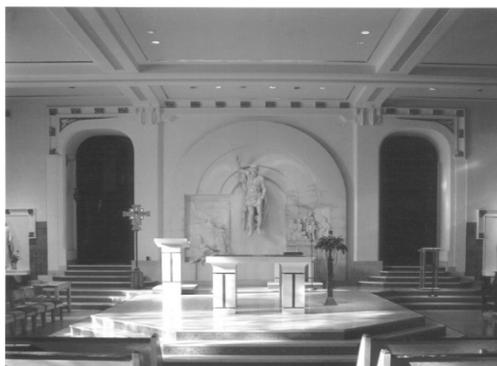


SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

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

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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Rectory Staff

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Heather Belon (*Bookkeeper*)- hbelonra@aol.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

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RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is The Most Holy Trinity (A). The Readings are found at #1102 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 12th

9:00am William McElligott, req by Florence O'Connor

Tuesday, June 13th

9:00am Lydon, Finegan, Feeney, and Lawless families, req by Theresa Lydon and family

Wednesday, June 14th

9:00am Margaret Sullivan, req by Bridie and Pat Mitchell

Thursday, June 15th

9:00am Marilyn Haughney, req by her husband, John

Friday, June 16th

9:00am Sister Mary McGowan, SC, req by the RA Sisters of Charity

Saturday, June 17th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish
-Mary Franco (bday), req by her daughter, Joan
-Anthony Borzell, req by his niece, Joan
-for the intentions of Eileen and Jim Creighton, req by Angie McCarthy
-for the intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Elenckik, req by their friend
-in thanksgiving for Sister Virginia Blend, req by Gerry Liberatore
-Circo D'Amico, req by Julie Infranco
-Thomas Nooney, req by Betty Kosich

5:00pm *Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions*

Sunday, June 18th - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (167: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 1Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58)

8:00am *Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions*

9:30am *Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions*

11:00am *Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions*

12:30pm *Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions*

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to contribute toward our **Thanks for the Memories Collection**, which benefits our parish school. On behalf of the students and staff, thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We will have our **Annual Vacation Bible School** again this year. It will be scheduled from 9am-12noon in Fr. Feely Hall from **June 26th to June 30th**, and **July 5th to July 7th**.

VBS consists of age-appropriate Bible stories, experiments, games, crafts, snacks, and songs. Each session of VBS involves kids in exploring an amazing aspect of God's life-changing plan. Registration forms are available at the Rectory, or online at www.rachurch.net.

THANK YOU to the Divino Nino group

for your generous donation of our Food Pantry. May God continue to bless you and your good work.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Marie Moravec (20th anniversary)**, as requested by Donald and Maureen Kelly.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Josephine Thompson**, as requested by Judy, Bob, Heather, and Sean Belon.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Angela DeSimone (2nd anniversary)**, as requested by her sister, Nancy Canfarotta, and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday School Closing, June 11th, is always bittersweet. Everyone is looking forward to summer activities and a little break, but at the same time, we have truly created a community within a community where we come together and share about our faith each week. The children are always a delight as they ask questions and work together learning different aspects of Catholicism. Whether it be about the saints, the liturgical year, holy days, the rosary, the Ten Commandments, The Sacraments, prayer, as you know, the list is endless. We are growing and encountering Christ each gathering. Through our Baptism, we were all made part of God's family, and we are extremely grateful to a group of dedicated volunteers: "The Lord loves a joyful giver!"

Gr. 1 - Ms. Mercedes / Ms. Donna

Gr. 2 - Ms. Nini / Amanda Serrano

Gr. 3 - Ms. Veronica

Gr. 4 - Ms. Caitlin

Gr. 5 - Mrs. Penn

Gr. 6 - Ms. Cait

Gr. 7 - Mr. Montenegro

Gr. 8 - Mrs. Montenegro

We thank the office volunteers: **Ms. Gina, and John Elentario**, and our assistant **Pamela!** We are also grateful to all or Children Liturgy of the Word Preachers: **Nicole Arena Capolongo, Claire Penn, and Jim Shearer.**

The Staff at RA wishes all of you a very happy summer filled with blessings! We look forward to seeing some of you in Vacation Bible school and certainly in September!

Registration forms are available online at www.rachurch.net under Religious Education. Our return date is **Sunday, September 17th** for our Open House.

Catechetical Sunday will be Sunday, September 24th with the blessing of the Catechists at the 9:30 AM Mass.

JUNE 11, 2017

“THE MYSTERY TRIO”

As a priest sat in waiting at a busy airport, a man found a seat beside him and then began to express his opinions on religion by boasting: “I will not accept anything that I cannot understand.” That same man then proceeded to state, emphatically, “take for example, this business of three Gods in one God, or whatever it is. I can’t buy that. Nobody can explain it to me—so I will not believe it.”

In response, the priest, while pointing to the sun streaming in the window, asked: “Do you believe in the sun?” The doubter responded to his question with: “Why, of course!” The priest said the following to him: “Alright, the rays that you see coming through that window are from the sun which is approximately 90,000,000 miles from here. And, the heat that we feel comes from **both** the sun, and its rays. Therefore, when trying to appreciate the mystery of the Trinity, keep in mind that the sun is God the Father; the sun also sends out its rays, God the Son. Then, from both the sun and its rays, from the Father and the Son comes the Holy Spirit, the heat. Can you explain how that happens?” At that, the doubter quickly changed the subject.

As we observe today’s feast, we are reminded that the Trinity is a “mystery”—something that is true, but one we cannot understand, or explain. We know it is true because Jesus informed us about the Trinity several times—especially in the readings today. As a result, we accept it, and we believe it, because He said it. In addition, we go even farther as we honor the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as the source of all good. In many ways, the Trinity is like the source of God’s life strength. In other words, the Trinity is like the sun in the heavens.

Just as the sun is the source of physical good, the Trinity is the source of God’s life in us. The sun gives energy and strength; the Trinity gives inner power and strength. The sun gives light; the Trinity enlightens the mind and touches the heart of each one of us. While the sun produces heat; the Trinity pours forth *spiritual heat*—love for God and one another. The sun heals sickness and any specific forms of disease; the Trinity heals sickness of the soul—i.e., sin. The sun helps to resist germs and infection; the Trinity drives off *spiritual germs*. The sun cheers and brightens the world around us; the Trinity cheers the heart of each person.

The Trinity, therefore, is *not* a trio of “soulless powers”, but **Three loving, thinking, living Persons** to whom we can speak, as we so often do—especially at every Eucharistic celebration. As a result, whenever we express our profession of faith in three persons of the Trinity, we should do so with a special fervor. Notably, one of the first prayers that we learned as Catholics is the sign of the Cross –which is a visible profession of our faith that Jesus died for us on the cross and that there are three Persons in one, true God. Although we will never understand the Trinity, we do believe in the Holy Three and we turn to them with love –especially at Mass as we pray: “**Holy Spirit, draw us all into the love that you share with the Father and the Son! Stir up your gifts within us in order that we may pour out that same love on one another!!!!!!!**”

FOOD FOR THOUGHT (ON TRINITY SUNDAY)

In one of his letters to the Ephesians, Paul, emphatically, states a very BASIC religious TRUTH, which merits further reflection, namely: “It is God who OWNS the Church.” Paul mentions this in the context of bidding a farewell to the pastors at Ephesus. The presbyters (another name for priests) are explicitly told the following: “Shepherd the Church of God, which His Son has acquired at the price of His own blood.” This statement clearly emphasizes that the Church belongs to God. In other words, the Church was purchased and brought into existence at the most exorbitant price imaginable—the blood of Jesus, the Son of God. At the same time, God, not only owns the Church, but the Spirit of God rules the Church.

Throughout the Church’s history, people who have donated large sums of money are most certainly, to be appreciated. Yet, it should also be noted that—despite their generosity-- they do NOT own the Church. Notably, the Church was acquired at a far greater price. Therefore, it is God who: 1) speaks in the Church with an authoritative voice, 2) sets Church doctrines, 3) establishes moral teachings, and 4) interprets the Scriptures. It stands to reason, then, that volunteer workers—while very much appreciated for their efforts—do not own the Church. Similarly, the pastor, bishops, and the Pope do not own the Church. It is noteworthy that all are meant to be **SERVANTS** within the Church. With that in mind, one may conclude that the Church is NOT, solely, a human institution, but a **DIVINE ONE**, filled with humans. Hopefully, many, if not all, upon further reflection will acknowledge the veracity of the following expression: “Thanks are to be expressed to God, (and when it comes to the bottom line)—**GOD IS THE ONE IN CHARGE.**”

FATHER ROBERT MEMA CELEBRATES A MASS OF THANKSGIVING

We are pleased to announce that our well-known, and loved, Fr Robert Mema,, [assigned to this parish as a seminarian, and subsequently as a “transitional” deacon], was ordained to the priesthood, for the Diocese of Brooklyn on Saturday, June 3, 2017. It is customary that newly ordained priests return to the parishes they have served, [prior to ordination], to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving. Please mark your calendars as we look forward to welcome his return to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, on Sunday, June 18th, at 11am, followed by a reception in Msgr. Dooley Hall (Gym). In Christ, Fr. Amato

CATHOLIC APPEAL YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON

2015

Goal: \$63,130 Registered Members: 816
Number of Donors: 166
Amount Pledged to Date: \$61,523
Amount Paid to Date: \$48,201

2017

Goal: \$63,130 Registered Members: 817
Number of Donors: 111 (an increase of 6)
Amount Pledged to Date: \$46,900 (an increase of \$5,820)
Amount Paid to Date: \$36,985 (an increase of \$540)

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Registration for 2017-2018

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will now be done by appointment only. Please call the office at 718-426-4963 to schedule an appointment. Tours are available. 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)

Financial aid is available through Futures in Education for families that qualify.

News About Nursery!

We are pleased to offer two Nursery classes again for the upcoming school year! Your child must be 3 years old by December 31st, 2017. Students in our Nursery class will have a seat for our Pre-K For All program the following year. Call for more information!

2018 MASS BOOK OPENING

(Jan. 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018)

The Mass Book will be open for your Mass intentions is now open. ***Please remember the rectory closes from 12noon to 1pm.*** Due to the overwhelming request for Masses, this year **we are limiting Mass requests to 5 Masses.** This will accommodate all parishioners. **No phone requests will be taken.** The Mass Stipend amounts for Saturday 5pm and Sunday Masses will be \$25 per Mass, weekday Masses remain \$15. In an effort to increase the opportunity when requests for 9am Masses are made, the **Saturday Masses at 9am will include collective intentions @ \$10 each for a maximum of 10 intentions.** The above is permissible for **one** Mass only each week.

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Instructional (Pre-K through 2nd grade) and CYO (grades 3-8) programs available. Registration will take place in the Gym on

Thursday, June 15th, from 6-8pm

Saturday, June 17th, from 10am-1pm

Saturday, June 24th, from 10am-12noon.

Please stop by the rectory for a registration for for either program, or email Lou at loulou22@nyc.rr.com, or phone 347-563-7202 with any questions.

FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE

Our next drawing of the Four Seasons Parish Raffle will take place on **Monday, June 26th**. Tickets are included in this bulletin, and also available at the Rectory. With summer approaching, who couldn't use some vacation money???? ☺

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Mrs. Coleen Padula, Connecticut
 2nd Prize \$50 Susan Butler, Forest Hills
 3rd Prize \$25 Barbara Levinson, Middle Village

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, June 12th

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Golden Age 12noon FFH Main
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, June 13th- St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Wednesday, June 14th

- Mommy and Me 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- School Board Meeting 7pm RMR
- Pre-Cana 7-9:30pm FFH Main
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, June 15th

- 8th Grade Retreat 9-3pm FFH all
- Basketball Registration 6-8pm Gym
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Friday, June 16th

- Gym Closed
- CODA 10am PCC
- 8th Grade Graduation 7pm Church
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

Saturday, June 17th- BVM

- Gym Closed
- OCA 10am PCC
- Basketball Registration 10-1pm gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm PCC
- Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, June 18th- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

- Father's Day**
- Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Robert Mema 11am followed by reception and lunch in the gym
- Indonesian Apostolate Meeting 1-4pm FFH Main
- Alanon 12noon PCC

A Glimpse at your contributions... June 3/4:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 263	\$1,430	\$1,693
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 463	\$ 979	\$1,442
9:30am (English)	\$ 569	\$ 670	\$1,239
11:00am (English)	\$ 580	\$1,169	\$1,749
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 672	\$ 272	\$ 944
	\$2,547	\$4,520	\$7,067

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$1,493

Parishioners enrolled in Online Giving: 45

Total weekly collection: \$8,560

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

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!!

