

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

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

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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 Most Holy Trinity (B) . The Readings are found at #1103 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 28th - Memorial Day

9:00am for all those who have sacrificed their lives for our county

Tuesday, May 29th

9:00am Ezio Benini (ann), req by the Benini family

Wednesday, May 30th

9:00am Bridget Kelly, req by Anne and John Curran

Thursday, May 31st

9:00am Agripina Almazan, req by Angel and Nita Almazan

Friday, June 1st

9:00am First Friday Perpetual Mass Society

Saturday, June 2nd

9:00am -For the People of the Parish
-Ray Scacalossi, req by his wife, Carol
-Vito Silecchia, req by his daughter, Madeline
-Louis Franco, req by Jane Donlon
-for Christian martyrs, req by Jane Donlon
-Stephen Livecchi, req by Joyce Mennona
-Harold Lambert, req by Ann Ruebenacker
-for the health and intentions of Rita Geraghty, req by Angie McCarthy
-Cathleen Cameron, req by Josie Hartnett
-for the health and intentions of Bridie Hartnett, req by her family

5:00pm Evelyn Schnurr, req by her daughter, Julia

Sunday, June 3rd - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(168: Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Heb 9:11-15
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26)

8:00am William Morrissey, req by John and Maureen Sammon and family

9:30am Bernard and Nora Brady, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick

11:00am Joao and Elsa Pereira, req by William Pereira and family

12:30pm Anne Augusto

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the **Catholic Communications Campaign**. Envelopes have been provided in your tithing packets. We thank you for your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, June 1st, is the First Friday of the month. The following have been enrolled in the **Perpetual Mass Society**:

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| Ernest Seggio | Andrew Corkett | Helen DiSanto |
| Marie Powell | Reynaldo Ner | Harold Lambert |
| John Mullarkey | Carrie Gainer | Eileen Tsang |
| Mr. Gainer | Ralph Salvatore | Attonito |
| Fr. Donald Sheehan | Msgr. Vincent P. Dooley | |

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Josephine Bravchok, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Martha Chaves, Richard DeNardo, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Agnes Finegan, , Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Eileen Grubb, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, Joe Loughnane, Mary Loughnane, Patrick McCabe, Nora O'Connor, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Joel Rivera, Julio Rosado, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week **for the intentions of our parishioners.**

There are several memorials available for your intentions. The donations for each memorial is \$25, and each memorial may be reserved by visiting the rectory office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CLW

Sunday School and CLW will meet next Sunday.

2018 MASS BOOK

The remainder of the 2018 Mass Book (October-December) is now open for your Mass intention requests. Phone requests will now be accepted. You may either visit the rectory during business hours, or mail in your requests to the office, along with a self addressed, and stamped envelope and a check for your requested Masses. Please be sure to include your telephone number.

FOUR SEASONS 50/50

The next drawing of the Four Seasons 50/50 will take place on Monday, June 25th. Tickets are available at the doors of the church and the rectory office. Who couldn't use some extra money for vacation! 😊 😊 😊

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Instructional (Pre-K through 2nd grade) and CYO (grades 3-8) programs available. Registration will take place in the Gym on Friday, June 15th from 6-8pm and Saturday, June 16th from 10am-2pm. Please stop by the Rectory for a registration form for either program, or visit www.rachurch.net to download. Email or call Lou at loulou22@nyc.rr.com / (347) 563-7202 with questions.

RECTORY CLOSED

The Rectory will be CLOSED on Monday, May 28th, in observance of Memorial Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, May 29th.

MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

On the Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary we invite all parishioners to join the Marian Group as we honor Mary, and all mothers, at the end of their special month of May. We shall recite the rosary, crown our Blessed Mother, pray for our special intentions, and enjoy some social time and morning refreshments together. We shall meet in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall on Thursday, May 31st at 9:45am. We look forward to seeing you!



"THE MYSTERY TRIO"

As a priest sat in waiting at a busy airport, a man found a seat beside him and then began to express his opinions on religion by boasting: "I will not accept anything that I cannot understand." That same man then proceeded to state, emphatically, "take for example, this business of three Gods in one God, or whatever it is. I can't buy that. Nobody can explain it to me—so I will not believe it."

In response, the priest, while pointing to the sun streaming in the window, asked: "Do you believe in the sun?" The doubter responded to his question with: "Why, of course!." The priest said the following to him: "Alright, the rays that you see coming through that window are from the sun which is approximately 90,000,000 miles from here. And, the heat that we feel comes from **both** the sun, and its rays. Therefore, when trying to appreciate the mystery of the Trinity, keep in mind that the sun is God the Father; the sun also sends out its rays, God the Son. Then, from both the sun and its rays, from the Father and the Son comes the Holy Spirit, the heat. Can you explain how that happens?" At that, the doubter quickly changed the subject.

As we observe today's feast, we are reminded that the Trinity is a "mystery"—something that is true, but one we cannot understand, or explain. We know it is true because Jesus informed us about the Trinity several times—especially in the readings today. As a result, we accept it, and we believe it, because He said it. In addition, we go even farther as we honor the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as the source of all good. In many ways, the Trinity is like the source of God's life strength. In other words, the Trinity is like the sun in the heavens.

Just as the sun is the source of physical good, the Trinity is the source of God's life in us. The sun gives energy and strength; the Trinity gives inner power and strength. The sun gives light; the Trinity enlightens the mind and touches the heart of each one of us. While the sun produces heat; the Trinity pours forth *spiritual heat*—love for God and one another. The sun heals sickness and any specific forms of disease; the Trinity heals sickness of the soul—i.e., sin. The sun helps to resist germs and infection; the Trinity drives off *spiritual* germs. The sun cheers and brightens the world around us; the Trinity cheers the heart of each person.

The Trinity, therefore, is *not* a trio of "soulless powers", but **Three loving, thinking, living Persons** to whom we can speak, as we so often do—especially at every Eucharistic celebration. As a result, whenever we express our profession of faith in three persons of the Trinity, we should do so with a special fervor. Notably, one of the first prayers that we learned as Catholics is the sign of the Cross—which is a visible profession of our faith that Jesus died for us on the cross and that there are three Persons in one, true God. Although we will never understand the Trinity, we do believe in the Holy Three and we turn to them with love—especially at Mass as we pray: "**Holy Spirit, draw us all into the love that you share with the Father and the Son! Stir up your gifts within us in order that we may pour out that same love on one another!!!!!!**"

FOOD FOR THOUGHT (ON TRINITY SUNDAY)

In one of his letters to the Ephesians, Paul, emphatically, states a very BASIC religious TRUTH, which merits further reflection, namely: "It is God who OWNS the Church." Paul mentions this in the context of bidding a farewell to the pastors at Ephesus. The presbyters (another name for priests) are explicitly told the following: "Shepherd the Church of God, which His Son has acquired at the price of His own blood." This statement clearly emphasizes that the Church belongs to God. In other words, the Church was purchased and brought into existence at the most exorbitant price imaginable—the blood of Jesus, the Son of God. At the same time, God, not only owns the Church, but the Spirit of God rules the Church.

Throughout the Church's history, people who have donated large sums of money are most certainly, to be appreciated. Yet, it should also be noted that—despite their generosity-- they do NOT own the Church. Notably, the Church was acquired at a far greater price. Therefore, it is God who: 1) speaks in the Church with an authoritative voice, 2) sets Church doctrines, 3) establishes moral teachings, and 4) interprets the Scriptures. It stands to reason, then, that volunteer workers—while very much appreciated for their efforts—do not own the Church. Similarly, the pastor, bishops, and the Pope do not own the Church. It is noteworthy that all are meant to be **SERVANTS** within the Church. With that in mind, one may conclude that the Church is NOT, solely, a human institution, but a DIVINE ONE, filled with humans. Hopefully, many, if not all, upon further reflection will acknowledge the veracity of the following expression: "Thanks are to be expressed to God, (and when it comes to the bottom line)—**GOD IS THE ONE IN CHARGE.**"

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

RESURRECTION-ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

WE'RE SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU!

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is ongoing. There is limited seating in some grades. If you are interested in enrolling your child at our school, please call 718-426-4963 for an appointment. You may also visit our website at www.racatholicacademy.org.

To register your child, you will need 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)

Be sure to follow our school on Facebook and Twitter!

A Glimpse at your contributions... May 19/20:

| | Cash | Checks | Total |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Saturday-5:00pm (English) | \$ 285 | \$1,043 | \$1,328 |
| Sunday 8:00am (English) | \$ 371 | \$1,354 | \$1,725 |
| 9:30am (English) | \$ 729 | \$ 642 | \$1,371 |
| 11:00am (English) | \$ 743 | \$ 563 | \$1,306 |
| 12:30 pm (Spanish) | \$ 585 | \$ 54 | \$ 639 |
| | \$2,713 | \$3,656 | \$6369 |

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$733

Total number of envelopes used by registered parishioners: 204

Total weekly collection: \$7,102

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

Deficit this week= \$2,549

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

2017

2018

Goal: **\$63,130**

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Registered Members: **815**

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Number of Donors: **104**

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Amt Pledged to Date: **\$41,080**

Amt Pledged to Date: **\$50,410**

Amt Received to Date: **\$30,543**

Amt Received to Date: **\$36,982**

*Pledge forms are available in Church, or at the Rectory, in both English and Spanish. You may also visit

www.annualcatholicappeal.org and click Donate. Just be sure to mark "Resurrection-Ascension" as our parish! ***An increased number of donors will help to reach our goal and beyond!!!**

ROSARY REPAIR

Jason Chang will be available to repair your chain rosaries on the first Sunday of the month, immediately following the 9:30am Mass in the auditorium, beginning on June 3rd. This is a free service (unless replacement parts are needed). You may schedule alternate times to meet by emailing jchang53@fordham.edu or call (718) 916-8343.

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Mr. & Mrs. L. Catuogno, MV
 2nd Prize \$50 Pat McGoldrick, MV
 3rd Prize \$25 Eileen Meade, MV

Congratulations to 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 28th- MEMORIAL DAY

- Rectory Closed, School Closed
- No Golden Age, Food Pantry Closed
- No Spanish Rosary, No Yoga
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, May 29th

- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Rosary 6:30pm FFH Chapel
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel

Wednesday, May 30th

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Spanish Rosary 6:30pm FFH Chapel
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, May 31st- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Marian Rosary 9:45am FFH Garden
- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Rosary 6:30pm FFH Chapel

Friday, June 1st- First Friday, St. Justin, Martyr

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

Saturday, June 2nd- Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs; BVM

- OCA 10am PCC
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church
- Spanish Rosary 12noon FFH Chapel
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, June 3rd- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

- Childrens Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Divino Nino 1:30pm Church & Reception 2pm Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

Bring your petitions to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Join in praying the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**. Saturdays, 4:15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

ST. MARGARET CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, June 3rd from 9am-3pm in the Parish Hall.

For more info or to make an appt, email parishcalendar@aol.com.

LATEST GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE

Total Pledged: \$1,124,317 Amount Received from Generations of Faith quarterly disbursements: \$264,299

Amount spent (from parish funds) on first two major projects: \$399,605. Amount to needed to completely satisfy the cost of the two projects: \$135,306 This is dependent on everyone's faithfulness to their Generations of Faith pledges! Pledge payments may be placed in the collection basket for your convenience. Thank you for your past, and future, pledge payments!

