

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 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 First Sunday of Lent (A). The Readings are found at #1027 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, March 6th

9:00am Anthony Culhane (bday), req by Barbara Floria and Verna Barsottini

Tuesday, March 7th

9:00am Fr. Eduardo C. Encarnacion (anniv), req by his grandniece

Wednesday, March 8th

9:00am Danny Guez (bday), req by his parents

Thursday, March 9th

9:00am Dr. Estefania B. Verendia, req by Angel and Nita Almazan

Friday, March 10th

9:00am Thomas Crimmins, req by Julie Infranco

Saturday, March 11th

9:00am – For the People of the Parish

-Jose Perdomo, req by the Perdomo family

-James McInerney, req by Gloria and Matt

MacCartney

5:00pm Carmen Cordani, req by her sister and family

Sunday, March 12th - Second Sunday of Lent

(25: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

2Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9)

8:00am Deceased Priests of Diocese of Brooklyn

9:30am Dennis Hannon, req by the Rahill and Comin families

11:00am John and Bridget Dillon, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

12:30pm Wilma Rueda and Elsie Acevedo, req by Stella Giraldo

EASTER SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Next weekend you will have the opportunity to make your donations to the **Easter Spiritual Bouquet Remembrance**. 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 Friday at 7:00pm in the Chapel of Fr. Feely Hall.

HOLD THE DATES

Prepare for Holy Week and Easter with Scripture!

March 7, 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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Next weekend is Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour ☺

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: Elaine Cummings, James F. McInerney, Teresita Luna

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

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

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Carmella Fallon**, as requested by Nicole, Zachary, Maryssa, Charlie, and Heather.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Catherine Bauguss (17th anniversary)**, as requested by her daughter, Judy Nici, and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

& CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday School and Children's Liturgy will meet next Sunday, March 12th.

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 9th**, after the 9am Mass in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall.

MEMORIALS

We have many different memorial candle options available for you to memorialize a loved one, or to honor someone for their birthday, anniversary, or special occasion. The requested donation is \$25. Memorials include: Wine and Hosts, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Candles at the Statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. John Vianney, and the Flowers at the Blessed Mother. All memorials are for the duration of one week (Sunday through Saturday).

GIVE THE GIFT OF GIVING

Our Society of St. Vincent offers Memorial Cards, or Birthday cards, in honor of a loved one. Simply make a donation for whatever amount you wish. Cards are available at the Rectory.

ENGLISH CLASSES

There will be no English Classes until Spring 2017. Resume date will be published in a future bulletin



A LENTEN PERSPECTIVE OF “DESERT” TIME

Each year, the Gospel reading, proclaimed on the First Sunday of Lent, speaks to us of the desert experience that Jesus encountered, prior to His public ministry. Interestingly, many of us have also experienced “desert times.” For example, in a time of career discernment, we may feel uncertain about our next move and such “desert time” helps us to pull back—[and away]-- from the “noise” which often surrounds us. Also, in a time of serious illness, we may question our life’s focus by re-evaluating our priorities. And, in a relationship crisis, we may find the need to “pause”, and re-evaluate, our trust of a beloved companion, which, may have, considerably, shaken us. On the positive side, should we survive such “desert time”, we may emerge a changed person--that is to say—moving forward with a deeper sense of direction. At the same time, we may even have a somewhat fresh perspective, which entails a new focus, or a new mission.

With the above in mind, during this Lenten season, we, too, are, especially, invited into the desert to reflect on HOW we MOST are in need of God to: 1) shake us up, 2) draw us away from sin, and 3) call us into new ways of life. Notably, today’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus came out of the desert experience, which prepared him to begin the Father’s plan, calling him to begin proclaiming the reign of God. Therefore, as we come out of the (Lenten) desert at Easter, we might ask ourselves—how has my “desert experience” this past Lent changed me in a way that better prepared me as one ready to advance God’s Kingdom? How will I, now, allow God’s transforming grace to call me into a new, and more meaningful, mission? And so we pray:

Lord, God of peace, may this Lenten season be for us a time to be sheltered by you in the wilderness so that we may emerge—at Easter time—into a world made new by us—in, and through, the power of Christ’s Resurrection.

*In Christ,
Fr. Amato*

PEOPLE'S HANDS

By: Paul Turner

At Mass, people use their hands for a variety of purposes, but there is little legislation governing what to do with them. All the faithful should make the sign of the cross with the priest at the beginning. They sign their foreheads, lips and breast with the deacon or priest just before the Gospel. They may offer some sign of peace. They have to option of receiving communion in the hand.

The priest follows plenty of instruction. He extends his hands for prayers and greetings, and he outstretches them for solemn blessings. During the Eucharistic prayer, he may raise his hands during the preface dialogue, impose them over the bread and wine, sign the same elements with the people, make a sign of the cross over himself, and elevate the body and blood of Christ for the final doxology. The priest breaks bread with his hands and holds the broken host while saying, “Behold, the Lamb of God.

People use their hands for some actions that are not in the rubrics but are sensible nonetheless. They switch off electronic devices on entering the church. They hold participation aids to join in the singing and the responses. They place contributions into the collection basket.

Some people improvise other actions. They hold a rosary. They gesture back to the priest when he gestures to them. They join hands with others and raise them together. They sign themselves with the cross for the final blessing.

The most common gesture, for people, associated with prayer i.e., —folding hands—is never explicitly mentioned in the rubrics of the Mass. However, in the interest of poplar piety, it is a praiseworthy practice; especially when the words people say, or hear, are directed to God, they may fold their hands in a way that signals to other individuals, to fellow worshippers, and to God, that a moment has arrived to pray.

FIRST 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 annual **St. Patrick's Day Dance** will be held **NEXT Sunday, March 12th, from 4-8pm**. Ask around about what fun we had last year!! DJ, buffet, step dancers, and we will have our first **"Irish Person of the Year" presentation... Mr. John Daly!** Tickets are \$35 per person, children 12 & under are FREE. Call the rectory at (718) 424-5212, ext. 12, or email rarectory@aol.com for tickets or more information. You don't have to be Irish to have a good time!!! **Tickets will be sold until Friday, March 10th.**

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!!

A Glimpse at your contributions... February 25/26:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 401	\$1,675	\$2,076
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 400	\$ 848	\$1,248
9:30am (English)	\$ 512	\$ 582	\$1,094
11:00am (English)	\$ 894	\$ 843	\$1,737
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 507	\$1,217	\$1,724
	\$2,714	\$5,165	\$7,879

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

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 John & Maureen Sammon, MV
- 2nd Prize \$50 Anne Messina, Long Beach
- 3rd Prize \$25 Annette O'Connell, Nesconset

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 6th

- 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 7th- Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

- 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 8th- St. John of God, Religious

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

Thursday, March 9th- St. Frances of Rome, Religious

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

Friday, March 10th

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

Saturday, March 11th

- OCA 10am PCC, Twirling 10-12noon FFH
- Altar Server Training 1:30-3pm Church
- Spanish Arise 12noon FFH Garden
- Gym Closed, No Basketball
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, March 12th- Second Sunday of Lent

- Children's Liturgy at 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2:30pm & Reception
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- St. Patrick's Dance 4-8pm 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: \$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**

