

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 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

### Church

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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 Pentecost Sunday (A). The Readings are found at #1099 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Christine Pensabene, req by her parents

#### Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Hannah Donovan, req by her family

#### Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** John Dioguardi, req by the Dioguardi family

#### Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am-** For the People of the Parish

-James and Elizabeth Kelly, req by Donald and Maureen Kelly, and family

-Kenneth Kelly, req by Donald and Maureen Kelly, and family

-Vito Dominguez and Antonia Orbezo, req by their children and brothers

-Msgr. Austin Bennett, req by Donald and Maureen Kelly

-Msgr. James Hunt, req by Donald and Maureen Kelly

-Sister Marjorie Mullen, req by Mary and Michael Clarke

-Sister Marjorie Mullen, req by Betty McLoughlin

-intentions and health of Bill Haugh, req by his dancing friends

**5:00pm** Maura McGreevy, req by Mary Christy and family

#### Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>- The Most Holy Trinity

(164: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56  
2Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18)

**8:00am** Lynford Spencer, req by John and Monica Murphy

**9:30am** Marianna Wilczewski, req by her family

**11:00am** Phero Nguyen V. To, req by his family

**12:30pm** Janeth Rivadeneira, req by Lupe Medina

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

We invite you to continue to pray for **Daniel Tena**, who will be Confirmed, Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Pentecost). May the dwelling of the Trinity be ever present to him and to all of us Baptized in the Catholic faith.

#### GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM

##### Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land

Gifts from Bethlehem will be selling olivewood carvings after the Masses next weekend, June 10/11 in the Church Meeting Room.

**YOUTH GROUP....** TODAY is our final meeting before the summer. Don't miss it!!

#### 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, 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 Dorothy McDonald**, as requested by her friend, Nancy Canfarotta.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week **for the intentions of Rev. Robert Mema**, as requested by Debbie, Heather, and Cathy.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week **for the health and intentions of Rev. Robert Mema**, as requested by the Chang family.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week **for the intentions of Fr. Amato**, as requested by the Marian Group.

#### 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 26<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, and July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup>**.

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](http://www.rachurch.net).

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS ONGOING

Grades 1-8 meet Sundays from 10:45am – 12noon in the school. To register, please visit [www.rachurch.net](http://www.rachurch.net), and find the religious education tab. New students are asked to submit a Baptismal Certificate (if you were baptized at RA you do not need to provide this documentation).

#### 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.

#### OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

Our Food Pantry is always in need of cereal, rice, beans, pasta, canned vegetables, soups, tuna, canned chicken, tomato sauce, peanut butter, jelly, or any non-perishable items. God bless you for your constant generosity!



**PENTECOST is for EVERYBODY**

If there is ONE truth that we should take-- as our anchor-- on this great feast day, it is the fact that **Pentecost is for EVERYBODY**. In the first reading for this Feast, the whole known world is encompassed in the form of the list of visitors to Jerusalem, who witnessed the outpouring of the Spirit on the Apostles. From that day forward, although we have yet to see the desired fulfillment, our Heavenly Father's deepest desire is to pour out His Spirit into every man, woman, and child in creation.

Today's feast reminds us that we all need the Holy Spirit since He alone can *enable, and empower, us to live the life* that Christ has won for us on the Cross. We also need the Spirit *to guide us to the truth*, especially the truth about Christ. In the midst of all the noise and interruption, commonly experienced every day, and often referred to as "verbal overload", the Spirit continues to speak to us, [through special gifts], in order to act, [powerfully], in our lives.

Today's feast also helps us to call to mind the "Gifts of the Spirit" which are, both, necessary and useful for our spiritual life. Below is the mention of such Gifts, and their manifestation, in our lives:

**WISDOM** is that gift which *helps to raise our minds* above the passing things on this earth to the things that never pass away, i.e., the things "eternal."

**UNDERSTANDING** is a gift—like a divine flashlight—that *provides a searching light* on the truths that God has made known to us and helps us to know the meaning of those truths.

**COUNSEL** is like a "Divine" compass. In the midst of the problems and the uncertainties of life, the Holy Spirit *helps us to know* what may work best for the *Honor and Glory of God*.

**FORTITUDE** refers to courage when the Holy Spirit *gives us the spiritual courage* needed to remain faithful to the laws of God and of His Church. {It is noteworthy that the martyrs are the HIGHEST example of this gift and also its use}.

**KNOWLEDGE** is that gift which *helps us to judge correctly* regarding created things, and also helps us to use information correctly. Here, knowledge is not merely piling up facts about this world. It can refer to placing them in their correct relationship and order.

**PIETY** refers *to the love and devotion to honor God as our Father*. It can also assist us in doing what pleases God, e.g., praying God's Word and helping our neighbor.

**FEAR OF THE LORD** is a gift which helps us to avoid offending God. Here, it refers to the fear of offending SOMEONE who loves us and SOMEONE-- whom we love.

Therefore, today's feast is, undoubtedly, a joyful one since it reminds us that the Holy Spirit has given us these *spiritual helps*. In addition, this outpouring of the Spirit stands as God's public notice informing us as follows: "I will help you—I will teach, and encourage, you-- to do all the things that I call you to do." What better way to respond than by *opening our hearts wide, TODAY, and ask the Father to make us more aware of His Holy Spirit as we pray:*

***"God, our Father, I need your Spirit! Come, fill me today—and every day-- , just as you did at that very First Pentecost.***  
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: 105  
 Amount Pledged to Date: \$46,900 (an increase of \$5,820)  
 Amount Paid to Date: \$36,445 (an increase of \$6,102)

**RCIA...** Rite of Christian Initiation is a faith encounter as we journey and explore the Catholic faith, open to those seeking Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. If you are interested, please call or email Joyce at (718) 533-7898, or jmennona@hotmail.com.

**A Glimpse at your contributions... May 27/28:**

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 393	\$1,205	\$1,598
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 104	\$ 918	\$1,022
9:30am (English)	\$ 415	\$ 748	\$1,163
11:00am (English)	\$ 491	\$ 505	\$ 996
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 561	\$ 62	\$ 623
	\$1,964	\$3,438	\$5,402

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$766

Parishioners enrolled in Online Giving: 42

**Total weekly collection: \$6,168**

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

**Thank you for your generosity to our parish!!**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

### ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

**Congratulations to our Students of the Month who demonstrated creativity as St. Hildegard did:**

Kindergarten A	Roberto Paez
Kindergarten B	Mia Meyo
Grade 1	Luciana Landa
Grade 2	Violet Gera
Grade 3A	Gavin Sweeney
Grade 3B	Isabel Lotrean
Grade 4	Josephine Willinger
Grade 5	Rose Marie Del Rosario
Grade 6	Angelina Moran
Grade 7	Ellan De La Cruz
Grade 8	Nicholas Chamulak

#### **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.

#### **2018 MASS BOOK OPENING**

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

The Mass Book will be open for your Mass intentions is now open. You may come to the Rectory during regular business hours to make your requests. ***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. If you can be flexible with the DATE & TIME, we will take requests by mail. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation of your mail-in requests. **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.

#### **BOOSTER WINNERS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize \$100	Ms. Lai Heung Chan, MV
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50	Fred Olbrei, MV
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25	Mrs. Janet Doyle, MV

***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 5<sup>th</sup>- St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**

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

##### **Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>- St. Norbert, Bishop**

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

##### **Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Mommy and Me 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Volleyball Practice 6-8pm Gym
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Pre-Cana 7-9:30pm FFH Main
- NA 7:30pm PCC

##### **Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 7-10pm Gym
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm FFH
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

##### **Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>- St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church**

- Gym Closed
- CODA 10am PCC
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

##### **Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>- BVM**

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

##### **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>- The Most Holy Trinity**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Liturgy at 9:30am Mass
- Graduate Breakfast 10:30am Gym
- Sunday School Closing FFH
- Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2:30pm & Reception 3:30-7pm FFH
- Alanon 12noon PCC

#### **BAPTISMS**

The following children were welcomed into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 28th.

*Shay Harley Cuello  
Gabriel Juan Mendez  
Christopher Joseph Duy Pham*

#### **FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE**

Our next drawing of the Four Seasons Parish Raffle will take place on **Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are available at the Rectory, and will also be included in the June 11<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

With summer approaching, who couldn't use some vacation money???? ☺

