

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The Readings are found at #1115 in the Parish Hymnal.



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

- Monday, January 23rd**
9:00am John Lydon (23rd anniv), req by the Lydon and Mesa families
- Tuesday, January 24th**
9:00am Joseph Halton, req by the Rahill family
- Wednesday, January 25th**
9:00am Thomas Flynn (bday), req by his wife, Kathleen and family
- Thursday, January 26th**
9:00am Bridget Hartnett and Belinda O'Connell (anniv), req by Josephine Hartnett
- Friday, January 27th**
9:00am Patrick and Annie Hargadon (anniv), req by her sister, Mary Harrington, and family
- Saturday, January 28th**
9:00am – For the People of the Parish
 -Anne and Jim Brennan, req by their daughter, Carol
 -Kevin McCoy, req by John and Monica Murphy
 -Cheryl Atamanec Murphy, req by her friend, Margaret Jablonka
 -Veronica Buszak, req by her niece
- 5:00pm** Laurence Christy, req by Mary Christy and family
- Sunday, January 29th -Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(70: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a)
- 8:00am** Robert Murphy, req by John and Monica Murphy
- 9:30am** Victoria Lewitt, req by Liz
- 11:00am** Maureen Halsey (bday), req by Richard Kowal
- 12:30pm** Federico Garrido, req by his family

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! ☺

If you would like a statement of your 2016 Church contributions, you should 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.** All statements requested will be mailed during the last week of January. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our annual **St. Patrick's Day Dance** will be held on **Sunday, March 12th, from 4-8pm.** More details to come... ask around about what fun we had last year!!

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: Dennis Hannon, Leonor E. Fernandez

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this week **in loving memory of Leopoldo Ulloa**, as requested by John and Elizabeth Daly.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week **in loving memory of Patrick and Annie Hargadon (anniversary)**, as requested by her sister, Mary Harrington, and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CLW

Neither Sunday School nor CLW will take place next Sunday, Jan. 29th. Instead we invite our children and families to attend the **Opening of Catholic Schools Week** together at the 9:30am Mass.

There will be **Sunday School Parent/Teacher Conferences** in Fr. Feely Hall from 9am-1pm.

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 26th**, 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. *(Please note that we printed an incorrect date in last weekend's bulletin. We apologize for the error!!)*

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Diocesan Office is sponsoring free buses for the Annual March for Life pilgrimage to Washington, DC on Friday, January 27th. 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 20th by calling **Clendy Calderon at The School of Evangelization at (718) 281-9544**, or email her at calderson@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 14/15:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 334	\$1,434	\$1,768
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 454	\$ 804	\$1,258
9:30am (English)	\$ 553	\$ 714	\$1,267
11:00am (English)	\$ 692	\$1,368	\$2,060
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 666	\$ 112	\$ 778
	\$2,699	\$4,432	\$7,131

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



“A FRESH LOOK AT ‘ORDINARY TIME’ ”

In Matthew’s Gospel for this weekend, we hear the familiar quote from Isaiah, the prophet: “The people who live in darkness have seen a great light.” (Matthew 4:16) That light was needed in Isaiah’s time, in Matthew’s time, and even in Paul’s time after Jesus had walked the earth. Obviously, it is still needed today as our beloved Pope, Francis reminds us.

Notably, the image of “light in the darkness” threads its way through the Sundays of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent. At the same time, it reminds us that the “Light of the World” –whose dawning we celebrated during the Advent/Christmas season-- is the same “Light of Christ” whose flame will purify, and enlighten, us during Lent and “enkindle the fire of the Holy Spirit” in us during the fifty days of Easter.

In our liturgy for this weekend, the first reading highlights the likeness of salvation, for the “District of the Gentiles,” to a light dispelling any darkness, anguish, and gloom. Similarly, Matthew’s Gospel characterizes Jesus as a “light arising in ‘Galilee of the Gentiles’ “while inviting the fishermen, Andrew and Simon, followed by James and John, to follow Jesus along the way.

The above scenario reminds us that a new life began for Andrew and Simon—as well as James and John (since both were fisherman with Peter and Andrew). At this time, it was clear to Jesus that they were searching for something when in another Gospel reference, they asked, “Teacher, where are you staying?” The implication here is that it was going to take more than a few minutes to answer that question. With the words of Jesus, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men,” the Gospel informs us that “they left their nets, at once, and followed Him”. Consequently, they stayed with Jesus that day..... and beyond.

As we returned to the Church Season of Ordinary Time, last weekend, [which comes from the Latin “ordo”, i.e., numbered-- since we count the weeks off by numbers such as: Second, Third Sunday etc], it is obvious that this Church Season does not have the elements associated with the Christmas Season. For example, there are no melodies to suggest the beginning of this season. We do not hear anyone singing: “It’s beginning to look a lot like Ordinary Time”, or, “I’ll be home for Ordinary Time”. With the conclusion of the Christmas Season, we also return to the patterns of our “ordinary” lives—back to: school, work, etc. However, even in this most “ordinary” of times, we have a tremendous opportunity to come to know Jesus on a deeper level through prayer, conversation, and reflection.

Notably, this season of “Ordinary Time” can be one which is lived in a world touched by God’s grace. Therefore, as we spend some “ordinary” time with Jesus, may we come to know Him in a whole new, and “not-so-ordinary way.” Finally, may we also be mindful that this season can help us to remember that God continues to work through each of us. And, that is [precisely] what can make “Ordinary Time” an experience which may also prove to be **EXTRAORDINARY!**

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

VISITING NEXT WEEKEND....

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our Parish next weekend. Many of you know the Little Sisters of the Poor in their ministry with the elderly poor. The sisters depend on your generosity to help them provide a safe and comfortable home for the elderly men and women in the Queen of Peace Residence in Queens Village. There, the residents are surrounded with love, respect, peace and security until their death. The sisters will be at the doors of the church as you leave Mass to receive your donations. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

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 \$218,282 / 2 = \$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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Early Childhood Open Houses

On Tuesday, January 24th from 9am-11am, we will be holding an open house for Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year.

We are host to two Pre-K For All classes.

Registration began on January 17th and will end on February 24th. 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.

Catholic Schools Week Open House

We will hold an Open House for all grades on Sunday, January 29th at 11am, and on Wednesday, February 1st from 9am-11am and 3pm-5pm. All are welcome to tour our school and receive an information packet. For more information about our school, please visit www.racatholicacademy.org.

ENGLISH CLASSES

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

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.

WOMEN'S NEW YEAR RETREAT

Saturday, February 4th at 9:45am-noon

Mini Brunch Retreat

Theme: Inspiration and Transformation

American Martyrs, Bayside

Sullivan Hall (accessible)

Presenter: Sister Avenue Clark, O.P.

Call to register: (718) 428-2471

Bring a friend, a mom, a grandmother, an aunt, or a neighbor!

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.

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Maria DeNardo, MV
2nd Prize \$50 Eileen Meade, MV
3rd Prize \$25 Catherine Albaneze, RP

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 23rd- St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**

**-Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children**

-Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC

-Golden Age 12noon FFH

-Basketball Practice 5-9 Gym

-Yoga 6pm FFH Garden

-NA 7:30pm PCC

**Tuesday, January 24th- St. Francis deSales, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

-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 25th- The Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle**

-No Mommy and Me

-Food Pantry 10am-12noon

-English Choir 7:30pm Church

-Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

-NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, January 26th- Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

-Parent Workshop 7pm Gym

-Marian Rosary 10-11am FFH Garden

-No English Classes

-No Basketball Practice

-Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church

Friday, January 27th- St. Angela Merici, Virgin

-Student of the Month Assembly 8:15am Gym

-CODA 10am PCC

-Twirling 4-6:45pm Gym

-Basketball Practice 7-9pm Gym

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

**Saturday, January 28th- St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and
Doctor of the Church**

-OCA 10am PCC

-CYO Basketball

-Spanish Classes 3-5pm PCC

-Spanish Service Group 5-7pm PCC

-Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, January 29th- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass 9:30am Church

-School Open House 10:30am-12noon School

-No Children's Liturgy of the Word

-Sunday School Parent/Teacher Conference 9-1pm FH

-Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH

-CYO Basketball Gym

-Alanon 12noon PCC

