

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015

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
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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 7:30 AM, 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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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, June 1st

9:00am Kate and John Waters, req by their daughter Joan and family

Tuesday, June 2nd

9:00am Evelyn Schnurr, req by her daughter Julia

Wednesday, June 3rd

9:00am Carmela Barone, req by Bridie Grogan and family

Thursday, June 4th

9:00am Ray Scacalossi, req by his wife Carol

Friday, June 5th

9:00am *First Friday Perpetual Mass Society*

Saturday, June 6th

9:00am For the People of the Parish
-James, Elizabeth, and Kenneth Kelly, req by Donald and Maureen Kelly and family
-Ricardo Alas, req by his daughter
-Timothy Dillon, req by Joan Franco
-Mary Cawley, req by Joan Franco
-Grace Pasquenza, req by her cousin Joan
-Gloria Pasquenza, req by her cousin Joan
-Krystna Oskwarek-Wyszotrawka, req by her daughter Mai Gorzata and family
-Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick, req by Kathleen Fitzpatrick
-Francesco Scandariato, req by his wife and family

5:00pm Lawless, Feeney, Lydon, and Finegan families, req by Agnes Finegan and family

Sunday, June 7th –Most Holy Body & Blood

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

7:30am Hannah Donovan, req by Catherine Donovan and family

9:30am Ramon Rosario, req by his daughter Maria and family

11:00am William McLoughlin, req by Mary McLoughlin and family

12:30pm German Balarezo, Clarita Delgado, David Cruz, and Bertha Bogdanovich, req by their family

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donations towards the **Diocesan Religious Retirement Collection**. More than 40,000 religious women and men who dedicated their lives to God and to helping others now need your help. Your donation to the **Religious Retirement Fund** helps with living expenses and the cost of health care for elderly religious who have no pension and only minimal Social Security benefits. Please be as generous as possible. Envelopes have been provided in your tithing packets, as well as at the door to the church.

BLOOD DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY!!!!
8:15AM-2:25PM in FFH.
Come save a life, donate blood!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: George Abato, Stephanie Bojarski, Maureen Borzell, Eileen Boyle, Rosaria Cali, Lorenzo Caracci, Dolly Colleary, James Cotov, Richard DeNardo, Angela DeSimone, Rosario Duran, Agnes Finnegan, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Martha Harris, Norma Henry, Patricia Hutzel, Frances Lombardi, Joan Marinelli, Rita Mascarenhas, Rosaleen McCabe, Ruth Mikol, Victorias Osorio, Romero Ruiz, Nellie Scuderi, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Alicia Witherby, Roy Witherby

Deceased: Andre F. LeGoff, Joan Marinelli

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this week in **loving memory of Vito Silecchia**, as requested by Madeline Silecchia.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Mary Ellen and Patrick Fitzpatrick**, as requested by Kathleen Fitzpatrick.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Mary Ellen and Patrick Fitzpatrick**, as requested by Kathleen Fitzpatrick.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week **for the health and intentions of Stella Giraldo**.

JUNE WEDDING

June 7th at 2:30pm, Ceremony
David Albert Thual & Jessica Lizeth Cisneros

BLOOD DRIVE

NEXT Sunday, June 7th, 8:15am-2:25pm in FFH.
For more info., please call the rectory.

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 29th to July 2nd and July 6th to July 9th**. 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!

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, June 5th, is the First Friday of the month. The following have been enrolled in the **Perpetual Mass Society:**

<i>Kenneth Madigan</i>	<i>Vita Sullivan (Ivg)</i>
<i>Pedro Giraldo</i>	<i>Maria Giraldo</i>
<i>Jose Daniel Rodriguez</i>	<i>Rose Curatola</i>
<i>Fay Guatelli</i>	<i>Margaret Clifford</i>
<i>Dr. Ricardo Ochotorena</i>	<i>Josephine Erker</i>
<i>Juanito Go</i>	<i>Anthony Scotta</i>
<i>James Lynch family (Ivg)</i>	<i>Kathleen Dolan</i>
<i>Thomas Kelleher</i>	<i>Bridie Browne</i>
<i>Msgr. Vincent F. Fullam (Ivg)</i>	<i>Alfredo Cruz</i>



“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 while boasting: *“I will not accept anything that I cannot understand.”* He, then proceeded to state, emphatically, *“take 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 from its rays. 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 something 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, we believe it, because He said it. In addition, we go 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 lights the mind and heart of each one of us. The sun produces heat; the Trinity pours forth spiritual heat—love for God and one another. The sun heals sickness and 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.

Is it any wonder that some primitive people worshipped the sun as God. They did not know there was Someone greater than the sun itself—Someone who made that sun as we recall in today's responsorial psalm: *“I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place.”*

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 our faith 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!!!!!!!”*

2015 CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Goal: \$63,130 Registered members: 816
Number of Donors: 157 (an increase of 7)
Amt Pledged to Date: \$58,443 (An increase of \$1,550)
Amt Paid to Date: \$45,891 (An increase of \$1,302)

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

***An increased number of donors will help to reach our goal and beyond!!!**

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

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday- 5pm (English)	\$ 266	\$1,741	\$2,007
Sunday 7:30am (English)	\$ 261	\$ 711	\$ 972
9:30am (English)	\$ 501	\$ 846	\$1,347
11:00am (English)	\$ 427	\$ 897	\$1,324
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 658	\$ 192	\$ 850
	\$2,078	\$4,422	\$6,500

Thanks for the Memories: \$962

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

2016 MASS BOOK OPENING

(January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016)

The Mass Book has opened for your Mass intentions. 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. There is a change in Mass Stipend amounts beginning in 2016—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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

School News

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Help for Families Paying Tuition is Within Reach!

In the final days of the legislative session in Albany, Governor Cuomo and key legislators are leading the fight to enact the Education Tax Credit. The governor's plan, called the Parental Choice in Education Act, will help keep Catholic schools affordable. The Act provides \$150 million in education tax credits annually that will provide:

- Tax credits directly to low and middle income families who send their children to Catholic and other schools
- Scholarships to students from low and middle income families to attend a school of their choice
- Donations to public schools for enhanced educational programming, and
- Tax credits to teachers for their out-of-pocket classroom expenses.

But We Need Your Help! Our Assemblywoman Margaret Markey is a supporter of the bill. Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and some Assembly Democrats are blocking this important bill.

Please take a few minutes to demand that your legislators enact the Education Tax Credit before they conclude their work in mid-June. Please go to www.nyscatholic.org to send an email to your lawmakers. You will also be prompted to call their office - which we urge you to do.

Thank you for doing your part in fighting for our families, children and parish schools.

RA CYO & INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION 2015-2016 SEASON - Registration for grades 3-8 only

Registration will take place in the RA gym on Sunday, June 14th from 10am-2pm. Registration forms are available in the RA Rectory. Please have the form filled out **BEFORE** coming to register. Please email Lou Iorio at loulou22@nyc.rr.com with any questions.

A GATHERING OF GRIEF

For anyone who is struggling with grief over the loss of a loved one. Saturday, June 13th, 1-3pm. Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston. Presented by Msgr. Joseph Calise in English and Sister Marined Fabre, OP in Spanish. \$10 registration fee.

Please go to www.ccbq.org/events/bereavement or call April Boone at (718) 722-6214 to register.

A THANK YOU... The Bridge to Life would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners and staff of Resurrection-Ascension. A special thank you to Joyce Mennona, who picked up and coordinated the bottles for the recent "baby bottle" campaign. To date, the baby bottle campaign collected a total of \$1,752.20. These donations will assist those who arrive at our doors in their time of need. God bless you all.

Very gratefully yours,
Virginia Gallo, Board of Directors

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Estelle Szyjka, MV
2nd Prize \$50 Mary Hart, Glendale
3rd Prize \$25 Catherine Albanese, 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, June 1st - St. Justin, Martyr

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Chair Exercise 11:30am FFH
- Golden Age 12:30pm FFH
- Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm FFH Garden
- Yoga Class 7-8pm CMR
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, June 2nd - Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

- Spanish Classes 10-12noon FFH Garden
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel
- English Classes 6:30-8:30pm PCC

Wednesday, June 3rd - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, June 4th

- Mommy & Me 9:30am CMR
- English Classes 6:30-8:30pm PCC
- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
- Yoga 7-8pm FFH Garden

Friday, June 5th - St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

- First Friday Perpetual Mass Society
- School Closed - Professional Day
- CODA 10am PCC
- Spanish Bible Study Group 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

Saturday, June 6th - St. Norbert, Bishop; BVM

- OCA 10am PCC
- Spanish Adoration 11am Church, Rosary in FFH Chapel
- Spanish Service 3pm-5pm PCC
- Spanish Classes 5-6pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, June 7th - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

- Blood Drive 8:15am-7:15pm FFH
- Graduate's Mass 9:30am followed by reception in Gym
- Divino Nino 1:30pm Church & Reception after in Gym
- Wedding 2:30pm Church
- Alanon 12 noon PCC



Please keep in your prayers our 8th graders who will be graduating next week. We wish them continued success in high school!

Fatima, Lourdes, and Santiago deCompostela.
11days: Nov. 10-20. Hosted by Fr. John Mendonca.
\$2879 per person from NY. For more information, call (718) 897-4444, ext. 301 or pola@nyc.rr.com.

