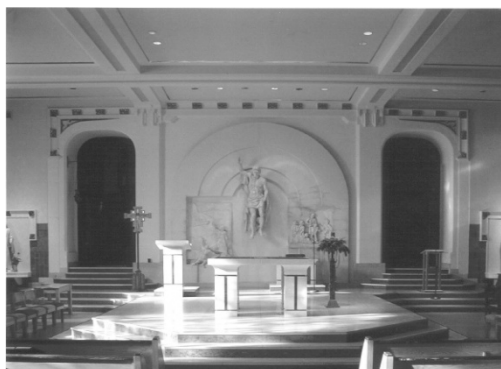


SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

# 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

Debbie Gross (*Receptionist*)- [dlgrectory@aol.com](mailto:dlgrectory@aol.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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The Readings are found at #1112 in the Parish Hymnal.



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
9:00am Kathy Kane, req by the Sisters of Charity

**Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am Leonardo Coppola (anniv), req by Lisa Popa

**Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am Theresia Farkas, req by the RA Faculty

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am James O'Connell (anniv), req by his sister, Josephine

**Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am Nancy Kerrane, req by her husband and family

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
9:00am – For the People of the Parish  
-Nora Brady, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
-Daniel Corcoran, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
-for the intentions and health of Joel Velazquez, req by his Dry Harbor family

5:00pm Barbara Rurak, req by her family  
**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> -Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
(67: Is 8:23—9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23)

8:00am Rocco Carollo, req by Debbie & Heather  
9:30am Margaret Maurrey, req by Margaret Reilly  
11:00am Nick Albaneze, req by his daughter, Catherine, and family  
12:30pm Fernando Azmitia, req by Elsa Rivera, and family

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**Next weekend**, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to **Churches in Need**. An envelope has been included in your regular tithing packet. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

**Why should I be registered in Church?**

All parishioners should be registered and using contribution envelopes. In addition to proof of attendance, the use of envelopes allows the parish to maintain a record of any contributions you make. Funds given without identification cannot be verified as requested by tax laws for deductions.

If you would like a statement of your 2016 Church contributions, you must request that one be sent to you (we do not automatically send them to all parishioners.) **Kindly call the rectory and request a statement from our bookkeeper, Heather Belon, extension 12, or email the request to [rarectory@aol.com](mailto:rarectory@aol.com).** All statements requested will be mailed during the last week of January. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish!

**RECTORY CLOSED**

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**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, Pat Holahan, 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:** Stephen Kubinski, Ester Corra, Eleanor Smulkstis

**WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES**

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this week in **loving memory of Jack Borkowski**, as requested by his wife.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of William and Angela Donlon**, as requested by their daughter, Jane.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week for **God's protection and guidance to President Trump and Vice President Pence**, requested by Jane and Julie.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Neil Rullo**, as requested by the Belon family.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL and CLW**

There will be Sunday School and CLW next Sunday, January 22nd.

**MARIAN ROSARY GROUP..... Welcome 2017!**

The Marian Rosary Group invites all parishioners to open a new year by praying the rosary together on Thursday morning, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in Fr. Feely Hall. The recitation of the rosary is a wonderful way to begin 2017 as we pray for our new president, our city, our nation, and our own special intentions. We look forward to seeing you.

**ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

The Diocesan Office is sponsoring free buses for the Annual March for Life pilgrimage to Washington, DC on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a bus leaving from Resurrection-Ascension Church at 7:30am. If you are interested in attending, you may reserve a seat before January 20<sup>th</sup> by calling **Clendy Calderon at The School of Evangelization at (718) 281-9544**, or email her at [ccalderon@diobrook.org](mailto:ccalderon@diobrook.org). **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE RECTORY FOR INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS. WE ARE ONLY A PICK UP LOCATION. THANK YOU.**

**A Glimpse at your contributions... January 7/8:**

	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Checks</b>	<b>Total</b>
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 320	\$ 746	\$1,066
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 205	\$ 493	\$ 698
9:30am (English)	\$ 351	\$ 935	\$1,286
11:00am (English)	\$ 501	\$ 614	\$1,115
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 563	\$ 234	\$ 797
	<b>\$1,940</b>	<b>\$3,022</b>	<b>\$4,962</b>

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



**“WHAT IT MEANS TO ‘EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED’”**

In this new year of 2017, the Christmas Season officially ended last Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, with the “Feast of the Baptism of the Lord”. At the same time, the liturgical cycle of the Church Year, and the Lectionary readings, remind us that our faith is *more* than a commemoration of the birth of a baby in Bethlehem. In other words, this Baby, like all babies, grows quickly. Now, the adult Jesus, who appears in today’s Gospel, will begin changing people’s expectations and challenging the *status quo*. Therefore, if we profess to follow this Man, then, we better be ready to “**EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.**”

In the Gospel for this Sunday in Ordinary Time, we come to recognize Jesus through the eyes of John the Baptist. The author of this Gospel (John) depicts John the Baptist as the main witness to the Divinity and Mission of Jesus. John the Baptist was a man with a *single mission*. Here, he is calling people to repent of their sins and to prepare the way for the coming Messiah. He is also baptizing them as a sign of their being washed clean of sin. Notably, a marketing consultant might refer to John the Baptist, [in this context], as totally, “on message.”

It is noteworthy that when Jesus appears, John calls out: “Behold the Lamb of God.” Yet, concurrently, he twice reflects—with wonder—on the fact that he did not know Jesus, at first, as he states: “I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that He might be made known to Israel.” Notably, there are times—even for the most focused among us—when we find it difficult to know *how* the things that we do “day to day” fit into a bigger picture. It is not unlike someone working a difficult jigsaw puzzle and gets so caught up in how one or two pieces fit together or, we get frustrated when another piece does not seem to fit at all. Regrettably, we may forget to look *once more* at what we are trying to achieve in the long run.

With today’s liturgy, we begin, once again, to explore what “discipleship” means in our life. We are called to examine *how we live our faith* in our daily lives. At the same time, it appears, also, that our faith often needs to grow quickly in order to meet the *unexpected challenges* of a secular and – sometimes—hostile world. At other times, however, we might feel “blindsided” by any challenges coming from God’s own movement in our lives.

With the above in mind, may the experience of John the Baptist—recorded in today’s Gospel-- help us to *recognize that God’s spirit speaks to us in many ways*: through the Scriptures, through other people, and, surprisingly, even through something unexpectedly as the evening news. Therefore, it is important to become flexible enough to bend—especially when it appears that our ideas may *not fit God’s message* but, also, to be firm enough to *hold onto that message*-- especially when we find ourselves in the midst of what can sometimes be referred to as the “fickle winds of culture.” Finally, it stands to reason that when we are alert to the signs around us, we will, undoubtedly, know what it means to “**EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED**”. *And so, let us pray:*

**“LORD, OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE YOU.....”**

In Christ,  
Fr. Amato

**LATEST GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE**

Parish Target: \$650,000

Total Pledged: \$1,126,417

Pledged Percent of Goal: 173%

Number of Pledges: 230

Amount Received: \$261,791

\$261,791 - \$63,130 (ACA goal) \$198,661

\$198,661 / 2 = \$99,330 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**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST**

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Resurrection Ascension Gym

Registration begins at 6:30pm.

No fee- open to all boys and girls ages 9-14.

Please contact John @ (917) 318-0060 for more information.

**There is a CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE in our area.**

St. Margaret Church, Middle Village, will be sponsoring a **blood drive** on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-3pm in the parish hall. Blood types A-, B-, and O- are especially needed. For more information, and/or to make an appt., please email parishcalendar@aol.com.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

### ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

#### Great News!

Congratulations to Micah Gagarin, grade 5, who is the grand prize winner of the New York Encounters contest on the theme "Reality Has Never Betrayed Me." The grand prize is \$1,000 towards his current tuition. Micah was recognized on stage at the New York Encounters event on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> by Cardinal Dolan.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved honors in their respective high schools:

St. Agnes Academic

**Yorciana Lasprilla**, *Principal's List*

The Mary Louis Academy

**Vienna Lam**, *First Honors*

#### Early Childhood Open Houses

We will be holding open houses throughout the month of January for Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year.

If you, or someone you know, would like to visit our school please come on one of the following dates:

**Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am**

**Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am**

We are host to two Pre-K For All classes. Registration begins on January 17<sup>th</sup> and ends on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Priority is given to current Nursery students and siblings of RA students. You will receive information about our school and a tour of the building. These are wonderful opportunities to see our children in action! If these dates are not convenient, please call the school office at 718-426-4963.

**We will also have our usual Catholic Schools Week Open Houses on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am-11am and 3pm-5pm.**

#### ENGLISH CLASSES

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

#### BOOSTER WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 John Jorgensen, MV  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Barbara Stoddard, RP  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Louisa DeNardo, 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, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

-Rectory Closed, School Closed  
-Food Pantry Closed  
-No Golden Age  
-Basketball Practice 2-9 Gym  
-NA 7:30pm PCC

##### Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Anthony, Abbot

-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, January 18<sup>th</sup>

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

##### Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

-No English Classes  
-Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym  
-Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church

##### Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

-CODA 10am PCC  
-Twirling 4-6:45pm Gym  
-Basketball Practice 7-9pm Gym  
-Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

##### Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

-OCA 10am PCC  
-Twirling 10-12noon FFH Main  
-CYO Basketball  
-Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 6:15pm Gym  
-Spanish Classes 3-5pm PCC  
-Spanish Service Group 5-7pm PCC  
-Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

##### Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

-Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:30am Mass  
-Sunday School 10:45-12noon School  
-Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH  
-CYO Basketball Gym  
-Alanon 12noon PCC

#### JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

Prayer to combat Human Trafficking: St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church. O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those, whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen.