

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 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
Robert Mema, “Transitional” Deacon

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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 the Second Sunday of Lent (A). The Readings are found at #1030 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 13th

9:00am James Shannon, req by Patricia Shannon, and family

Tuesday, March 14th

9:00am Thomas & Margaret Groarke, req by their family

Wednesday, March 15th

9:00am Patrick Tully, req by his wife, Ann

Thursday, March 16th

9:00am Mary Ellen Crehan, req by her daughter, Bridie

Friday, March 17th

9:00am Patrick Lydon, Patrick Finegan, and Patrick Pryce, req by Theresa Lydon and family

Saturday, March 18th

9:00am – For the People of the Parish
-Jose Perdomo, req by the Perdomo family
-Christian martyrs, req by Jane Donlon
-James McInerney, req by John and Nellie Mulreany
5:00pm Thomas and Mary Ann Scanlon, req by Mary Christy, and family

Sunday, March 19th - Third Sunday of Lent

(28: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42)

8:00am Patrick and Joseph O'Dea, req by mom and dad

9:30am Cliff Smith, req by Helen and Ginny Credaroli

11:00am Vincent Barth, req by Helen Heptig

12:30pm Reinaldo Reyes-Lalangui, req by Liliana Ortiz and family

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Next weekend you will have the opportunity to make your donations to the **Easter Flower Offering**. These envelopes are available in your tithing packet. There are, also, additional envelopes located at the doors of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

English Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday following the 9:00am Mass in the Church.

Spanish Stations of the Cross will take place every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Chapel of Fr. Feely Hall.

HOLD THE DATES

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter with Scripture!

March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11.

Tuesdays 10-11am in Fr. Feely Hall

Reading, discussion, and prayer about the Scriptures of the Mass for the following Sunday. All are welcome! Come when you can. Bring a friend! Facilitator: John Cleary (718) 662-6069

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Tyler Benton, Stephanie Bojarski, 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, Carmen Mayor, Dorothy McDonald, Kathy O'Connell, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Grace Radonicic, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Vincent Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Alicia Witherby

Deceased: Florence Critchlow

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Frankie, Vito, and Dominick Rutigliano**, as requested by their sister, Nancy Canfarotta.

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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Helen Speros**, as requested by Susan Butler.

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

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in **loving memory of John Mannion, and Mary Goldbach**, as requested by Nancy and Alana.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Joseph** will be lit this week **for the intentions of Miller and Jazmine**, as requested by Joan Franco.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in **loving memory of John and Viktoria Holich**, as requested by Susan Butler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SPECIAL FAMILY LITURGY

Sunday School will meet next Sunday, March 19th. There will also be a Special Family Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass. CLW will resume on March 26th.

Just a reminder that we will have our **Bread Making Workshop** for parents of and the children receiving their First Holy Communion this May. The workshop is Saturday, March 18th at 11:00am in Father Feely Hall.

On Sunday, March 19th, in Father Feely Hall, we will hold a Family Catechesis Event: Pretzel Making for Lent. For details and to register, please visit www.rachurch.net. Information can be found under the Religious Education tab.

ARISE!! Please join us... all are welcome! Arise is a weekly gathering including Scripture Study and sharing in a non-judgmental setting. For questions, or to sign up, email jmennona@hotmail.com. Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 16th**, after the 9am Mass in the Garden Room of FFH.



One of the greatest paintings of all time is Raphael's picture, "THE TRANSFIGURATION", located in the Vatican Gallery in Rome. The painted scene depicts *three* levels: The purpose of the *first level* is in order that one can see Christ *raised up in "billowy clouds"* with His face and form transfigured—meaning, essentially, that He is God, who shines through the covering of His human flesh. Immediately beneath the above scene, Peter, James, and John, are depicted as representative of *all people on their way to God*. And, on the lowest scene, Raphael has painted a group of disciples and a family surrounding a sick young boy. This last scene has, as its purpose, to draw a *contrast* between the brightness of Jesus above, and the darkness of the dismal scene below.

It is noteworthy that Raphael was actually attempting to remind us of one of **the important lessons in today's Gospel, namely: Christ is the Hope and Healer of all**. The afflicted boy represents all of us with the limitations of our human condition. Notably, in Raphael's masterpiece, there are *two* figures who really stand out—one is the disciple pointing to the sick child, and the other is the disciple pointing [forcefully] up to Christ.

Granted, we are called upon, [and expected], to do all that we possibly can within the limits of our human power to help the helpless. However, over and above that we, also, recognize the need to call upon Christ for the only **complete help** we can give to one another. Therefore, the **final**, and **only effective** solution to solve the problems of our day will come, ultimately, through Christ, i.e., through His inspiration, and through His limitless power to heal, and to help.

One reason Christ showed the brightness, the joy, the hope, and the power of His inner God-ness and Goodness [in the Transfiguration], was in order that every heart in the world could take courage and realize that He is the Savior, the Healer, in every sense of the word. Finally, today's Gospel serves to remind us that we need to **look up to Christ Glorified, Transfigured** as He shows Himself—*bright and powerful*—to encourage us in the sacrifices we may make during this Lenten season, as well as in the challenges and problems we may encounter in our own lives, as well as in the lives of others.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

LENTEN ALMSGIVING... *Looking to do something extra for Lent. RA is reaching out to help the three following organizations this Lenten Season. Feel free to contribute to the one of your choice, or to all.*

Baby Bottle Campaign: At the entrances of the Church we have empty baby bottles. We invite you to take one, fill it with change, and return it to the rectory on or before April 16th. The proceeds will be given to Bridge to Life, which helps families in need, particularly woman who chose life. <http://thebridgetolife.org/web/>

Water (International Help Missionaries): At the onset of Lent, the children in the Religious Education program watched a demonstration about the dire water situation in countries in Africa and South America. As a result, they are collecting coins throughout Lent in order to help small towns in these countries build a well. Feel free to learn more about this project and contribute yourself if you like. <http://www.ihmonline.org/>

Rice Bowls: We also have available cardboard rice bowls that if you wish to also donate to Catholic Relief Services. Faith, action, results: www.crs.org

A Glimpse at your contributions... March 4/5:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 200	\$1,861	\$2,061
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 370	\$1,029	\$1,399
9:30am (English)	\$ 534	\$ 814	\$1,348
11:00am (English)	\$ 717	\$ 997	\$1,714
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 829	\$ 117	\$ 946
	\$2,650	\$4,818	\$7,468

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

LATEST GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE

Parish Target: \$650,000 Total Pledged: \$1,124,317
 Pledged Percent of Goal: 173%
 Number of Pledges: 229 Amount Received: \$319,438
 \$319,438 - \$63,130 (ACA goal) = \$256,308
 Half of \$256,308 = \$128,154 we will receive for
 designated Capital Improvements.
 Pledge payments should be mailed directly to:
 Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens,
 Generations of Faith Campaign Office
 P.O. Box 7356, Berlin, CT 06037

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Congratulations to Rachele Bifulco who will represent our school in the Middle Grades Math Bee!

Student of the Month

Congratulations to our Students of the Month who demonstrated mercy as St. Peter Claver did:

Kindergarten A	Ethan Li
Kindergarten B	Elizabeth Munoz
Grade 1	Chinedu Ajulu
Grade 2	Chermane Roxas
Grade 3A	Westen Lipan
Grade 3B	William-Franz Pascual
Grade 4	Stacy Diaz
Grade 5	Zander Theodoropoulos
Grade 6	Kenneth Chase
Grade 7	Alayza Diaz
Grade 8	Ashley Puerto

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Congratulations to David Giraldo and Jacob Aguaviva as they advance to the Long Island Conference level of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held on March 25, 2017 at Chaminade High School in Mineola, NY. Good luck to both of them!

KNIGHTS WANTED! If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith, or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is for you.

We are looking for new members to join *Knights of Columbus Juniper Valley Council 14578*. For more info, call Joe McAteer at (718) 478-7025.

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Tom Cawley, Franklin Square
2nd Prize \$50 William Kelly, New Jersey
3rd Prize \$25 Mrs. Cathy Ann Tully, New Jersey

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, March 13th

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC,
- Golden Age 12noon FFH Main
- Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm
- Basketball Practice 5-9 Gym, Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, March 14th

- Scriptures 10-11am FFH, Children's Choir 3pm Church
- Track 4-5pm, Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel
- No English Classes

Wednesday, March 15th

- Mommy and Me 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10am-12noon
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym, NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, March 16th

- Arise 9:30-12noon FFH Garden
- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church, No English Classes
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

Friday, March 17th- St. Patrick, Bishop

- English Stations of the Cross 9:30am Church
- St. Patrick's/St. Joseph Reception after 9am Mass
- CODA 10am PCC, Twirling 4-6:45pm Gym
- Basketball Practice 7-9pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

Saturday, March 18th- St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- OCA 10am PCC
- FHC Workshop (Breadmaking) 11am FFH
- Altar Server Training 1:30-3pm Church
- Spanish Arise 12noon FFH Garden
- CYO Basketball Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Scholastic Book Fair CMR
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, March 19th - Third Sunday of Lent

- Special Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Scholastic Book Fair CMR
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- CYO Basketball Gym, Alanon 12noon PCC

FOUR SEASONS RAFFLE

The Four Seasons 50/50 has been "revamped" as the **Four Season Raffle** to allow TWO winners. The church will receive half of the monies collected, while two winners will split the remaining half. The drawing will take place on Monday, March 27th. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25, and will be included in next weekend's bulletin for your convenience. Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!!

