change our lives and that of the world*. Regrettably, if we do not share it, chances are that we, and the world, could be at risk in “losing a great gift.”

In Christ,  
Fr. Amato

**A Glimpse at your contributions... January 28/29:**

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 277	\$1,684	\$1,961
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 298	\$ 496	\$ 794
9:30am (English)	\$ 814	\$ 858	\$1,672
11:00am (English)	\$ 493	\$ 695	\$1,188
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 870	\$ 127	\$ 997
	\$2,752	\$3,860	\$6,612

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

**LATEST GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE**

Parish Target: \$650,000    Total Pledged: \$1,124,317  
 Pledged Percent of Goal: 173%  
 Number of Pledges: 230    Amount Received: \$281,412

\$281,412 - \$63,130 (ACA goal) \$218,282  
 Half of \$218,282 = \$109,141 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

Please be aware that Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 12noon, children of our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance. Please keep them in your prayers.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

### ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

#### Congratulations Class of 2017!

We are especially proud of our 8th grade students, all of whom were accepted to a Catholic high school. In addition, the following students received scholarships:

#### Nicole Contreras

*Full scholarship to St. John's Prep*

*Partial scholarship to The Mary Louis Academy*

#### Andrea Cruz

*Partial scholarship to Christ the King*

#### Kori Dezena-Andrade

*Partial scholarship to Archbishop Molloy*

*Partial scholarship to Xavier High School*

*Partial scholarship to Cathedral Prep*

#### Gabriella Fusco

*Partial scholarship to The Mary Louis Academy*

*Partial scholarship to Christ the King*

#### Mackenzie Muench

*Partial scholarship to St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### Gabriella Neves

*Partial scholarship to St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### Krishna Rakotonirina

*Partial scholarship to Christ the King*

#### Tsiry Ramisaharidafy

*Partial scholarship to Archbishop Molloy*

*Partial scholarship to St. John's Prep*

#### Lauren Solla

*Partial scholarship to Notre Dame*

#### Carina Stepan

*Partial scholarship to St. Vincent Ferrer*

#### Registration Dates

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will take place on Tuesday, February 14th and Thursday, February 16th from 9am-11am and 3pm-5pm.

Please bring the following items:

*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)*

**DEANERY NEWS.....** Our Lady of Hope's Holy Name Society is sponsoring a Men's Retreat at Bishop Molloy Retreat House from Friday, February 24-Sunday, February 26th. The theme of this year's retreat is "We are a People of Promise!" The offering is \$210. For more information, please contact Steve Stern at (917) 648-9707.

#### BOOSTER WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Eugene Hennessey, MV  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Lucia Chow, RP  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Lewis, 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 6<sup>th</sup>- St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

-Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC

-Golden Age 12noon FFH

-Basketball Practice 5-9 Gym

-Yoga 6pm FFH Garden

-NA 7:30pm PCC

#### Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

-Children's Choir 3pm Church

-Track 4-5pm Gym

-Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

-Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel

-No English Classes

#### Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>- St. Jerome Emiliani;

#### St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

-Mommy and Me 9:30am CMR

-Food Pantry 10am-12noon

-School Board Meeting 7pm CMR

-English Choir 7:30pm Church

-Pre-Cana 7-9:30pm FFH Main

-Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

-NA 7:30pm PCC

#### Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

-Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm FFH

-Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church

-Gym Closed

-No Basketball Practice

-No English Classes

#### Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>- St. Scholastica, Virgin

-CODA 10am PCC

-Twirling 4-6:45pm FFH Main

-School Sweetheart Dance 7-10pm Gym

-No Basketball Practice

-Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

#### Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>- Our Lady of Lourdes; BVM

-OCA 10am PCC

-First Confessions 12noon Church & Reception Gym

-Twirling 10-12noon FFH Main

-CYO Basketball Gym 6:30pm Gym

-Spanish Classes 3-5pm PCC

-Spanish Service Group 5-7pm PCC

-Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

#### Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-Special Liturgy at 9:30am Mass

-Sunday School 10:30-12noon School

-Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2:30pm Church and

Reception 3:30-7pm FFH

-Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH

-CYO Basketball Gym

-Alanon 12noon PCC

