

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent (A). The Readings are found at #1036 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, March 27th

9:00am for the intentions of Jonathan and Mariel Santiago-Cook family (anniv), req by Mom

Tuesday, March 28th

9:00am Nancy Kerrane, req by her husband and family

Wednesday, March 29th

9:00am Maria Jiang and Paul Lin, req by their daughter, Jinzhu Lin

Thursday, March 30th

9:00am Maureen Borzell, req by RA St. Vincent dePaul Outreach

Friday, March 31st

9:00am John C. Larsen, req by Sister Barbara Buckbee

Saturday, April 1st

9:00am – For the People of the Parish
-Virginia Moriarty, req by Lena Cialone
-Jose Perdomo, req by the Perdomo family
-intentions of President Trump, req by Jane Donlon
-Dorothy McDonald, req by Pat and Bridie Mitchell
-Bridget Price, req Pat and Bridie Mitchell

5:00pm Marie Moravec (20th anniv), req by Joe and family

Sunday, April 2nd - Fifth Sunday of Lent
(34: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45)

8:00am Louis Panarella, req by his family

9:30am Andy Hagarty, req by his wife, Anne, and family

11:00am Adolf and Rosa Stalzer, req by Richard and Irmgard

12:30pm Aida E. Salgado Contreras and Adelina Contreras Zamora, req by Raul Contreras



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.



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.

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, Michael Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Vincent Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Alicia Witherby

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Kenneth Madigan (birthday)**, as requested by his wife, Kay.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Patrick and Joseph O'Dea**, as requested by mom and dad.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday School & CLW will meet next Sunday, April 2nd.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

At most of our 9:30am Sunday Masses, you may notice children leaving with a preacher. This is called, "CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD" (This is not Sunday school or Religious Education). This is an opportunity for **all children at the Mass**, (whether in the school, Sunday school, or just visiting) **ages 4-14**, to hear the readings on their level, interact with one another, and ask questions about the Sunday's readings. The children return for the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Once a month we have a Special Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass where the children's choir sings. For future schedule information you may refer to the bulletin or our website www.rachurch.net.

ENGLISH CLASSES have resumed!
ESL meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-8pm in the Pastoral Care Center.

HOLD THE DATES

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter with Scripture!
March 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

**DON'T FORGET,,,
YOU CAN STILL ENROLL IN ONLINE GIVING!**

We offer the option to use Online Giving for contributions to our parish! It is secure, convenient, and simple! You can keep track of your donations, adjust them, and print out your donation information for your financial records. You can stop, or start, at any time, enroll in automatic contributions, or simply make a one-time donation. Registering is easy- just visit our parish website www.rachurch.net, and click on Online Giving.



A Favorite Psalm/Story

Among the more popular, and frequently used Psalms, is Psalm 23 which begins: "The Lord is my Shepherd.....". Since this psalm is included in the liturgy for this Fourth Sunday in Lent, there is an interesting *true story* associated with the Psalm which took place at a house party in one of the big English country houses. Very often, as was the custom at these parties, people, (especially after dinner), would give recitations, sing, and use whatever talent they might have in order to entertain other guests present.

On one special occasion, a famous actor was among the invitees. It appears that when it was his turn to "perform", he recited the familiar "Twenty-third Psalm"—which is, perhaps, the most beloved psalm listed in the Psalter (Book of Psalms). Not surprisingly, the actor's rendition was nothing short of *magnificent* and, obviously, resulted in a tremendously overwhelming applause. At the end of the evening, however, someone happened to notice an *elderly great aunt* who appeared to be dozing in the corner. Unfortunately, since she had become *hearing impaired*, she had also missed most of the actor's superb presentation.

Despite the above, this same woman was---not to be left out—but, genuinely, urged to "get up" and "recite something". It is noteworthy that, in those days, people were accustomed to memorize a great deal of poetry. As a result, the woman stood up, and in her "quivering old voice" started to recite the same psalm ("The Lord is my shepherd...") somewhat similar to what the previous actor had done. Astonishingly, when she had finished, there were tears in many of the eyes of this particular audience. Later, one of the guests approached the famous actor and stated: "You were absolutely superb in the recitation of that psalm. It appeared to be remarkably incomparable. So, why were *we so moved by that elderly, hard of hearing, lady*"? The actor replied as follows: "I know the Psalm. But, without a doubt, *she knows the shepherd.*"

On this Fourth Sunday during the Lenten season, perhaps the question the above story [fittingly], suggests to us is: **"How well do/should we know the Shepherd?"**

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

"Baby Bottles Saves Babies"

For the past, and the current, season of Lent, empty baby bottles were placed at the exit doors in support of the "Bridge to Life" program. Our worshippers have been accustomed to take one or more home, fill it up with change, or their donation, and return it to the Rectory, or Father Feely Hall, by Easter Sunday.

For those not aware," The Bridge to Life" is a local crisis pregnancy center that has helped thousands of women choose life. Bridge has also assisted in helping the mothers of the babies with material assistance, such as maternity clothes, baby and children's clothing, essential supplies, diapers, cribs, strollers, car seats, etc. They help over 4,000 women a year referred to them by social workers. If you have not already done so, please take ONE bottle, fill it during the course of the Lenten Season, and return it by Easter Sunday.

At the same time, we are pleased to inform our parishioners that **last year's generous donation to this cause amounted to \$3,214.66** with the assurance that every penny has helped many precious lives. The Executive Director, Virginia Gallo wishes to express her "thanks" for the generous support received, from this parish, during the Lenten Season of 2016".

A note from the Little Sisters of the Poor...

"On behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the elderly that call Queen of Peace Residence their home, we sincerely thank you, and your parish family, for the generous gift of \$3,774 from collections received, and other contributions made, as a result of our visit the weekend of January 29, 2017. This figure includes the \$460 we received from the Divino Nino Committee. This remarkable support from your parish family is truly heartfelt, especially today when there are so many in dire need of the Church's help. Your parish family's desire to respond to the needs of our residents, and their willingness to make a positive difference in the lives of our family at Queen of Peace, is a wonderful example of what the Gospel asks from us; to love and care for one another. Please thank your parishioners for enabling us to continue our ministry of loving care to the elderly poor. We want to assure you, and all your parish family, that the Little Sisters and residents remember you in our daily prayers. May God continue to bless you for your generosity and compassion.

Sincerely grateful in Christ,
Sister Elisabeth Anne, Little Sisters of the Poor

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

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.

SAVE THE DATE...

Our Home School Association will be holding their Annual Supermarket Blitz on Friday, April 28th. More details to follow in future bulletins...

A Glimpse at your contributions... March 18/19:

| | Cash | Checks | Total |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Saturday-5:00pm (English) | \$ 280 | \$1,723 | \$2,003 |
| Sunday 8:00am (English) | \$ 385 | \$ 627 | \$1,012 |
| 9:30am (English) | \$ 763 | \$1,395 | \$2,158 |
| 11:00am (English) | \$ 643 | \$ 475 | \$1,118 |
| 12:30 pm (Spanish) | \$ 762 | \$ 237 | \$ 999 |
| | \$2,833 | \$4,457 | \$7,290 |

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$945

Parishioners enrolled in Online Giving: 33

Total weekly collection: \$8,235

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

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. Simply fill out and return to the rectory, or in next weekend's collection basket.

Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!!

As of press, two separate winners will receive \$540 each!

THE DRAWING IS TOMORROW, SO GET YOUR TICKETS IN BEFORE 10AM MONDAY MORNING!!!

THANK YOU...

to everyone who attended the St. Patrick's Day Dance. We had over 160 people in attendance! A great night was had by all. We will see you next year!!

-The St. Patrick's Day Dance Committee

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Anthony & Kari Catuogno, LI
 2nd Prize \$50 Carol Scacalossi, MV
 3rd Prize \$25 Estelle Szyska, 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 27th

- 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 28th

- 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
- English Classes 5-8pm PCC

Wednesday, March 29th

- 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 30th

- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
- English Classes 5-8pm PCC
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym

Friday, March 31st

- Student of the Month 8:15am Gym
- English Stations of the Cross 9:30am Church
- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling 4-6:45pm, Basketball Practice 7-9pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

Saturday, April 1st

- OCA 10am PCC
- Twirling 10-12noon FFH Main
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church
- Spanish Rosary 12:15-1:15pm FFH Chapel
- Altar Server Training 1:30-3pm Church
- Spanish Arise 12noon FFH Garden
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, April 2nd- Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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: \$331,449

\$331,449 - \$63,130 (ACA goal) = \$268,319

Half of \$268,319 = \$134,159.50 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**

