

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 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

### Church

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### Rectory

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### Rectory Staff

Debbie Gross (*Receptionist*)- [dlgrectory@aol.com](mailto:dlgrectory@aol.com)  
Carmen Chang -[espanolatra@aol.com](mailto:espanolatra@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

### 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

### Academy

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## RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent (A). The Readings are found at #1033 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Frank and Pauline Albanese, req by their niece Catherine

#### Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:00am** Joseph and Anthony Tantillo, req by the Tantillo family

#### Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00am** Michael and Rita McDaniel (anniv), req by his sister, Mary Harrington, and family

#### Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00am** Rosalia Zolfo, req by the Dioguardi family

#### Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** James Haughney, req by his brother, John

#### Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

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

-Dr. Estefania Verendia, req by Angel and Nita Almazan

-Kathleen Murphy, req by the Murphy family

-Jose Perdomo, req by the Perdomo family

-Maureen Borzell, req by her cousin, Joan

**5:00pm** William and Angela Donlon, req by their daughter, Jane

#### Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday of Lent

(31:1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6  
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41)

**8:00am** James Fenter, req by Cristina Mazza

**9:30am** Luigi Fusco, req by his family

**11:00am** George and Jane Lehman, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

**12:30pm** intentions of Rommy Molinares, req by her mother

#### THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donations towards our **Thanks for the Memories Collection**, which benefits Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy. On behalf of the students and staff of RA, we thank you, in advance, 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 21, 28 & April 4, 11. Tuesdays 10-11am in FFH Reading, discussion, and prayer about the Scriptures of the Mass for the following Sunday. All are welcome! 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, 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:** Bridget Pryce, Eileen Carvelli, Dorothy McDonald, Angelina Andrioli

#### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Ricky DeSimone (34<sup>th</sup> anniversary)**, as requested by his daughter, Sandra.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Dr. Estefania Verendia**, as requested by Angel and Nita Almazan.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Dr. Estefania Verendia**, as requested by Angel and Nita Almazan.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Michael and Rita McDaniel (anniversary)**, requested by his sister, Mary Harrington, and family.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Dr. Estefania Verendia**, as requested by Angel and Nita Almazan.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Joseph** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Dr. Estefania Verendia**, as requested by Angel and Nita Almazan.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. John Vianney** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Dr. Estefania Verendia**, as requested by Angel and Nita Almazan.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in **loving memory of Dr. Estefania Verendia**, as requested by Angel and Nita Almazan.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### & CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday School & CLW will meet next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Today, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com). Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, after the 9am Mass in the Garden Room of FFH



**THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL NEEDS YOUR HELP.....**

Every Sunday, throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn, among the 187 parishes similar to our parish of Resurrection-Ascension, the faithful of Brooklyn and Queens worship together in order to renew our Catholic faith. During the 365 days of the calendar year, members of our Diocesan family, [and our Parish family], live out the Scriptures in ways that continuously respond to this renewal. As we continue our Lenten journey, it is also a fitting time for us to reflect on this year's Annual Catholic Appeal theme, namely: **"Live in Faith—Give in Love."** The theme for this year is intended to remind us that the work of the Church is shared by *all believers in response to the gifts we have received—such as faith and love.*

Many of us are aware that each New Year brings many—known and unknown—challenges to the local Church. We are reminded that through the pastoral, charitable, and educational services administered, compassionately, to the people throughout the Diocese, each of us can renew our faith through acts of charity towards our neighbor. With that in mind, the Annual Catholic Appeal is also viewed as the primary vehicle for raising the necessary funds that will enable our community to continue to share our gifts with others. Our assigned goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal is the same for 2017 as it had been for the year, 2015 (\$63,130). Please be aware that this figure was reduced from previous years when the assigned goal amounted to \$65,270. Also, for the year 2016, the assigned goal was included (i.e., folded in) with the Generations of Faith Campaign. That is why, each week, the update on the Generations of Faith Campaign includes a deduction of \$63,130 from the TOTAL amount received to acknowledge that the assigned goal for the Bishop's Appeal takes place, each year, even during the year 2016 when donations to the Generations of Faith Campaign included the consistent goal of \$63,130.

During the year, 2015, among the 841 registered members with the Annual Catholic Appeal, 228 were donors who remained faithful to their pledge. Our parishioners also pledged \$74,435, and by year's end, the Appeal office received \$69,808 (or 110% of received goal). **Please be aware that any dollar amount ABOVE the assigned goal was returned to the parish- which amounted to \$6,678.** Hopefully, the same result- if not better- will be realized at the end of this year.

Since many of our parishioners have already received their pledge envelopes, those who did NOT receive pledge envelopes in the mail are encouraged to take one from the tables at the entrances of the Church. With an increased number of donors—closer to the 841 **registered** members- we can be reasonably certain that we could very well EXCEED the assigned goal. As in the past, any monies received above the assigned goal will be returned to the parish in order to help meet any unanticipated, or needed, expenses. Therefore, may we continue to reach out [with the Lord's love], to all those who are in need within the diverse communities across our entire Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens. Let us, also, *as a parish*, demonstrate our interest, concern, and generosity, thereby maintaining the tradition of grateful sacrifice through our participation in the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL, which—for the current year, 2017 has as its theme: **Live in Faith—Give in Love**".

*In Christ,  
Fr. Amato*

**2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer**

*ACA Theme for 2017—Live in Faith- Give in Love*

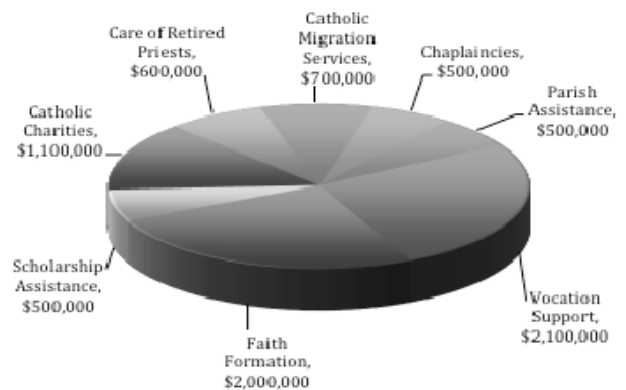
God our Creator, Giver of all good gifts,  
we praise and glorify you.

Teach us to acknowledge always, and with enduring gratitude, the many blessings your infinite love has showered upon us. Widen our vision and enliven our generosity, as we seek to support the pastoral and charitable works of our diocese in Brooklyn and Queens.

All-loving Father, Fountain of Mercy, we honor and adore you. Open our hearts to welcome the Holy Spirit, who enables us to live in faith and give in love, so that the joy of the Gospel may penetrate every heart in our local communities.

Open our eyes and stir up in us your compassion, so that all may come to know your Son, Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, now and forever.

Amen.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

### ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

**Congratulations to the following students who were accepted to Specialized Pubic High Schools or Screened Programs:**

**Kori Dezena-Andrade**

Brooklyn Latin School; Frank Sinatra School of the Arts High School, Fine Arts

**Alexandra Jucan**

Bard High School Early College, Manhattan

**Robert Lilly**

Brooklyn Technical High School; Baccalaureate School for Global Education

**Tsiry Ramisaharidafy**

The Beacon School at Beacon High School

**Lauren Solla**

Townsend Harris High School; Fiorella H. LaGuardia High School, Vocal Music

**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.**

**A Glimpse at your contributions... March 11/12:**

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 541	\$ 876	\$1,417
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 184	\$ 849	\$1,033
9:30am (English)	\$ 249	\$1,030	\$1,279
11:00am (English)	\$ 494	\$1,143	\$1,637
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 659	\$ 207	\$ 866
	\$2,127	\$4,105	\$6,232

**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**

**BOOSTER WINNERS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Patricia Kannengieser, MV
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Mrs. Loretta DeLuca, Baldwin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Joseph Moravec, 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, March 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

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

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr**

- English Stations of the Cross 9:30am Church
- CODA 10am PCC, Twirling 4-6:45pm FFH
- School Dance 7pm Gym, No Basketball Practice
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – The Annunciation of the Lord**

- OCA 10am PCC
- Altar Server Training 1:30-3pm Church
- Spanish Arise 12noon FFH Garden
- CYO Basketball Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- CYO Basketball Gym, Alanon 12noon PCC

**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/>

**Rice Bowls:** We also have cardboard Rice Bowls available, which are located at the doors of the Church. If you would like to donate, or need further information about Catholic Relief Services, please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

