

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 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 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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The Readings are found at #1157 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, July 31st

9:00am Charlene Cummock, req by Irene and Jack Thies

Tuesday, August 1st

9:00am James McInerney, req by Rosemarie Phelan

Wednesday, August 2nd

9:00am Mary McNulty, req by her daughter, Angela

Thursday, August 3rd

9:00am Giuseppa Cuccia, req by the Dioguardi family

Friday, August 4th

9:00am *First Friday Perpetual Mass Society*

Saturday, August 5th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish

-Jose D. delRosario, req by Bobby and Raquel Mendoza

-Anthony Turato (bday), req by his wife and family

-Donald Puccio, req by Theresa and Claudia Grieco

5:00pm Irene Mirski, req by John and Bernice Zach

Sunday, August 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord

(614: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9)

8:00am Basilisa D. Lim, req by Josephine P. Santiago

9:30am in thanksgiving to God, req by Hui Chen

11:00am Thomas Nooney, req by Ann Wenz and family

12:30pm Maria Taveras, req by her daughter, Griselda

ONLINE GIVING

You may 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.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, August 4th is the First Friday of the month.

The following have been enrolled in the

Perpetual Mass Society:

Kate McCoy

Mary Paiva

Dennis O'Connell

Terrence Tully

Belen Lara

John Harrington (lvg)

James Walker

James Lynch Family

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Martha Chaves, 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, 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: Patricia Gilmartin

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Kenneth Madigan**, as requested by his wife, Kay.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Kay Butler (20th anniversary)**, as requested by Susan Butler.

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 **CLOSED** during the entire month of August.



DISCOVERING THE TREASURES OF OUR FAITH/SPIRITUAL LIVES

For the past *three* Sundays, the Gospel Readings from Matthew (chapter 13) have been focusing on various parables. Today's Gospel contains **three parables** in which Jesus finds numerous ways to help His followers understand the "lure" and meaning of "The Kingdom". In the first parable, Jesus speaks about a farmer plowing his field and coming across a buried treasure. The same man buries the treasure again and, then, buys the whole field to secure his ownership of the "treasure chest." Next, Jesus speaks about the "merchant who finds one fine pearl and sells everything else he owns in order to possess it." Finally, He relates how the hauling of the fishing net can contain "both good and bad fish."

Upon further examination of the above **three parables**, one man "stumbles upon his treasure *accidentally*"; in the second parable, the other one finds it in "*the regular course of his daily business*"; and in the third example, one needs to "*sort the good from the bad*." Notably, in all three instances, the central characters must be able to recognize the **great value of what they have found**. When we hear this Gospel, and relate it to a contemporary experience, we can easily get lost in the details. For example, we could start dreaming about what we would do if we won the lottery or, if we had a chance "for an ideal promotion at work". As a result, we could also fail to make the leap of understanding the intent of Jesus when he states: "The Kingdom of God is like....."

For many of us—especially those born and baptized into the faith at an early age-- our religious life may be viewed as simply part of who we are, i.e., more *like the field than the treasure*. In other words, we may not recognize the *wonder of it*, thereby resulting in a diminishment of its exceptional value. On the other hand, those who have come to the Church later in life may appear to others-- especially those who have been baptized at infancy-- to demonstrate a deeper appreciation for their gift of faith. Fortunately, recognition of such enthusiasm could also have a positive consequence in sparking a similar enthusiasm in our own lives. [Notably, those who have been received into the "fullness of the faith" can truly attest to the great benefits of the more visible **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** and its rewarding process in today's Church].

With the above in mind, today's Gospel can challenge us to take a step back in order to deepen our awareness of **the treasures before us** as we make the time to think about our own faith such as: *the rich rituals of the Church, the Eucharist, and God's Word revealed to us in the Scriptures*. Reflecting even further on the parables can also help us to ask ourselves what would be missing without such riches in our own spiritual life. At the same time, we can question what it is that we are holding onto which we should have outgrown, i.e., things that might be getting in the way of a more mature relationship with God. For example, do we hold onto any childish superstitions and, as a result, miss the opportunity to grow into a more mature faith? Or, do we harbor a secret desire for "magic prayers" instead of engaging ourselves in the challenging, and sometimes difficult task, of discernment? Therefore, today's Gospel message about the treasures of our faith provide another opportunity to help us grow in a maturity of faith as we recognize that such treasures are much too precious to become lost among any possible "clutter."

THE PASSING OF A FORMER FAITHFUL PARISHIONER

The family of Dorothy C. Streilein informed us that, ("Dot"), recently a resident of Lakewood, New Jersey, passed away on July 13, 2017. In early September of 2013, Dorothy ("Dot") and her husband, George Streilein, relocated to Lakewood, New Jersey in order to be in close proximity with their two sons, [and their families]. Many of our parishioners have "crossed paths" with this remarkable couple who, celebrated 70 years of married life in 2013, and were very visible as faithful worshippers at the 5 P.M. Mass—i.e., when health, weather, and all other circumstances could warrant their presence. "Dot" Streilein had also been a faithful *volunteer and Minister of Holy Communion at the Dry Harbor Nursing Home* dating back to the inception of volunteers, who helped to transport patients from their rooms for Mass on Saturday mornings and, also, to bring Communion for those unable to attend Mass at that time. Due to declining health and limited mobility, Dorothy and her husband, George, made the decision that it would be in their best interest to reside near their family members and within an Assisted Living Facility.

The Mass of Christian Burial took place on Tuesday, July 18th, at St. Martha's Church in Point Pleasant, New Jersey. Many of our parishioners who knew Dorothy ("Dot") and her husband, George can truly attest to their faithfulness as worshippers at this Church, and for their dedication, and quality service, to members of our parish, as well as the residents of the Dry Harbor Nursing Home. The family has requested that any condolences to be forwarded through the following: www.orenderfamilyhome.com. "MAY SHE REST IN PEACE....."

**In Christ,
Fr. Amato**

SEVENTEENTH 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....

METS FANS...

Join the Mets and the Diocese of Brooklyn at Citi Field for Catholic Night on September 9th.

The diocese will be hosting a morning Mass on Citi Field from 9:45am to 11:15am. Fans are then invited back to join them for the game against the Reds. Prior to the game, beginning at 4pm, the diocese will provide entertainment on Mets Plaza. Fans can select from several seating areas, and all tickets purchased come with a voucher, granting access into the ballpark for the morning Mass. Guests will be charged the standard game day rate of \$25 for parking. For fans purchasing tickets online, please use the "print at home" option to print your actual game tickets. Your vouchers for the morning Mass will be available the morning of at a will call table set up outside of the Rotunda Gate. For more information or to purchase group tickets, please call Young Choi at (718) 559-3027 or email ychoi@nymets.com.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Lady of Mercy, located at 70-01 Kessel Street, Forest Hills, will be hosting a Blood Drive, sponsored by the NY Blood Center, on August 6th from 8:45am to 2:45pm. For further information, please call the OLM Rectory at (718) 268-6143.

Please be faithful to your Generations of Faith Donations / Pledges. Pledge cards are available at the doors of the Church.

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Victor Chi, Bronx
 2nd Prize \$50 Eileen Collins, Woodside
 3rd Prize \$25 Madeline Chu, Elmhurst

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 31st- St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

- Food Pantry Closed
- Basketball Clinic 6-8pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, August 1st- St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, August 2nd- St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, August 3rd

- No Meetings

Friday, August 4th- St. John Vianney, Priest

- First Friday Perpetual Mass Society 9:30am CMR
- CODA 10am PCC

Saturday, August 5th- The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; BVM

- OCA 10am PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, August 6th – The Transfiguration of the Lord

- Alanon 12noon PCC

A Glimpse at your contributions... July 22/23:

| | Cash | Checks | Total |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Saturday-5:00pm (English) | \$ 229 | \$1,585 | \$1,814 |
| Sunday 8:00am (English) | \$ 406 | \$1,011 | \$1,417 |
| 9:30am (English) | \$ 562 | \$ 599 | \$1,161 |
| 11:00am (English) | \$ 408 | \$ 781 | \$1,189 |
| 12:30 pm (Spanish) | \$ 530 | \$ 107 | \$ 637 |
| | \$2,135 | \$4,083 | \$6,218 |

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$593

Parishioners enrolled in Online Giving: 47

Total weekly collection: \$6,811 (deficit of \$2,840)

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!!

We are in need of volunteers to assist at the Saturday morning Mass at Dry Harbor Nursing Home. Please call the rectory, or email jmennona@hotmail.com if you can be of assistance. Thank you!

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: \$40,939 (an increase of \$355)

