

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 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

### 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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### Rectory Staff

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Cathy Mesa- [ratuition@aol.com](mailto:ratuition@aol.com)  
(*Tuition Officer/Rectory Receptionist*)

### Rectory Hours

Monday through Friday: 9am - 12noon, and 1pm - 5pm  
(closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm)  
Saturday: 9am – 1pm, CLOSED SUNDAY

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## RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is The Sixth Sunday of Easter (A). The Readings are found at #1091 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00am** Harn Maneekhao, req by daughter, Vanida Azelmad

**Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00am** Fortunata Cuccia, req by the Tantillo family

**Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Giuseppe Russo (anniv), req by his wife and family

**7:30pm Vigil** – Bishop Thomas Vose Daily

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – ASCENSION THURSDAY  
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

**9:30am** for the intentions of Josephine Hartnett

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

-for those who defend and protect us, req by Jane Donlon

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

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

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Seventh Sunday of Easter  
(59: Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8  
1Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a)**

**8:00am** for the intentions of Sister Virginia on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee

**9:30am** Stanislaw Rurak, req by his family

**11:00am** Margaret Feeney, req by Lena Eng

**12:30pm** Jermain and Charlie Ebilla, req by their father, Domingo

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY....**Our Spanish Community will be praying the rosary during the month of May in the Chapel of FFH at the following times. All are welcome. *Monday-Friday, from 6:30 to 7:30; Saturdays, from 12noon to 1pm; and Sundays from 1:30 to 2:30pm.*

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet TODAY, May 21st, May 28, and the final meeting before the summer will take place on June 4th.



### JUNE WEDDINGS



Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30pm

Katherine Mary Gibbons & Phillip Charles Pye

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** Vahide Atlas, Tyler Benton, Stephanie Bojarski, Martha Chaves, 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, Kathy O'Connell, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Alicia Witherby.

**Deceased:** Agrippa Alamazon, Ciro D'Amico, Nancy Giordani, Josephine Thompson

### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Bridie Pryce**, as requested by the Moriarty family.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **gratitude**, as requested by Marlene Ayala.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Josephine Thompson**, as requested by the RA St. Patrick's Day Dance Committee.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday School and CLW will not meet next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. It will resume on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 from **June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, and July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

VBS consists of age-appropriate Bible stories, experiments, games, crafts, snacks, and songs. Each session of VBS involves kids in exploring an amazing aspect of God's life-changing plan. Registration forms are available at the Rectory, or online at [www.rachurch.net](http://www.rachurch.net).

### FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Nest weekend, we will be accepting your donations towards our **Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Intentions**. Envelopes have been provided in your tithing packets, as well as at the door to the church.

### 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! ☺

### MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

All Parishioners... please join the Marian Rosary Group for recitation of the rosary and the crowing of our Blessed Mother on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall. As we pray this final tribute to Mary during her month, we shall also honor our own beloved mothers- living and deceased- as well as all women who find a way to "mother" in their own worlds. Refreshments and social time follows.



**CARING FOR OTHERS AS CHRIST CARES FOR US**

A common occurrence for many consists of the apparent failure—until both of our parents are gone-- to fully realize *how much we define ourselves* as “someone’s son, or daughter”. Psychologists, repeatedly, remind us of the effect on adults when both parents die and they come to realize that no matter their own chronological age, they are, in fact, “orphaned.” In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “I will not leave you orphans.” Obviously, these men who followed Jesus may have thought it odd to be referred to as orphans - especially since they had left everything to follow Him. In other words, they had “thrown in their lot” in order to follow, and to be with this itinerant preacher, and teacher. They knew, also, that He was responsible for their attraction to Him in ways that they had never dreamed possible.

Not unlike the above experience, there are times when we, too, depend on God for everything—no matter how much we might think we are independent, and self-sufficient adults. Thus, the prospect of severing this *spiritual tie* could be as frightening as it would be for a child to be left by one’s parents. Notably, the image of the orphan would have been far more significant to a first-century audience. In their world—as in the world of the Hebrew Scriptures—both the orphan and the widow were “metaphors” for the *most vulnerable in society*. At the same time, in a patriarchal culture, a woman, or child, without the support of an adult male, would also be lacking any needed protection, or provisions.

Today, in our world, hearing the words of Jesus that “I will not leave you orphans” should remind us that we have an opportunity to cherish the assurance that we “rest in the ongoing care of the Spirit of God” and, therefore, are called to help transform a world in which too many people are still “orphaned” by circumstance, by tragedy, by neglect, and by violence. It appears, then, that the call of the prophets “to care for the widow and the orphan” still rings through in our contemporary world.

Today, there are a number of ways to respond to the above call that are both direct, and indirect. For example, programs, such as” Heifer International” exist for the purpose of working with women and children-- in developing countries—for the purpose of helping them to become self-sufficient. At the same time, other organizations exist which make it possible for people to (financially) support children in other countries, especially through regular contributions.

Finally, this Gospel has a clear message, and in particular for: all who have known stable—and loving—families, those who have experienced—firsthand-- what it is to be orphaned and, most especially, *all of us* who have been “held in God’s loving arms.” As a result may we take heed, [and be comforted], as we look forward to the feast of Pentecost, while Jesus speaks to all of us [in today’s Gospel] thereby assuring us with a poignant message through His words: “I will not leave you orphans.....”

In Christ,  
Fr. Amato

**CATHOLIC APPEAL YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON**

<u>2015</u>	<u>2017</u>
Goal: \$63,130	Goal: \$63,130
Registered members: 818	Registered members: 815
Number of Donors:135	Number of Donors: 99 ( <i>an increase of 18 from last week</i> )
Amount Pledged to Date: \$49,383	Amount Pledged to Date: \$36,680 ( <i>\$1,735 from last week</i> )
Amount Paid to Date: \$41,004	Amount Paid to Date: \$25,830 ( <i>an increase of \$1,935</i> )

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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.

#### May Crowning

You are invited to join us for our annual **May crowning on May 23rd at 1:15pm** in the church.

#### 2018 MASS BOOK OPENING (Jan. 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018)

The Mass Book will be open for your Mass intentions beginning on **Tuesday, May 23rd at 10 am** in the Rectory. You may come to the Rectory during regular business hours to make your requests. **Please remember the rectory closes from 12noon to 1pm.** Due to the overwhelming request for Masses, this year **we are limiting Mass requests to 5 Masses.** This will accommodate all parishioners. If you can be flexible with the DATE & TIME, we will take requests by mail. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation of your mail-in requests. No phone requests will be taken. The Mass Stipend amounts for Saturday 5pm and Sunday Masses will be \$25 per Mass, weekday Masses remain \$15. In an effort to increase the opportunity when requests for 9am Masses are made, the **Saturday Masses at 9am will include collective intentions @ \$10 each for a maximum of 10 intentions.** The above is permissible for **one Mass only** each week.

#### A Glimpse at your contributions... May 13/14:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 334	\$1,460	\$1,794
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 316	\$ 941	\$1,257
9:30am (English)	\$ 736	\$ 909	\$1,645
11:00am (English)	\$ 630	\$ 802	\$1,432
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 752	\$ 107	\$ 859
	\$2,768	\$4,219	\$6,987

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$650  
Parishioners enrolled in Online Giving: 39

**Total weekly collection: \$7,637**

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

**Thank you for your generosity to our parish!!**

#### BOOSTER WINNERS

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 | Donald Kelly, RP           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50  | Joanne Bryzgoria, RP       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25  | John & Mary Harrington, RP |

**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, May 22<sup>nd</sup>- St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Golden Age 12noon FFH
- Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
- Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm RMR
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden, NA 6:30pm FFH & PCC

##### Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

- School May Crowning 1:15pm
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Baptism Instruction 7:30pm FFH
- Twirling 6pm Gym
- Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
- Spanish Prayer Group 7:30-9:30m FFH Chapel
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

##### Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

- Mommy and Me 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
- Pre-Cana 7-9:30pm FFH Main
- Vigil Mass 7:30pm Church
- NA 7:30pm PCC

##### Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>- The Ascension Of The Lord

- Holy Day of Obligation
- School Mass 9:30am Church
- Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
- Marian Rosary 7:30-9pm FFH Garden
- Sports Award Night 6:30pm Gym
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

##### Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>- St. Philip Neri, Priest

- Student of the Month Assembly 8:15am Gym
- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling Performance 4-8pm Gym
- Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden Room

##### Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>- St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

- OCA 10am PCC
- Spanish Rosary 12noon-1pm FFH Chapel
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm PCC
- Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

##### Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>- Seventh Sunday of Easter

- No Children's Liturgy, No Sunday School
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Spanish Rosary 1:30-2:30pm Small Schoolyard
- Baptism 1:45pm Church
- Alanon 12noon PCC

#### FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE

Our next drawing of the Four Seasons Parish Raffle will take place on **Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Tickets are included in this bulletin— simply fill them out, and return them to the rectory, or next weekend with the collection.

With summer approaching, who couldn't use some vacation money???? ☺

