

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 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](mailto:dlgreactoryaol.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 Epiphany of the Lord (C). The Readings are found at #1021 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** for the health and intentions of Ed and Rita Geraghty, req by Tony and Carmen Chang

### Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** for the health and intentions of Johny Shen (bday), req by his dad

### Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Ursula Cummins, req by her sister, Angie McCarthy and family

### Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** for the health and intentions of Alice Orisino, req by Kathleen Flynn

### Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Ursula Cummins, req by Creighton family

### Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am-** For the People of the Parish  
-Peter and Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
-Michael and Patrick Fitzpatrick, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
-Daniel Corcoran and Josephine McMahan, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
-Peggy Horan and Cornelius O'Riordan, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
-Camilla Pagano

**5:00pm** Joseph Wilczewski, req by his family

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - The Baptism of the Lord**  
(21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)

**8:00am** Rev. Richard E. Mackiewicz

**9:30am** Elizabeth Picher, req by Debbie, Dan, and Jenn Gross

**11:00am** Dominic Phac Bui, req by his son

**12:30pm** Emma V. Rosado, req by her daughter, Marisol Dumes

### FOUR SEASONS 50/50

Congratulations to the winner of the Fall Session of the 50/50...

**Miss Angela Ruggiero**, who took home \$773! Thank you to all who participated. The next drawing will be held on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Look in upcoming bulletins for more info!

### RECTORY CLOSED

The Rectory will be CLOSED on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am.

### FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The Pantry will be CLOSED on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** Vahide Atlas, Colleen Breheny, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Kurt Burger, Martha Chaves, Richard DeNardo, Eleanor Ducey, Carmine Eso, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Jackie Hanley, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, Joe Loughnane, Mary Loughnane, Mary Ellen Lustberg, Patrick McCabe, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Joel Rivera, Julio Rosado, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

**Deceased:** James Joseph Joyce, John Dennigan, Juana Polanco

### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

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

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in loving memory of **Ronald Levinson (birthday)**, as requested by Barbara Levinson.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in loving memory of **Camilla and Michael Pagano**.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in thanksgiving for **B.E.**

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in thanksgiving for **B.E.**

### ST. VINCENT PARISH OUTREACH COLLECTION

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the **St. Vincent Parish Outreach of Resurrection Ascension**. Your contributions help us reach out to our parish family and neighbors experiencing difficult times. An envelope has been included in your regular tithing packet. Thank you.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & CLW

CLW will meet next Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:30am Mass. Sunday School will also meet next Sunday.

### RESPECT LIFE BRUNCH 2019

Sunday, January 13, 2019, following the 9:30am Mass in Fr. Feely Hall.

Delicious CATERED Brunch and Raffles!

For more information, or to reserve your seat, please call Jason Velazquez at (718) 533-7898, or email [jvelazquezra@aol.com](mailto:jvelazquezra@aol.com).

We hope to see you there!



This weekend's liturgy consists of celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany., The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation", or "showing", and in today's feast we join the three kings in praising, adoring, and bringing what gifts we have to our "Newborn King and Lord". In terms of history, the word, "epiphany", often referred to the visit a king made to the people of his provinces. This visit was [generally] accompanied by a great parade, followed by a lavish banquet for the local citizens. At the same time, amnesty was declared for any political prisoners and, everything associated with this generous nature was done in order to be certain of the people's loyalty. (Some may recognize remnants of such action in today's world, which is often referred to as "pork-barrel politics").

From our perspective, as a Christian festival, this feast is a day to emphasize the glory of the Lord and some of the events to celebrate such glory are: the Baptism of Jesus, the Wedding Feast at Cana—as well as the familiar coming of the Magi with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. At the Baptism of Jesus, the voice of the Heavenly Father, and the descent of the Holy Spirit, spoke of the glory of the Lord; at Cana, as Jesus worked the first of His signs, He manifested His glory; and the coming of the Magi reminds us that God's Son became "Word made flesh" for Gentiles (i.e., non-Jews) as well as Jews.

In today's feast, we too, are invited to identify with the Magi, who gave adoration and homage. Celebrating the Epiphany invites us to expand our understanding of God, other people, and of ourselves, beyond the boundaries that any narrowness tries to limit. Interestingly, St. Jane Frances de Chantal taught that if we understand that the light of God dwells in all of us, we respond by showing honor, and mutual respect, to all people, in word, deed, and attitude. Notably, the words that we sing in this weekend's responsorial psalm: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you!" call us to learn, and to live in new ways. Finally, may we also come to appreciate [even more deeply] the love of God-- who gave us the gift of His Son-- and invites us to "lose ourselves in wonder"!!!

#### A PARISHIONER'S EXAMPLE OF STEWARDSHIP

A "STEWARD" is often defined as one who safeguards material, and human resources, and uses them responsibly. On the local level, some of our parishioners also exercise their "stewardship" by sharing their TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE. For example, there have been occasions when a parishioner may express, {or, perhaps, even, take the initiative}, to assist in the improving, repairing, and, in this instance, the purchasing of items that may enhance the life, and beauty, of our parish community.

As mentioned at the Christmas Masses this past weekend, our sincere "thanks," and "appreciation" are expressed to our dedicated, and faithful, parishioner, **Maureen Kelly**, who undertook the responsibility for coordinating the floral decorations, as we entered the Christmas Season. On Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Maureen, and a dedicated crew of volunteers, gave up their Sunday afternoon to assist in the arrangement of the Creche, for Christmas, and throughout the season, which will conclude on January 13<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Their example of Stewardship, in giving of their TIME, and TALENT, is truly TREASURED especially for their giftedness which helped to enhance the beauty, and meaning, of the current Christmas Season. Finally, our "thanks," also, to **Creative Florist**, and all who contributed, monetarily, toward the purchase of the flowers, and greenery—truly a TEAM EFFORT .....

In Christ,  
*Fr. Amato*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### ☺ RESURRECTION – ASCENSION ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

#### Save the Date!

#### Early Childhood Open House

We will have an Open House for our Early Childhood students (Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten) on the following Tuesdays in January:

Tuesday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am-11am
Tuesday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	9am-11am
Tuesday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am-11am

#### All Grades Open House

Our Open Houses for all grades will take place on:

Sunday, January 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am-12:00am
Tuesday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-11:00am & 3:00pm-5:00pm

#### SISTER EILEEN McGOWAN, D.W.

Sr. Eileen, D.W. was a member of the faculty of Christ the King High School as an English and Religion teacher, and later was appointed Head of the Religion Department. Sr. Eileen remained at CK for 28 years, dedicating herself to CK students until her retirement. She was inducted into the Christ the King Hall of Fame in 1993.

Upon retirement, Sr. Eileen volunteered her time, tirelessly, with the Rachel Ministry by consoling, and bringing healing to women, who had experienced abortions. She also joined the telephone ministry of friendship to the elderly of Resurrection Ascension in Queens, NY. Three years ago, she moved to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent, Sound Beach, New York.

In late November, we received word that Sr. Eileen had passed away. Funeral arrangements took place at the retirement residence of her community, the Daughters of Wisdom. Prior to moving to the retirement residence, Sr. Eileen resided in Resurrection-Ascension Parish and volunteered at various times to any parish appeals calling for assistance. Unfortunately, during her stay in the Middle Village area, she had frequent "falls" and was hospitalized numerous times. Mention of her death was included in the bulletin, and the prayers of the faithful. We were fortunate to receive the above information to inform friends of Sr. Eileen, and former students, who have fond memories of her teaching years at Christ the King High School. May she rest in eternal peace.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>- St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

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

#### Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

- No Children's Choir
- Track 4-5pm, Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

#### Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Knights Meeting 8pm FFH Main
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym

#### Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling 4-7pm, Basketball Practice 7:15-9:30pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

#### Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

- OCA 10am PCC, CYO Basketball Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

#### Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>- The Baptism of the Lord

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Respect Life Brunch after 9:30am Mass in FFH
- RCIA 12:30pm Parlor
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Indonesian Apost. Mass 2pm & Reception FFH Main
- CYO Basketball Gym, Alanon 12noon PCC

#### A Glimpse at your contributions... December 22/23:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 240	\$1,303	\$1,543
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 381	\$ 823	\$1,204
9:30am (English)	\$ 989	\$ 755	\$1,244
11:00am (English)	\$ 310	\$ 758	\$1,358
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 384	\$ 249	\$ 633
	\$2,094	\$3,888	\$5,982

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$1,075

Total weekly collection: \$7,057 (*this week's deficit*=\$2,594)

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

#### 2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

*The Appeal has drawn to a close. We thank all those who have generously donated to the appeal. We are glad to report that we met our goal this year! Please, if you still haven't fulfilled your pledges, you may continue to do so. All monies received above and beyond our goal will come directly back to RA!*

**Goal: \$63,130**

**Registered Members: 829**

**Number of Donors: 170 Amt Pledged to Date: \$64,056**

**Amt Received to Date: \$62,220**

**Amount still outstanding: \$1,836 (figure is not reflective of any monies received after submission deadline for printer.)**

