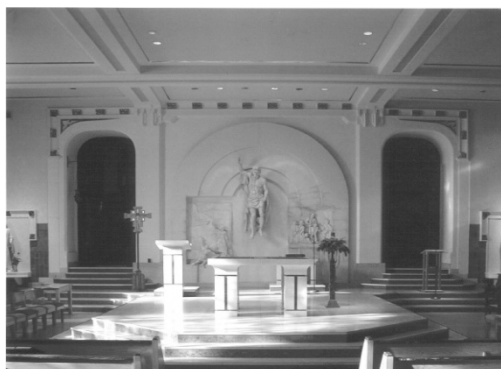


SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019

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

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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

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RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is The Feast of The Most Body and Blood of Christ (C) . The Readings are found at #1108 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, June 24th

9:00am Michael Lavin (ann), req by his family

Tuesday, June 25th

9:00am Robert McCarthy, req by his wife Angie and family

Wednesday, June 26th

9:00am Ryszard Kopczynski (ann), req by his children and grandchildren

Thursday, June 27th

9:00am Michael and Camilla Pagano

Friday, June 28th

9:00am Ezio Benini, req by his family

Saturday, June 29th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish

-Anna L. Pagano

-Mercedes Martinez, req by her family

-Catherine Dillon, req by Rosemarie Phelan

-for the intentions of Simone Burger on her birthday, req by Margaret and Marian

-for the intentions of Tony Chang Jr., req by his parents

5:00pm Virginia and Robert Moriarty, req by Theresa Lydon and family

Sunday, June 30th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(99: 1Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 Gal 5:1, 13-18 Lk 9:51-62)

8:00am Hashim Geloo, req by his daughter Andi Geloo

9:30am Deceased members of the Carollo family

11:00am Peter Quinn, req by Joan Franco

12:30pm Julio Cesar Zuluaga, req by the Metodiev family

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donations toward the Peter's Pence Collection which supports Pope Francis' work through charity. Envelopes have been provided in your tithing packet. Thank you, in advance, for your 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: Robert G. Belon, Stella Greta Klampfer

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **thanksgiving to Fr. Salvatore J. Amato, for his loving and dedicated service to our RA family.**

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Lucia Cisneros**, req by her niece Erika and family.

The **Candle at the Statue of The Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Lucia Cisneros**, req by her sister Gladys.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **thanksgiving, and for the health and intentions of Fr. Amato**, req by the Chang family.

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

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 inserted in this bulletin. 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??? ☺

FOOD PANTRY SUMMER HOURS

The Food Pantry will be open Wednesdays from 10am-12noon during the month of July. It will be CLOSED the entire month of August. It will re-open Wednesday, September 4th.

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.



OUR CONNECTION WITH THE HOLY LAND

A number of years ago, an American priest toured the Holy Land. While there, he wanted to study, especially, the places where Jesus lived, worked, suffered, died, and rose from the dead. He became friendly with a young boy named Josef—the brown-faced son of an Arab shepherd. Josef served Mass for the American priest, each day, and even taught him some of the difficult Arab words

As the priest was about to leave for other parts of the Holy Land, he said to Josef: “there are not many boys and girls who have the privilege of living in the area where Jesus lived. You know that God’s Son—as a Boy and, as a Man—walked these roads and breathed this air. Doesn’t that help you to love Him more?” Surprisingly, Josef gave the following very thoughtful [and what appears to be], very profound, answer: **“You do not have to live here to love Our Lord and Savior because He lives in every part of the world. Every land, now, is the Holy Land. Wherever we are, we are in the land of Jesus”**. The boy’s statement gives us reason to pause-- and reflect—on the fact that Jesus lives right here, right now. This can be a fitting thought on today’s feast of “Corpus Christi” when we also recall that first Holy Thursday—as Jesus first spoke these words: “This is my Body... This is my Blood.” Today, we also celebrate the fact that these words are repeated all over the world, every day, and that Jesus is present on altars all over the world. In other words, and as the boy, Josef, reminds us: **“Christ lives here. This, too, is the Holy Land!”**

Notably, **this is also Bethlehem**: Jesus is born right here in every Holy Mass. At the same time **this is Nazareth**. In other words, Jesus grows up right here in our lives. Jesus works miracles right here, spiritual miracles: for example, He heals us of the leprosy of sin; He heals spiritual cripples so they can walk in His way; He gives sight to those who cannot see the things of the Spirit. And, at the same time, it really is Christ who forgives sins right here in the confessional. In addition, the Church becomes the large “upper room” of today’s Good News where Jesus spoke the words of consecration for the first time.

Furthermore, **this is also Cana**: Jesus attends every marriage in our Church. He attended funerals in His homeland and He is right here when we bury our beloved deceased. **This is the temple at Jerusalem**; Christ teaches right here through His priests, through His religion teachers, through the parents of children. Jesus was present in the village, the churches, the streets, the fields, the lakes, the hills, and, above all, in the homes of the Holy Land; He is present in our homes too. In a sense, then, Josef’s insight helps to realize that we, too, are living in the Holy Land simply because Jesus, the God-Man, **lives right here in our midst**. Therefore, we have good reason to benefit from the young boy’s observation. To begin with, Josef gives us so much to reflect upon, as well as express our gratitude, while we celebrate today’s feast of “Feast of Corpus Christi”.

“THANK YOU, FOR A VERY MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE”

On Friday, June 14, a school assembly was scheduled for the purpose of expressing “thanks to Fr. Amato” for his years of service in the parish, and the school. The presentation began with a cross-section of students expressing their sentiments, and best wishes, while recalling the various experiences shared over their years in attendance at our school. This was followed by our children’s choir singing a hymn entitled “A Blessing” by James V. Marchionda, O.P.

It appears that since our students enjoyed the jokes shared with them—especially at their Thanksgiving Prayer Service—they felt a need to reciprocate with a sampling of their own one-liners. Next, while arranging to have me face the audience, they guided me through a tour of various places of interest. This phase of the program included a clever approach to invite audience participation whereby the students used “props” to highlight, and illustrate, a scenic tour of highly appealing destinations.

The program concluded with our second graders singing the song: “I’ll Always Remember You” and a gift presentation by Gabriel Hierro (Juan—our maintenance man’s son). Their gift included a copy of the DVD, consisting of recollections from some of our common experiences within our school, and parish—as well as a wrist watch—a clear reminder of the precious time spent with the children of our school, and parish. So, “Thank you, Mrs. Heppt, our principal, the faculty, and students of Resurrection-Ascension Academy for a very memorable experience “and for one that far surpasses winning the lottery.....

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

RESURRECTION-ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

The following students have achieved honors for the third trimester:

Grade 5A: Zoe Gagarin, Brian Lancea, Nella Lyko

Grade 5B: Ebube Ajulu, Willaum Franz Pascual

Grade 6: Emily Avaricio, Isabella Chase, Audrey Lataille, Dimitri Olhoviks, Kielan Santos, Liam Sweeney, Santiago Uribe, Joseph Werner

Grade 7A: Adriana Chamulak, Leslie Chiu, Jeremy Fernandes, Janelle Stephanie Pascual, Dylan Rosa, Erica Yu

Grade 7B: Rachele Bifulco, Sydney Ewald, Luca Landa, Seraphina Ng, Keilyn Rae Paulino, Jasmyn Pico, Erika Yick

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, June 24th - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Track Awards 7-9pm Gym
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, June 25th

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

Wednesday, June 26th

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

Thursday, June 27th - St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- Marian Rosary 9:45am FFH Garden
- Divorced & Separated Outreach 7:30-8:30pm FFH Chapel
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Friday, June 28th - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

Saturday, June 29th - Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

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

Sunday, June 30th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Alanon 12noon PCC

A Glimpse at your contributions... June 15/16:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 517	\$1,360	\$1,877
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 378	\$ 651	\$1,029
9:30am (English)	\$ 613	\$ 647	\$1,260
11:00am (English)	\$ 494	\$ 355	\$ 849
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 519	\$ 55	\$ 574
	\$2,521	\$3,068	\$5,589

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$1,016 **Total weekly collection: \$6,605 (this week's deficit=\$3,046)**

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish!

Bring your petitions to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Join n praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Saturdays at 4:15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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.

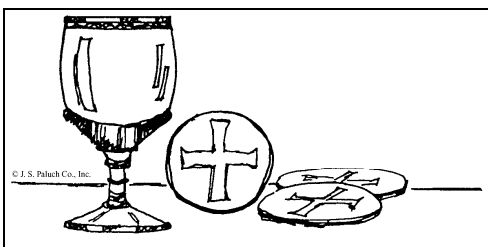
2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Parish Goal: \$62,027

Pledged to date: \$56,610

Paid to date: \$45,164

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 PROPER WAY FOR “THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION”

As we celebrate the Feast of “*Corpus Christi*”, also known as the Feast of “*The Body and Blood of Christ*”, it may be helpful to review the document from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops concerning the proper way for “*The Reception of Holy Communion at Mass*”.

Beginning with the Communion Procession, it is worth noting that *every procession* in the liturgy is, in fact, a sign of the Pilgrim Church—the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem. Similarly, throughout our lives, we—who believe in Christ—are moving—in time—toward that moment when we will be taken, by death, from this world. Then, we will enter into the joy of the Lord in the eternal Kingdom that He has prepared for us.

When we move in procession—particularly the procession to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion—we are a sign, a symbol of that Pilgrim Church ‘on the way’. At Christ’s invitation, extended by the priest, acting in Christ’s person, the members of the community move forward to share in the sacred meal, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ—which is the sign and source of their unity (*Happy are they who are called to His supper*). In fact, each time we move forward together to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord, we join the countless ranks of **all** the Baptized who have gone before us—our loved ones—the canonized, and uncanonized, saints down through the ages—who, at their time in history, formed a part of this mighty stream of believers. Therefore, a reverent bow (not a genuflection, nor kneeling) is made before approaching the priest, deacon, or minister of Holy Communion.

In terms of the proper way to receive the Eucharist, those who receive Communion may do so by receiving the Sacred Host *either in the hand or on the tongue*. The decision should be that of the individual receiving—not the person who is distributing Communion. When one chooses to receive Communion *in the hand*, the hands should be—first of all—*clean*. Then, if one is *right handed*, the left hand should rest on the right hand. The host will then be placed in the palm of the left hand. Next, the host is taken—by the right hand (the one used to feed ourselves)—into the mouth. Should one be left-handed, the manner to receive is reversed—here, the right hand should be resting on the left hand (again, if the left hand is the one used to feed ourselves). It is important to emphasize that one should not “reach out” with their fingers to take the host from the person distributing.

During the distribution of Communion, the priest, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, speaks to the person approaching with the words: “*The Body of Christ*”. This formula calls for a response of faith (“Amen”) on the part of the one who receives. The person receiving answers “Amen”. That response is an expression of one’s belief that this small wafer of bread and the wine (now “The Precious Blood”) are now—in reality—THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST THE LORD.

When receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice, the same response (“Amen”) is expressed. It should be noted that it is **NEVER** permissible for a person to dip the host that he, or she, has received, into the chalice (also known as “intinction”).

As we celebrate this sacred feast of THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, may the above help us to do so with a renewed sense of reverence as well as a better understanding concerning the proper way to participate in our RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION.

