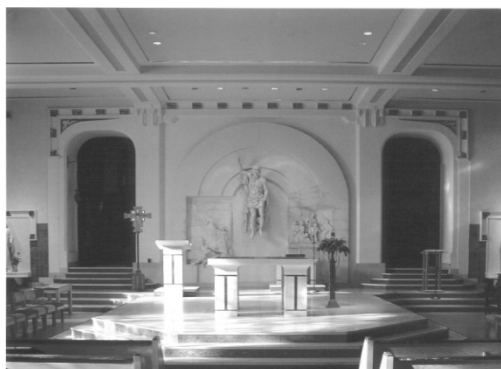


SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019

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 Parochial Vicar
Mr. Emanuel Bologna, Director of Music
Mrs. Joann Heppt, Academy Principal
Mr. Jason Velazquez, 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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(*Tuition Officer/Rectory Receptionist*)

Rectory Hours

Monday through Friday: 9am - 12noon, and 1pm - 5pm
(closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm)
Saturday: 9am – 1pm, CLOSED SUNDAY

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is The Most Holy Trinity (C) . The Readings are found at #1104 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 17th

9:00am Eileen Lavin (ann), req by her family

Tuesday, June 18th

9:00am Jane and John McCabe, and John P. McCabe, req by Jane Donlon

Wednesday, June 19th

9:00am Jim Poulos, req by Maureen

Thursday, June 20th

9:00am Al Grogan, req by his wife Bridie, and family

Friday, June 21st

9:00am Danell, Halton, and Rahill families, req by the Rahill family

Saturday, June 22nd

9:00am- For the People of the Parish

-Leonard Rella

-Rose and Angelo Silecchia, req by their sister, Madeline

-Andrea Catalanotti, req by Joan Franco

-for the intentions of the Chang-Range family, req by Carmen Chang

-Mary Franco (bday), req by her daughter, Joan

-Harold Mooney, req by Joan Franco

5:00pm Anthony Pappalardo, req by his wife Renee, and family

Sunday, June 23rd - The Most Holy Trinity

(169: Gn 14:18-20 Ps 110:1-4

1Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17)

8:00am Jonathan S. Santiago, and family, req by Josephine Pedron

9:30am Rev. John T. Wallace

11:00am To Nguyen, req by his family

12:30pm Mercedes Martinez, req by her family



MAINTENANCE FUND



Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to our **Parish Maintenance Fund.**

Your contributions will help to offset the *rising costs* of both building and ground maintenance in our parish. Envelopes have been provided in your tithing packet. Thank you for your consideration, and generosity.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Colleen Breheny, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Kurt Burger, Richard DeNardo, Steve Ferrugio, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Jackie Hanley, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, James Leung, Joe Loughnane, Mary Loughnane, Saverio Lunetta, Mary Ellen Lustberg, Dolly Serna Ocampo, Brendan Phelan, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Joel Rivera, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Chana Yadgarova

Deceased: Kenrick Jabour, Andrew Hallissey, Maureen Levinson

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week for the intentions of **Fr. Salvatore J. Amato.**

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in loving memory of **Anna Pagano.**

The **Candle at the Statue of The Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in loving memory of **Anna Pagano.**

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in loving memory of **Michael and Camilla Pagano.**

The **Candle at the Statue of St. John Vianney** will be lit this week in loving memory of **Anna Pagano.**

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in loving memory of **Anne O'Dea, and sons Patrick and Joseph,** as requested by their family.

FOUR SEASONS 50/50

The next drawing of the Four Seasons 50/50 will take place on Wednesday, June 26th. Tickets available at the Rectory, and at the doors of church. Simply fill out, and return to the rectory, or in next Sunday's collection basket. With summer, and vacations, approaching, who couldn't use some extra money??? ☺

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CLW

Don't forget to register for Sunday School! Forms are available at the Rectory or on our website, www.rachurch.net. For more information, contact Jason Velazquez at (718) 424-5212, ext 28, or jvelazquezra@aol.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

Monday, July 8th- Thursday, July 11th and Monday, July 15th- Thursday, July 18th
9am-noon in Fr. Feely Hall

1 child: \$25 per day/ total session: \$150 , 2 children: \$30 per day/ total session: \$200

Stop by the rectory for a registration form, or visit www.rachurch.net to download.

You can also call Jason Velazquez, the Director of Faith Formation, at (718) 424-5212, ext 28, or email jvelazquezra@aol.com.



Everyone loves a story. Dating back to ancient times, story-telling was a favorite pastime, and a poignant means “to make sense of life.” Some stories are well worth repeating—especially since interpretations may vary—depending on one’s depth of understanding, as well as the current circumstances taking place in one’s life. The following story is an example that best describes the meaning, and value, of repetition.....

“THE MYSTERY TRIO”

As a priest sat, while waiting for his flight to be called, at a rather busy airport, a man—noticing his clerical attire- 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, by means of 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.**”*

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

RESURRECTION-ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Congratulations to our Graduates!

We wish to congratulate not only our 8th graders as they move on to high school, but all of our students “stepping up” to the next grade. We have 30 Nursery students moving to PK, 50 PK students moving to Kindergarten and 25 Kindergarteners moving to first grade. Bravo on a job well done!

Ballroom Dancing

This week our 4th and 5th graders performed their ballroom dancing routines for their friends and family. Visit our Facebook page or our website for more photos of this wonderful event!

MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

The Marian Rosary Group will have a final meeting before summer break on Thursday, June 20th at 9:45am in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall. They shall pray the rosary for a peaceful summer, and a renewed spirit of faith and hope. Please join the group and begin your summer with Mary. Morning refreshments will be served.

A Glimpse at your contributions... June 8/9:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 505	\$1,560	\$2,065
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 366	\$1,202	\$1,568
9:30am (English)	\$ 544	\$ 471	\$1,015
11:00am (English)	\$ 378	\$ 935	\$1,313
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 395	\$ 235	\$ 630
	\$2,188	\$4,403	\$6,591

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$750 **Total weekly collection: \$7,341 (this week's deficit=\$2,310)**

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish!

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Parish Goal: \$62,027

Pledged to date: \$54,510

Paid to date: \$42,241

The Appeal is ongoing! Pledge envelopes are available in the pews in church. You can also visit our website www.rachurch.net and click on the ACA link to donate online. Thank you for your generosity!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, June 17th

- Pre-K Step-Up 11am Gym
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, June 18th

- Kindergarten Graduation 11am Gym
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, June 19th- St. Romuald, Abbot

- School Awards Assembly 8:15am Gym
- Last Day of School
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- NA 7:30pm FFH Main & PCC

Thursday, June 20th

- Spanish Support Group 9:30-11:30am FFH Garden
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Friday, June 21st- St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

- CODA 10am PCC
- Gym Closed
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9pm FFH Garden

Saturday, June 22nd- St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs; BVM

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

Sunday, June 23rd- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

- Fr. Amato's Mass of Thanksgiving 11am Church
- Alanon 12noon PCC



SAVE THE DATE.....

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated **NEXT SUNDAY, June 23, 2019 at 11am** by Fr. Amato for his years of service at RA. Following the Mass, a reception will take place in Msgr. Dooley Hall (auditorium). All are welcome to stop in and give Fr. Amato your best wishes as he approaches his retirement.



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!!!

The Rectory office staff is in need of photos of Fr. Amato throughout his years here at RA. Kindly bring any photos to the rectory to be scanned, and be assured, your photo(s) will be returned to you. Thank you! ☺

JUNE 16, 2019

SPORTS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT RESURRECTION-ASCENSION

We are offering the following programs, which will begin in September:

CYO Boys/Girls Soccer (grades Kindergarten through 8)

Instructional Basketball (grades Pre-K through 2)

CYO Basketball (grades 3 through 8)

CYO Volleyball

Registration forms are available in the Rectory office, or visit www.rachurch.net to download.

Call or email Lou Iorio, our Parish Athletic Representative, with any questions.

(347) 563-7202 / loulou22@nyc.rr.com. **WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SOCCER COACHES.**

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT LOU IORIO.



On Friday, June 14th, THIRTY of our eighth graders participated in the “Annual Commencement Exercises” for “Resurrection-Ascension Catholic Academy”. As always, our graduates leave us with a deep feeling of pride, and cause to rejoice. Scholarships awarded our graduates, along with honors, and the singling out of those who excelled in various subjects, are a clear sign of their preparedness for future academic challenges as they “move on” to High School, and beyond. How reassuring, then, that their future will be met with success, resulting in their looking back, with a deep sense of gratitude, for all that was done to prepare them, during their learning foundation, for the past ten [or less] years.

With the above in mind, our “Congratulations and Prayerful Support” are extended to the following graduating class of 2019:

Matthew Alvarez
Marianna Carp
Kenneth Chase
Karalyn Chiu
Alejandro Collado
Mia Conroy
Leila Cordova
Hailey Delgado
Jaden Dewer
Matthew Fernandez
Ruby Gera

Matthew Gerard
Alyssa Hilaire
Christian Johnson-
Duroseau
Natalie Kizior
Mauricio Lasprilla
Anais Lipan
Angelina Moran
Michelle Olhoviks
Elizabeth Paul
Brandon Paz

Elizabeth Quercia
Jazly Rodriguez
Zachai Simfukwe
Lucas Stepan
George Tena Valladares
Kateline Tennant
Daniel Uribe
Meghan Wenz
Gianna Zacco



NOTE: CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE—FOR SUMMER MONTHS ONLY

Please be aware that Bishop DiMarzio has, repeatedly, informed pastors of the parishes within the Diocese, to re-evaluate the amount of Masses, based on the number of worshippers attending, commensurate with the seating capacity. Although a thorough review has been taken in the recent past concerning our current Mass schedule, it has been decided to retain the current Mass schedule, *with the exception of the summer months.*

Therefore, due to a considerable decline in Mass attendance at the 9:30 Sunday Mass during the summer, the 9:30am Sunday Mass will be TEMPORARILY suspended from July 7th through September 1st. Parishioners will have the opportunity to attend the Saturday evening Mass at 5pm, or any of the other Sunday Masses. The 9:30am Sunday Mass will resume on Sunday, 8th.

We regret any inconvenience to those who may have been accustomed to attend this Mass, exclusively. Please be assured that the regular schedule of Masses, consisting of the 5pm evening Mass on Saturday, and the 8am, 9:30am, 11am, and 12:30pm Masses WILL resume on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

