

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 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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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 (C). The Readings can be found at #1038 in the Parish Hymnal.



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday, April 1st

9:00am Sister Richard Maureen Rowan, CSJ, req by Julie Infranco

Tuesday, April 2nd

9:00am Cecilia Jin (ann), req by her son

Wednesday, April 3rd

9:00am deceased members of the Malley and Twomey families, req by the family

Thursday, April 4th

9:00am Luba Mihalics, req by Sierra Conroy and family

Friday, April 5th

9:00am First Friday Perpetual Mass Society

Saturday, April 6th

9:00am - For the People of the Parish

-Leonard Rella

-Mercedes Martinez, req by her family

-Rita Lloyd, req by Josie Hartnett

-for the health and intentions of Kurt and Simone Burger, req by Margaret and Miriam

-intentions of Dolores Connelly, req by Josephine Hartnett

-Josephine McHugh, req by Josephine Hartnett

-Phyllis Doherty, req by Josephine Hartnett

5:00pm Vincent Falsetta, req by Anna D'Agostino

Sunday, April 7th - Fifth Sunday of Lent

(36: Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11)

8:00am Francisco Mempin, Jr., req by Gina Eng

9:30am Edward Gibbons (bday), req by his wife, Mary, and family

11:00am John McKeon, req by James, Nancy, and Alana

12:30pm Olga Ortiz, req by Sandy DePass

An Invitation to those Divorced and Separated

We are looking to start a Divorced and Separated Group for those who are seeking God's guidance, peace, and courage in dealing with the effects resulting from divorce or separation. If you are interested, or want more information, or have questions, please call Jason Velazquez at (718) 424-5212, ext. 28 or jvelazquezra@aol.com.

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 6:30pm in the Chapel of FFH.

ST. VINCENT PARISH OUTREACH COLLECTION

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the **St. Vincent Parish Outreach of Resurrection Ascension**. Your contributions help us reach out to our parish family and neighbors experiencing difficult times. An envelope has been included in your regular tithing packet. Thank you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Colleen Breheny, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Kurt Burger, Richard DeNardo, Eleanor Ducey, Steve Ferrugio, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Jackie Hanley, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, James Leung, Joe Loughnane, Mary Loughnane, Mary Ellen Lustberg, Dolly Serna Ocampo, Brendan Phelan, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Joel Rivera, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

Deceased: Phyllis Doherty

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of mom, dad, and Neal**, as requested by the Corey family.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of George Popa**, as requested by Debbie and Heather.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Michael and Camilla Pagano**.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. John Vianney** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Leonard and Rose Rella**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CLW

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet at the 9:30am

Mass next Sunday, April 7th.

Sunday School will meet after Mass.

HOLD THE DATES

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter with Scripture!

Tuesdays: April 2, 9, 16, from

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.

The Lenten Morning Reflection will take place on Mondays through April 15 at 8:45am in the Church. Presenter: Jason Velazquez. Theme: "Jesus' Seven Last Words". An opportunity to reflect on purpose for the season of Lent, and preparation for Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, April 5th, is the First Friday of the month.

The following have been enrolled in the

Perpetual Mass Society:

Victor DeSanto

Esther Kullain

Josephine DeSanto

Leo Ortiz

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

The following food is needed in our parish food pantry: jelly, peanut butter, coffee, sugar, canned fruit, pasta, sauce.



The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent is the familiar story entitled “The Prodigal Son”. As a Divine Teacher, Jesus was attempting to demonstrate how extravagantly lavish, and generous, is *God’s Love for Us*. In this context, God *is* the “Prodigal One”, the One who “throws love around like water.” The story relates how the Father anticipates, and seeks, the son’s return--- even “while he is still a long way off”--- and when the time comes for his son to “come to his senses” and return home. Notably, the father “runs to meet his son *halfway* with open arms.” Here, Jesus illustrates how overflowing, and extravagant, is God’s love for each one of us—we, who are God’s own sons and daughters, and who do not always live up to expectation.

Many of us are aware that there are times when the reality of everyday life intervenes and reconciliation for us is not going to be simple—especially as we recall any real episodes of alienation in our own lives. Even if we never hear the words, “I’m sorry” from the person who may have injured us—even if they never ask for our forgiveness, we can keep the image of the Prodigal Father in our hearts. This same Gospel suggests that God will work out a saving future –even for those people who have hurt others in possibly cruel, and very inhumane, ways. On our part, we may not know the crosses they are carrying. However, it is only God’s abundant love, overflowing, and forgiving the sins of the multitude, which can melt the hardness of some people’s hearts. [Some would say that God’s love is *foolishly abundant*.]

May this Gospel serve as a reminder that forgiveness for us can be a hope that God will do His healing work with the person(s) who may have (intentionally, or inadvertently) hurt us. Perhaps we can only come up with a *tiny shred of hope*. However, the Divine Teacher could help us to see that even hope the “size of a mustard seed” may someday blossom into a large and beautiful tree. And, as we keep hoping, we might have the good fortune (in a manner of speaking) **to sit under its branches someday and discover a true reconciliation.....**

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

Lenten Tidbits..... Why isn’t the “Gloria to God” recited during Lent?

The *Gloria* is an ancient hymn and, sometimes, referred to as the “Angelic Hymn,” especially since its first words are those of the angels at Bethlehem. Initially found in Greek and Syrian sources, this song of praise was used as an Easter hymn of dawn and, gradually, found a place at the conclusion of Morning Prayer in the east. It entered the west (Roman Catholic) by the 6th century. At that time, the hymn was used only at the Easter Vigil. By the 11th century, it was sung at all the Masses on Sundays, and festive occasions. Not surprisingly, the text mentions all three persons of the Trinity. Notably, the *Gloria* is a joyful hymn, whose content is one that, primarily, praises God. Currently, it is sung on Sundays-- **outside the seasons of Advent and Lent**—as well as on the solemnities and feasts emphasizing its special solemn character on those occasions

THE 2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL HAS BEGUN

We invite you to view the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal video by visiting our parish website www.rachurch.net, or our parish Facebook page. The work and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can do alone. We thank all who participated with a gift in the 2018 Appeal, and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2019 Appeal. God bless you.

2019 ACA Goal for Resurrection-Ascension: \$62,027

Amount Pledged to Date: \$19,380

Amount Received to Date: \$9,020

BRIDGE TO LIFE BABY BOTTLES- The Bridge to Life is a pregnancy resource center with locations in Flushing and Astoria. Bridge provides pro-life counseling to pregnant women who are considering an abortion, as well as distributing material assistance (such as clothing, strollers, car seats, books) to thousands of mothers and their children each year. All services are provided free of charge to our clients. The Baby Bottles are available by the doors of church. Kindly take one home, fill it up with coin, currency, and/or check. Please return all bottles by the weekend of April 28/29. Kindly only take a bottle only if you are sure you will be able to return it. We ask you to return them to the rectory by April 29th.

RICE BOWLS- Rice Bowls will be available at the doors of the church, which benefit Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Relief Services seeks to create positive change by serving the poor and vulnerable all over the world. Visit www.crs.org for more information.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

☺ RESURRECTION – ASCENSION ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

Class of 2019 News

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted to Specialized, Screened or Performing Arts High Schools:

Karalyn Chiu: *The Bronx High School of Science; Townsend Harris High School*

Ruby Gera: *Reperatory Company High School for Theater Arts*

Alyssa Hilaire: *Professional Performing Arts High School*

Michelle Olhoviks: *The Bronx High School of Science*

Toddler Time!

As the weather turns warmer, you may wish to begin attending our Toddler Time Class! The group meets on Wednesdays from 9:30am-10:30am. Our program includes music, art, storytelling and playtime. A snack is included for each child. The cost is \$2 per session, and registration is ongoing. If you would like further information, please call the school at 718-426-4963. We look forward to seeing you!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The **Annual Supermarket Blitz**, hosted by the Home Academy Association of RA Catholic Academy, will be held on **Friday, April 12th** at 7pm in the auditorium. Tickets are \$15 per person, and are available for sale during rectory hours. This event is for those 18 and over, please. Join us for a night of fun to benefit our school. Please note: seating is limited. NO tickets will be sold at the door.

A Glimpse at your contributions... March 23/24:

| | Cash | Checks | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Saturday-5:00pm (English) | \$ 359 | \$1,908 | \$2,267 |
| Sunday 8:00am (English) | \$ 422 | \$ 801 | \$1,223 |
| 9:30am (English) | \$ 464 | \$ 837 | \$1,301 |
| 11:00am (English) | \$ 511 | \$ 658 | \$1,169 |
| <u>12:30 pm (Spanish)</u> | <u>\$ 562</u> | <u>\$ 142</u> | <u>\$ 704</u> |
| | \$2,318 | \$4,346 | \$6,664 |

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$651

Total weekly collection: \$7,315 *this week's deficit*=\$2,336)

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, April 1st

- Lenten Morning Reflection 8:45am Church
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC, Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC & FFH Main

Tuesday, April 2nd – St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

- Lenten Scripture 10am FFH Main
- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- No Track, Basketball Practice 6-9:30pm Gym
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Stations of the Cross 6:30pm FFH Chapel
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, April 3rd

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am, Food Pantry 10-12noon
- English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym, NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, April 4th- St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- Spanish Support Group 9:30-11:30am FFH Garden
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Girl Scout Leaders meeting 7-8pm FFH Main
- Diocesan Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 6:30-9pm Gym

Friday, April 5th- St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest, First Friday

- Stations of the Cross 9:30am Church
- Perpetual Mass Society 9:30am CMR
- CODA 10am PCC, Twirling 4-7pm Gym
- Girl Scouts 7-8pm FFH Main, No Basketball/Volleyball
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

Saturday, April 6th

- OCA 10am PCC, No Basketball/Volleyball
- Confirmation Retreat 9-3pm Church, All FFH, Gym
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church
- Altar Server Training 1:30-2:30pm Church
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, April 7th- 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 in Gym
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH
- Alanon 12noon PCC

FOUR SEASONS PARISH 50/50

And the winner is....The Sisters of Charity, who will receive a check for \$808. Congratulations!!!

2019 MASS BOOK OPENING

The remainder of the 2019 Mass book is now open for your intentions. Please visit the rectory during office hours if you wish to reserve Masses. No phone requests will be taken.

Saturday 5pm and Sunday Masses will be \$25 per Mass, weekday Masses remain \$15.

Saturday Masses at 9am will continue to include collective intentions @ \$10 per intention.

