

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

# 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  
Mr. Emanuel Bologna, Director of Music  
Mrs. Joann Heppt, School Principal  
Ms. Joyce Mennona, Dir. of Religious Education  
Rev. Basilio Monteiro, Weekend Presider  
Deacon Julio Murillo, Permanent Deacon

### Church

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### Rectory

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### Rectory Staff

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(*Tuition Officer/Rectory Receptionist*)

### Rectory Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 NOON  
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
(closed for lunch 12 NOON-1:00 PM)  
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, CLOSED SUNDAY

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM  
12:30 PM (Spanish)

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 9:00AM  
Saturday 9:00 AM

### Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM

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& Pastoral Care Center: 85-18 61<sup>st</sup> Road

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**RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK**

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter (C) . The Readings are found at #1093 in the Parish Hymnal.



**Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00am** Arturo Salazer, req by his wife, Gemma, and family

**Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Charles Eckelt, req by his daughter, Barbara Stoddard

**7:30pm Vigil** Margaret Columbia (25<sup>th</sup> anniv), req by her granddaughter, Cynthia Fusco

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - ASCENSION THURSDAY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

**9:00am** Msgr. John Antoncic, req by his cousin, Catherine, and family

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am First Friday Perpetual Mass Society**

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** –Mildred Levinson (30<sup>th</sup> anniv), req by Donald and Maureen Kelly, and family

-Angela Donlon, req by her daughter, Jane

-Harold and Frances Walters, req by the Rahner family

-intentions of Andrzej Jablonka, req by his wife

-for the health and intentions of the Chang family, req by Carmen Chang

-Francisco Colmenares, req by Tom and Lourdes Vodicka

-Krzysztof Kupaj, req by Margaret and Dorothy

-Fabiola Sandoval de Condor, req by her family

**5:00pm Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions**

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

(61: Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26)

**8:00am Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions**

**9:30am Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions**

**11:00am Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions**

**12:30pm Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions**

**FIRST FRIDAY**

This Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the month.

The following have been enrolled in the

**Perpetual Mass Society:**

Maureen McInerney

Patsy Kernan

Bridie McMullin

Joseph Genovese, Jr.

Rory McGonigle

Pedro Giraldo

Stanley Majkowski

Mike O'Neil

Pietro Laporta

Msgr. Vincent P. Dooley

Virginia Moriarty (Ivg)

Yvonne Walti

Debra McCarthy

Patrick Winberry

Johnny Mitchel

Myra Lalor

Maria Giraldo

Joseph D'Errico

Edward A. Valasek

James Lynch Family

Hector Ramos

Agnes Finegan (Ivg)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** Joseph Arigo, Alfredo Basileo, Stephanie Bojarski, Maureen Borzell, Paul Borzell, Richard DeNardo, Louis F., Agnes Finegan, Fong Ing Sukati, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Eileen Grubb, George Harms, Virginia Moriarty, Kathy O'Connell, Susan Patina, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Vincent Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Terry Twibell, Alicia Witherby, Roy Witherby

**Deceased:** Mario Agosto, Julio Simon Lopez

**WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES**

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this week in loving memory of **Msgr. Joseph P. Byon**, as requested by Donald and Maureen, family.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CLW**

There will be **NO** Sunday School and Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION**

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donations to the Catholic Communications Collection.

Envelopes have been provided in your regular tithing packet. We thank you, in advance, for your consideration and generosity!

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!**

**Our cupboards are in need of food items.**

Unfortunately, our list of those in need is increasing. Would you consider donating non-perishables, such as: *rice, pasta, beans, cereals, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables?* Food may be dropped off at the Church Meeting Room on Sundays, to the Food Pantry on Mondays & Wednesdays from 10-12noon, or at the Rectory during business hours. Thank you, in advance, for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Every little bit helps!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We will have our **Annual Vacation Bible School** again this year.

It will be scheduled from 9am-12noon in Fr. Feely Hall on **June 27<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>**. VBS consists of age-appropriate Bible stories, experiments, games, crafts, snacks, and songs. Each session of Son Spark Labs VBS involves kids in exploring an amazing aspect of God's life-changing plan. By providing opportunities for interactive learning at VBS, we can share with the children in our community the Good News about Jesus! Registration forms are available at the Rectory, or online at [www.rachurch.org](http://www.rachurch.org).

**A Glimpse at your contributions ... April 23/24:**

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday- 5pm (English)	\$ 152	\$2,067	\$2,219
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 370	\$ 714	\$1,084
9:30am (English)	\$ 489	\$ 608	\$1,097
11:00am (English)	\$ 726	\$ 736	\$1,462
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 551	\$ 202	\$ 753
	\$2,288	\$4,327	\$6,615

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The readings, for this weekend, from the Acts of the Apostles remind us of the role of the Holy Spirit, who helped to navigate—in a special way—the resolution of some deep-rooted, and sensitive, issues. To begin with, it stands to reason that forming a community is never easy. This is “played out” whether the community consists of family members, citizens, or believers. At the same time, experience reminds us that diversity can both enrich and divide. In the Acts of the Apostles, we are informed that Jewish Christians were soon joined by Gentile believers. The Church in Jerusalem was also joined by the Church in Antioch. Understandably, the conflict arose when the Gentile Christians questioned whether they had to accept all the Jewish traditions and customs, while the Jewish Christians feared that they would lose what they believed had “given them their identity.”

In an attempt to resolve the above conflicts, the leaders of the Church in Jerusalem sent a letter to the Church in Antioch proclaiming that the decision reached came—not just from human wisdom—but from working with the Holy Spirit. Similar testimony to the role of the Holy Spirit is also found in the Gospel of John. At the Last Supper, Jesus informs His disciples that the Holy Spirit will come from the Father and “teach you everything, while reminding you of all that I told you” (John 14:26). Because of this promise, we, too, can be confident that God will not abandon us. Therefore, as a people of faith, we trust that the Trinity comes to dwell with those who are faithful to the Word of God.

The above reflection helps us to remember that when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we also call upon the Holy Spirit to open our minds to the words of Jesus so that in doing so, the transformation of the bread and wine also helps us to become *the body of Christ, and the living temple of the Holy Spirit in the world*. Let us pray that through the example given to us from the early Church we, too, may come to recognize—more fully-- that diversity is a gift that can enrich, while the gift of the Holy Spirit continues to help us retain what is “life-giving” from the past, coupled with an open mind to any new initiatives that our loving God may offer in days ahead.

### **Thank you to our generous families who have supported the Generations of Faith Campaign at Resurrection-Ascension!**

Your prayers, sacrifice, and commitment to this historic initiative have helped us exceed our minimum goal.

With our share of the funds, we will:

- Replace our church air conditioning system
- Replace the boiler in the convent building
- Repaving of our Woodhaven Blvd parking lot

If you are currently praying about your pledge to the campaign, please decide upon your pledge amount, complete the pledge form you have at home (or pick up a new one from the rectory), and submit it to the rectory.

Thank you again for your extraordinary generosity. **God Bless Resurrection-Ascension Parish!**

<b>Parish Target</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>	<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,074,370</b>
<b>Pledged Percent of Goal</b>	<b>165%</b>	<b>Number of Pledges</b>	<b>209</b>

Numbers are current as of April 27, 2016

First time pledge cards and initial payments may be brought to the Rectory, or left in the collection.

Additional pledge payments should be mailed directly to:

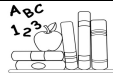
**Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens**  
**Generations of Faith Campaign Office**  
**P.O. Box 7356**  
**Berlin, CT 06037**

### **PLEASE HELP! AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AND FOOD DRIVE**

Next Saturday, May, 7<sup>th</sup>, after the 5pm Mass, and on May 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 8am, 9:30am, and 11am Masses, Ryan Heenan, an Eagle Scout candidate, has chosen to sponsor a food drive for his Eagle Scout project. The money donated for this food drive will be forwarded to the RA Food Pantry treasury for the purpose of purchasing specific food items that are needed, and requested, for those seeking this form of aid. Your support, and contributions, will be greatly appreciated by Ryan, and many others.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### School News



The Department of Education accepted our proposal to host two **Pre-K for All** classes in our school. Thanks to the many Nursery students who enrolled, both classes are already full. We are creating a waiting list in the hopes that we will be awarded a third class. If you are interested in being put on our waiting list, please call the office at 718-426-4963.

We do have room in our Nursery class for next year. **Students who enroll in our Nursery program will automatically have a seat in our Pre-K for All programs the following year.** If you are interested in enrolling, please contact the school office. Your child must be 3 years old by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

**Congratulations** to the following students who were awarded Student of the Month for demonstrating the virtue of cooperation.

Kindergarten A	David Nowicki
Kindergarten B	Albert Assadourian
Grade 1	Chermane Roxas
Grade 2A	William-Franz Pascual
Grade 2B	Logan Dobis
Grade 3	Kyle Jara Alas
Grade 4	Jeremy Fernandes
Grade 5	Jaden Dewer
Grade 6	Keenu Paulino
Grade 7	Gabriella Fusco
Grade 8	Cassandra Cordero and Nicholas Nanan

***“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”***  
**John 14:27**

The virtue this week is peace, a state of harmony which results from justice. It is the sign of love in action, offering the freedom that comes from trusting God and respecting all people. The students will learn about the life of Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, a Polish priest who followed Jesus’ teachings even though his country’s leaders punished him for it.

### BOOSTER WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Eileen Meade, MV  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Joanne Bryzgornia, RP  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Sylvana Swinburne, MV

**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>- St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**

- Children’s Choir 3pm Church
- Basketball Registration 6-8pm Gym
- English Classes 6:30-8:30pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel

**Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Basketball Registration 6-8pm Gym
- Vigil Mass 7:30pm Church
- English Choir 8:30pm Church
- NA 7:30pm PCC

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>- The Ascension of the Lord**

- Mommy & Me 10-11:30am CMR
- Basketball Registration 6:30-8:30pm gym
- English Classes 6:30-8:30pm PCC

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – First Friday**

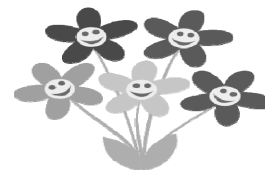
- Perpetual Mass Society 9:30am CMR
- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling 4-6:45pm Gym
- Spanish Rosary 6:30pm FFH Chapel
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

- OCA 10am PCC
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church
- Spanish Rosary 12noon FFH Chapel
- Spanish Service 3-5pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>- Seventh Sunday of Easter –Mother’s Day**

- No Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- No Sunday School
- Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2:30pm Church and Reception 3:30-7pm FFH
- Alanon 12noon



### RA BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

**INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL 2016:** Classes for PreK-Kindergarten take place on Saturdays from 9-10am & Sundays from 2-3pm. Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade take place on Saturdays from 10-11am & Sundays from 3-4pm. The program dates will take place in September and October, & will be announced at a future date. This is an 8 week program. The cost is \$60 for the entire course, and includes a t-shirt.

**CYO BASKETBALL 2016-2017:** Grades 3-8. \$115 Registration fee, \$70 uniform fee. Practice starts the third week of September. Registration for **both** programs will take place in the gym on: Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am-1pm, Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm, Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Please stop by the rectory for a registration form for either program, or email Lou at [loulou22@nyc.rr.com](mailto:loulou22@nyc.rr.com) with any questions.

