

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 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

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Rectory

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Rectory Staff

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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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The Readings are found at #1154 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, July 24th

9:00am Patrick Tully, req by his wife

Tuesday, July 25th

9:00am Thomas Flynn (anniv), req by his wife, Kathleen, and family

Wednesday, July 26th

9:00am Nancy Kerrane (bday), req by her husband and family

Thursday, July 27th

9:00am Jeremiah Sheehan, req by Irene

Friday, July 28th

9:00am Arturo Salazer, req by his wife, Gemma Salazer, and family

Saturday, July 29th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish
-Thomas Neville, req by John and Monica Murphy
-intentions of Louis Franco, req by his cousin, Joan

5:00pm Luciana T. Salvador, req by Gigi Salvador

Sunday, July 30th - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(109: 1Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52)

8:00am Tesita R. Warque, req by Josephine P. Santiago

9:30am in celebration of Malgorzata and Andrzej's 35th wedding anniversary

11:00am Stewart Alvarado, req by his brother, Larry, and his aunt, Rebecca

12:30pm Carmen Mayor, req by the Lopez family

SUMMER COLLECTIONS

During the summer, many of our parishioners may be away on weekends, or for the entire summer. This results in our weekly collection figures averaging well below what is normally contributed throughout the year. *Please be mindful that, although the weekly collection is noticeably reduced during the summer, nevertheless, our bills remain constant.* As a result, the parish experiences somewhat of a financial bind—especially when bills for most immediate needs take precedence over others, of similar concern. Therefore, for those unable to worship here during the summer, it would be very helpful if you drop off, or mail, your regular contributions to the rectory. **You may also want to join others and take advantage of our Online Giving Program.** Giving is easy while you are away this summer. Download the Online Giving app on your mobile device, or visit www.rachurch.net and click on the Online Giving tab to enroll in Automatic Giving.

RCIA Are you interested in the Catholic faith?

Do you want to be Baptized? Are you Baptized and wish to receive the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation? If you are interested, or would just like to talk about it, call or email us at (718) 533-7898 or jmennona@hotmail.com.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Stephanie Bojarski, Martha Chaves, Richard DeNardo, Louis F., Rossi Favia, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Agnes Finegan, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Patricia Gilmartin, Eileen Grubb, George J. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, Kay Madigan, Kathy O'Connell, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Zoila Orellana, Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo.

Deceased: Dorothy C. Streilein, Dennis O'Connell

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Mary Fazio (birthday)**, as requested by her son, Frank, and family.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Joseph Greco**, as requested by Annmary and Larry Passantino.

MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

Not sure what to give someone for a birthday or special occasion? Consider honoring someone with one of our Memorials. Available Memorials include the Wine and Host, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, the candles at: the Statue of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, and St. John Vianney. We also have Flowers placed at the Statue of the Blessed Mother. The donation for any of these is \$25 for the week (dates run Sunday through Saturday). You may stop in the Rectory during regular business hours to reserve available dates in 2017. For more information, or to see if a date is available, please call the rectory at (718) 424-5212, extension 10.

2017-2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Faith formation is an ongoing, continuing process. Children need to re-register each year. The classroom environment allows children to ask questions and have discussions about the Catholic faith with their peers. Please stop by, or call our office in Father Feely Hall (718) 533-7898. Registration forms are available online at www.rachurch.net.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL SUMMER HOURS

Please be aware that during the summer season, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will close at 1:30pm. The regular hours will resume in the fall, and the specific date will be announced in the bulletin.

FOOD PANTRY SUMMER HOURS

The Food Pantry will be open Wednesdays from 10am-noon during the month of July. It will be CLOSED during the entire month of August.



SOUND ADVICE TO AVOID HASTY/PRE-MATURE JUDGMENTS

The Gospel Reading for this weekend continues with Jesus, as Master Story-Teller, teaching us through the *three* parables of the “weeds and the wheat”, as well as the astounding effects of the “mustard seed”, and “yeast mixed with three measures of flour”. The first parable of the “weeds and the wheat” is a good example of the tendency—particularly with the overly zealous -to judge the actions, [and intentions], of others. Jesus frequently reminds His followers that *only God can truly judge our hearts*. Apparently, we are in need of this reminder since only God sees the **BIG PICTURE**. At times, we may think that we know, absolutely, what is right and what is wrong. However, too often, our vision can be clouded by other issues.

Also, in the parable of the “wheat and the weeds”, Jesus makes the same point as the author of Wisdom in the first reading for this weekend: “God’s exercise of power is tempered by leniency and mercy; God’s justice is balanced by a loving-kindness”. Therefore, any desire, to “pull up and to destroy the weeds” [prematurely] could, (as the Gospel reminds us), “destroy the good wheat”. While the interpretation in the Gospel applies this image to different groups in a community, we can also hear this parable as referring to the weeds and the wheat, the evil and goodness, residing in the heart.

In the other two brief parables, Jesus states that God’s active presence in the world is something as *small as a mustard seed*, and as *fragile a pinch of yeast*. However, each contains a power that—when released—will bring about growth and expansion. In the meantime, the challenge is to be as patient with others as God is—while working with God to purify our own hearts. Last week’s parable about the “Sower and the Seed” warned about the *sluggish* heart; today’s parable illustrates the danger of a *contaminated* heart where good can be penetrated by evil. Finally, the remaining two parables about the “mustard seed” and the “yeast” address the power of God overcoming evil and death while reminding us of the benefit to “be patient” and remain open to the workings of God’s grace. And so we respond by praying:

O GOD, YOU HAVE GIVEN US THE GIFT OF LIFE; CONTINUE TO KEEP US ALIVE IN CHRIST JESUS. BRING US FROM DEATH TO GROWTH IN FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE. HELP US, ALSO, TO REMAIN PATIENT IN PRAYER AND FAITHFUL TO YOUR WORD, UNTIL THE FULLNESS OF YOUR GLORY IS REVEALED TO US AT THE END OF TIME.

Each week, the Diocese provides a *print-out* which includes an *up-to-date status* of contributions for this appeal. It is worth repeating that some parishes are comparable to Resurrection-Ascension, such as the number of “registered members”, as well as similar income levels. The Summary Report which each parish receives on a weekly basis indicates that such parishes (by comparison) have already **exceeded the assigned goal** --resulting in these monies also **remaining in the parish**.

With the above in mind, it would be extremely gratifying, and helpful, if the percentage of donors would *increase* to an amount that closely reflects the number of registered members (817) while the 130 donors, currently contributing, would remain faithful to their pledged amount. **Just think, IF among the 817 donors, approximately half—or 400—would contribute \$100 in the remaining 5 months [amounting to \$5 a week], that amount-- added to the currently received \$40,584-- would total over \$80,584. Therefore, any monies received above the parish goal of 63,130 would return to the parish and, then, “earmarked” for current and future expenses/repairs, or recommended improvements. As mentioned previously, an improved/upgraded speaker system has been brought to our attention and would cost approximately, \$18,000. Should we reach the above IDEAL goal with an increased participation, that new amount, over and above the assigned goal of \$63,130, would cover most—if not all-- of the cost for an upgraded speaker system.**

Finally, please be aware that no amount is ever considered too small. Envelopes are available [in both English and Spanish] at the doors of the Church for any (registered, or new) members who have not yet contributed. Our sincere “thanks and appreciation” to all those who have already responded as well as any future donors), for your prayerful consideration to participate to the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL.

CATHOLIC APPEAL YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON

2015

Goal: \$63,130
 Registered Members: 818
 Number of Donors: 181
 Amount Pledged to Date: \$72,473
 Amount Paid to Date: \$59,415

2017

Goal: \$63,130
 Registered Members: 817
 Number of Donors: 130
 Amount Pledged to Date: \$49,950
 Amount Paid to Date: \$40,584 (an increase of \$26)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Registration

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is ongoing. However, there is limited seating available in most grades. If you are interested, please call the office at 718-426-4963 or email us at RASchool443@aol.com to schedule an appointment. Please bring the following:

- Birth certificate
- Baptismal certificate
- Immunization records
- Social Security Card
- Copy of report card (Grades 1-8)
- Standardized test results (Grades 3-8)
- \$150 registration fee (non-refundable)

AROUND THE DIOCESE....

10 DAYS IN THE HOLY LAND

November 6-15, 2017

Hosted by Fr. John Mendonca

of Our Lady of the Angelus Parish, Rego Park

\$3,299 per person, leaving from New York

For a detailed brochure, contact Fr. John at (718)

897-4444 or email him at frjohn6363@gmail.com

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

258-15 80th Avenue, Floral Park

Celebrating the 8th Annual Feast Day of St. Rocco,
patron of the sick and suffering.

Sunday, August 13, 2017. 3:00pm Mass,

followed by Novena, Procession,

and fellowship in the White Room.

For more information, call Luz E. Rebong at
(718) 217-9424, or email sanroque_ols@yahoo.com

This September, the School Sisters of Notre Dame Educational Center will offer classes to prepare students to take the high school equivalency diploma test (formerly called GED). Classes are for women 19 years old and older, and are held Monday through Thursday, 9am-1:30pm. The Educational Center is located at 87-04 88th Avenue, Woodhaven, NY. Registration will take place on September 6-7-8 from 9am-1pm. After a \$30 registration fee, there are no other costs for the classes.

Classes begin on September 11th.

For more information, visit www.ssdecwomens.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Italy / Rome / Monte Cassino / Naples

Pompeii / Amalfi Coast

September 11-20, 2017. \$3,799 per person, includes air from JFK, breakfast and dinner daily, daily Mass at the Holy Shrines. For more info, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Carmen & Antonio Change, Woodhaven

2nd Prize \$50 Lois Moller, Wading River

3rd Prize \$25 Mrs. Robin Battaglia, Floral Park

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, July 24th- St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

-Food Pantry Closed

-Basketball Clinic 6-8pm Gym

-NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, July 25th- St. James, Apostle

-Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, July 26th- Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC

-NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, July 27

-Basketball Clinic 6-8pm Gym

Friday, July 28th

-CODA 10am PCC

Saturday, July 29th- St. Martha

-OCA 10am PCC

-Basketball Clinic 10-12noon Gym

-Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, July 30th- Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-Alanon 12noon PCC

A Glimpse at your contributions... July 15/16

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 197	\$1,786	\$1,983
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 350	\$ 804	\$1,154
9:30am (English)	\$ 438	\$ 900	\$1,338
11:00am (English)	\$ 736	\$ 881	\$1,317
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 588	\$ 77	\$ 965
	\$2,309	\$4,448	\$6,757

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$648

Parishioners enrolled in Online Giving: 47

Total weekly collection: \$7,405

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

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!!

REGARDING REQUESTS FOR SPONSORSHIP CERTIFICATES, RECOMMENDATION LETTERS, ETC.

In order to give letters of recommendation, as well as letters attesting to character, sponsor certificates, and other documents that may have legal, or religious, purposes, it is required that such persons requesting those documents **be registered for at least three months prior to each request, so as to be considered an active member of Resurrection-Ascension Parish.** Please be aware that we cannot issue any of these documents to those failing to meet such requirements.

Therefore, to register, please refer to the bulletin for rectory hours and phone number.

