

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 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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(*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 (A). The Readings are found at #1021 in the Parish Hymnal.



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

- Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am** Peter Reilly, req by his wife, Barbara
- Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am** Alma Furletti, req by the Benini family
- Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am** Peter Dolan, req by the Mitchell family
- Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am** Gina Roccisano, req by Carol Mazza
- Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am** Raymond N. Sackman, req by friends at the Shalimar Diner
- Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am** – For the People of the Parish  
 -Yvonne Reinhardt, req by Peggy and Dino Marruso  
 -Ellen Heppt, req by Dena Tobin and family  
 -intentions of William Farrell, req by Julie Infranco  
 -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  
 -Patrick Fitzpatrick, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
 -Michael Fitzpatrick, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick
- 5:00pm** Joseph Wilczewski, req by his family
- Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> -Second Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time**  
**(64: Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1Cor 1:1-3  
 Jn 1:29-34)**
- 8:00am** Angela Cucchiara, req by Kathy Creighton  
**9:30am** Bridie O’Shea, req by her sister  
**11:00am** Maria Do T. De, req by her family  
**12:30pm** Pedro and Maria Giraldo, req by their daughter

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT COLLECTION**  
**Next weekend**, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the **R.A. Society of St. Vincent**. 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 for your generosity.

**A BLESSING FOR THE HOME  
 ON THE EPIPHANY**  
*(taken from the United States Catholic  
 Conference of Bishops)*

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** 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, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Alicia Witherby

**Deceased:** Jean Robert Fils-Aime, Anthony Borzell

**WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES**  
 The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this week **in loving memory of Mary Ellen and Peter Fitzpatrick**, as requested by their daughter, Kathleen Fitzpatrick.  
 The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week **in loving memory of Ronald Levinson (birthday)**, as requested by his sister, Barbara.

**2017 MEMORIALS**  
 The 2017 Memorials are now available. You may stop in the Rectory during regular business hours to reserve the Memorials for Wine & Hosts, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Candles, etc. Please note that **No** phone requests will be taken. The donation remains \$25.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL and CLW**  
 There will be no Sunday School and CLW next Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU**  
 Thank you Griselda Tavares for taking care of our Christmas plants and keeping the Church beautiful!  
 Thank you to Creative Florist for all their assistance and the beautiful plants!

**A message from Sister Tesa and Hour Children...**  
*You did it again! Your beautiful gifts were welcomed and appreciated because they represented the heartfelt giving of so many. You have truly helped us express the deeper meaning of Christmas for “Hour Families”. Know how grateful we are! God’s graces for you and your families in 2017! May you be blessed abundantly!*

**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.

**A Glimpse at your contributions... December 31 / January 1:**

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 657	\$1,715	\$2,372
Sunday 8:00am (English)	<b>NO MASS</b>		
9:30am (English)	\$ 336	\$1,173	\$1,509
11:00am (English)	\$ 583	\$ 863	\$1,446
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 431	\$ 107	\$ 538
	<b>\$2,007</b>	<b>\$3,858</b>	<b>\$5,865</b>

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



Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. 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, speak 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. And, 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*

**FINDING GOD**

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today.

Matthew, alone, tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child, whom these magi visited, is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We, too, see [and understand] anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child, the king of the universe, and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season renewed, and awake, to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive, and [surprised and ready] to bow down in adoration as we offer our gifts.

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**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!

**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**

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

#### ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Thank you to our local **Knights of Columbus** chapter for their generosity to Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy. The entire proceeds from their Radio Bingo event were donated to our school. In addition, we received a \$500 donation for our participation in the annual Knights of Columbus chance book drive. We are so grateful for their continued support of our school!

Thank you to the **Dry Harbor Service Station** for the \$500 Mobil Grant for Math and Science Education. The station has submitted our school for this grant for over 20 years, and we are so grateful for their continued support of our school!

#### 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:

*Tuesday, January 10th from 9am-11am*

*Wednesday, January 11th from 9am-11am*

*Wednesday, January 18th from 9am-11am*

*Tuesday, January 24th 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 29th and Wednesday, February 1st.

We are host to two Pre-K For All classes. Registration begins on January 17th and ends on February 24th. Priority is given to current Nursery students and siblings of RA students.

#### JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

Each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Following the start of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, with the help of non-government organizations, National Human Trafficking Day began, and is observed annually, on January 11. Unfortunately, human trafficking exists, including the United States, including NYC.

St. Paul tells us we are one Body with many parts (1 Cor 12:12-31) and that we each have our own gifts. Not all of us are called to work in law enforcement, or as prosecutors, or in government. However, we can choose what products we buy, **(try & buy fair trade)** and we can certainly pray! To learn more, including the top 10 myths about human trafficking, visit: <http://lifewaynetwork.org/2016/12/29/myths-about-human-trafficking/>

#### BOOSTER WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Mary McLoughlin, MV  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Carmelo & Suzanne Maldonado, RP  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Eileen Hirschfeld, 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 9<sup>th</sup>- The Baptism of the Lord

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

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

- Track 4-5pm Gym
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel
- No English Classes

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

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

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

- No English Classes
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm FFH

##### Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>- St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

##### Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>- BVM

- 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 15<sup>th</sup>- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- No Children's Liturgy of the Word
- No Sunday School
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH
- CYO Basketball Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

