

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

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 &
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Rev. Basilio Monteiro, Weekend Presider

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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 Epiphany of the Lord (B). The Readings are found at #1021 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, January 8th

9:00am Frances Josephine McHugh, req by Kathleen Flynn

Tuesday, January 9th

9:00am Peter Reilly (5th ann), req by his wife, Barbara

Wednesday, January 10th

9:00am Nora Brady, req by her family

Thursday, January 11th

9:00am Dennis O'Connell, req by Josephine Hartnett

Friday, January 12th

9:00am Helen Vuz, req by Julie Infranco

Saturday, January 13th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish
-in thanksgiving to God, req by Hui Chen
-Mercedes Martinez, req by her parents
-Ann Lofaso, req by the Perevit and Volano families
-Maureen Neville, req by John and Nellie Mulreany
-Violeta Corpuz, req by her family
-Peter Fitzpatrick, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick
-Joseph McMahon, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick
-Peggy Horgan, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Cornelius O'Riordan, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick

5:00pm William and Angela Donlon, req by their daughter, Jane

Sunday, January 14th - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(65: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10
1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42)

8:00am Emma Rosado, req by her daughter, Marisol Dumes

9:30am Barbara Rurak (bday), req by her family

11:00am Maria De Do, req by the Bui family

12:30pm Carmen Lopez (bday), req by the Lopez family

RECTORY CLOSED

The Rectory will be CLOSED on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, January 16th at 9am.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The Pantry will be CLOSED on Monday, January 15th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CLW

Please be reminded that there is **no Sunday School on Sunday, January 14th**. On Sunday, January 28th, we will meet in Fr. Feely Hall for Parent-Teacher Conferences following the 9:30am Mass. **There will not be classes that day.**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Josephine Bravchok, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Martha Chaves, Mercedes Coral, Richard DeNardo, Louis F. Rossi Favia, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Agnes Finegan, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Eileen Grubb, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Zoila Orellana, Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

Deceased: Maria S. Rodriguez

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Robert Moriarty (40th anniversary)**, as requested by his family.

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

SAVE THE DATE... RADIO BINGO!

Knights of Columbus Juniper Valley Council 14578 and the Resurrection-Ascension Home Academy Association present Radio Bingo, where Bingo meets Name That Tune. Join us for an evening of entertainment on February 3, 2018, at 7pm in the RA gym. \$35 per person, includes Bingo games, beer, wine, soda, and snacks. For additional information, please contact Thomas McCabe at (718) 779-2692. "This ain't your grandma's bingo!!"

2018 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The Juniper Valley Knights of Columbus 14578 is sponsoring the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Saturday, January 20, 2018 in the RA Gym. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate. Registration begins at 6:30pm. For entry forms, or additional information, contact John at (917) 318-0600.

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.

Our "Arise" Season 4 will be starting in February. Look for details in future bulletins.

Annual March for Life in Washington, DC
Please contact Christian Rada at 718-965-7300, ext. 5541 for information regarding the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 19, 2018.

JANUARY 7, 2018



Today, we celebrate 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 deChantal 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”!!!

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

Some thank you’s....

A sincere thank you to all those who helped to decorate the Church for Christmas. It takes many hands to make light work. We also thank Creative Florist , and all those who contributed monetarily, for the flowers and greenery.

Thank you to all that donated to our “Be An Angel” program to help make Christmas a little brighter for those in need. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

We also thank you for all the items donated to the Madison York Residence. Your generosity provided residents with a fun-filled Christmas Day, where residents were able to receive a gift of choice at their celebration, under the guidance of their wonderful recreational director.

Thank you to John Cleary for once again leading our weekly Advent reflections in order to help us better prepare for the true meaning of Christmas.



Why should I be registered in Church?

All parishioners should be registered and use 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 2017 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.** All statements requested will be mailed during the last week of January. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

☺ RESURRECTION – ASCENSION ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

Early Childhood Open Houses

We will be holding open houses throughout the month of January for Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. If you, or someone you know, would like to visit our school please come on one of the following dates:

Tuesday, January 9th from 9am-11am
Tuesday, January 16th from 9am-11am
Tuesday, January 23rd from 9am-11am

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 28th and Wednesday, January 31st for all students

We are host to two Pre-K For All classes. Registration opens online on February 5th. Priority is given to current Nursery students and siblings of RA students.

A Glimpse at your contributions... December 30/31:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 158	\$1,673	\$1,831
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 386	\$ 481	\$ 867
9:30am (English)	\$ 354	\$ 352	\$ 706
11:00am (English)	\$ 610	\$ 480	\$1,090
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 598	\$ 166	\$ 764
	\$2,106	\$3,152	\$5,258

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$1,541 (52 enrollees)

Total weekly collection: \$6,799 (*this week's deficit*=\$2,852)

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

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Genevieve Schiefer, RP
 2nd Prize \$50 Bridie Grogan, MV
 3rd Prize \$25 Patrick & Joan Leavy, 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 8th- The Baptism of the Lord

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

Tuesday, January 9th

- 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 10th

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Academy Board Meeting 7pm CMR
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, January 11th

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 8pm FFH Main
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym

Friday, January 12th

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

Saturday, January 13th- St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

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

Sunday, January 14th- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- No Children's Liturgy, No Sunday School
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Indonesian Apost. Mass 2:30pm & Reception FFH Main
- CYO Basketball Gym, Alanon 12noon PCC

A WORD FROM JOYCE MENNONA.... January is **National Slavery, and Human Trafficking Prevention Month**. When I first learned that the US is a country where human trafficking takes place, and then heard about how often it happens here in NYC, I was appalled. However, I quickly discovered that there are many ways, even simple ways, to help spread awareness, and even combat this heinous crime. For instance, when grocery shopping, please buy items such as coffee, and chocolate, which are marked "Fair Trade". In other words, become an ethical consumer and / or employer. Find out how your actions can contribute to, or reduce, the demand for human trafficking. Websites like www.ecpatusa.org and www.slaveryfootprint.org can be good places to start.

There are many organizations that are trying to raise awareness to this issue. The United States Bishops are one group. Each year, an estimated 17,000 vulnerable men, women and children are trafficked across our borders, and then forced into slavery. Many are fleeing terrible situations in their home countries, and come to the United States to find a better life. Unfortunately, the nightmare often begins when they reach our shores. For over a decade, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have been a national leader in advocacy, and education, to eradicate sex, and labor trafficking. Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) lead efforts to combat trafficking in human persons, carrying out the commitment of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Migration to protect the life and dignity of the most vulnerable. For more information, please visit <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/>

