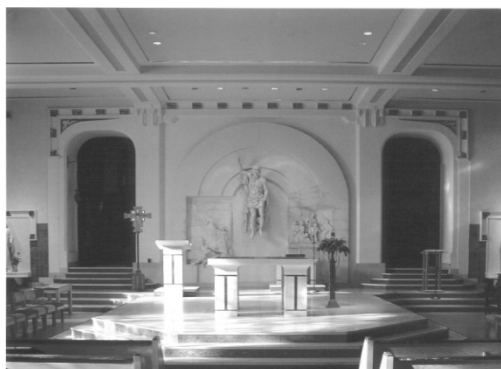


SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

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

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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 Fourth Sunday of Easter (A). The Readings are found at #1085 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 8th

9:00am Patrick Columb, req by Denis and Maureen O'Connell

Tuesday, May 9th

9:00am Robert Doyle, req by the Guez family

Wednesday, May 10th

9:00am Rosalia Realmuto, req by the Dioguardi family

Thursday, May 11th

9:00am Fr. John Harris, req by the Grogan family

Friday, May 12th

9:00am James and Mary McDaniel (anniv), req by their daughter, Mary Harrington, and family

Saturday, May 13th

9:00am – For the People of the Parish
-Mildred Levinson, req by Donald and Maureen Kelly, and family
-Anton Bruder, req by his daughter, Catherine
-for the intentions of Adrian Noel P. Santiago (bday), and family, req by mom
-Kathleen McNulty, req by her sister, Angela McCarthy
-Mary E. Neville, req by John and Monica Murphy
-Kathleen Dolan, req by her daughter and family

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

Sunday, May 14th – Fifth Sunday of Easter
(52: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12)

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*



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.*

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is currently in need of the following items: tuna, pasta, rice, cereal, canned vegetables, soups, and coffee. Donations can be dropped off at the rectory, or to the Food Pantry on Monday & Wednesday from 10am-noon. Thank you and God bless you!

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, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Alicia Witherby

Deceased: Jenneh M. Kallon, Jim Hopkins

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Dorothy McDonald**, as requested by Carol Scalossi.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Pedro and Maria Giraldo**, as requested by their daughter.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in **loving memory James and Mary McDaniel (anniversary)**, as requested by their daughter, Mary Harrington, and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be NO Children's Liturgy and NO Sunday School next Sunday, May 14th.



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 26th to June 30th, and July 5th to July 7th.**

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.

THANK YOU

Last weekend, many children in our Parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Chappeto gave a wonderful homily, and the children were perfect. It would not have been possible without the many volunteers who devoted their time at the practices, and the Confirmation itself. We are so grateful to have so many dedicated volunteers who gave so much of their time to help make a beautiful celebration for the children, and their families. May God bless you for all that you do. Thank you.

YOU CAN STILL ENROLL IN ONLINE GIVING!

We offer the option to use Online Giving for contributions to our parish! It is secure, convenient, and simple! You can keep track of your donations, adjust them, and print out your donation information for your financial records. You can stop, or start, at any time, enroll in automatic contributions, or simply make a one-time donation. Registering is easy- just visit our parish website www.rachurch.net, and click on Online Giving.



JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On the fourth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel always makes reference to the dedication, care, and concern of a “Good Shepherd”. At the end of the day, shepherds would bring their sheep to a common sheepfold, leading them through a gate that was guarded during the night. Shepherds would also give names to their sheep and call to them when daylight came, leading them back out to pasture. Because the sheep recognized the shepherd’s voice, there would be little, if any, chance of a “mix-up” with sheep that belonged to other shepherds.

The idea that shepherds had a name for each of their sheep brings home to us the vast difference between a “good shepherd” and a stranger. To begin with, the “good shepherd” was concerned—not only for the flock—but for *each of the sheep* within the flock. Therefore, the “good shepherd” knows them and they know him. As John’s Gospel reminds us: “they will *not* follow a stranger; rather, they will *run away from* any stranger because they do not recognize the *voice of strangers*.”

Notably, in the Greek language, there are two words which are used for “good”—*agathos* and *kalos*. *Agathos* refers to moral goodness, as in being a “good person.” *Kalos* refers to being “good at” something. With certainty, Jesus is the “GOOD SHEPHERD” in both senses. However, the word used in the Gospel is *kalos*—emphasizing **His being “good at shepherding”**.

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus, “The Good Shepherd”, knows His sheep by name, leads them to safety when darkness falls, and returns them to pasture. This “Good Shepherd” was willing to lay down His life for them. Most comforting of all, He came then—and comes now—so that we, too, “might have life” and, also, “have it more abundantly.” In other words, the person of Jesus *becomes our gate*. At the same time, we can trust that with His guidance, we will discover *where* we can go safely—and where we cannot. Finally, by following the voice of our shepherd, we, too, learn appropriate boundaries.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

A Glimpse at your contributions... April 29/30:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 245	\$1,626	\$1,871
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 468	\$ 877	\$1,345
9:30am (English)	\$ 697	\$ 605	\$1,302
11:00am (English)	\$ 611	\$ 833	\$1,444
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 522	\$ 85	\$ 607
	\$2,543	\$4,026	\$6,569

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$1,290

Parishioners enrolled in Online Giving: 39

Total weekly collection: \$7,859

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

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!!

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: \$343,685

\$343,685 - \$63,130 (ACA goal)= \$280,555

Half of \$280,555 = \$140,277.50 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

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will be accepting your donations toward the diocesan collection to benefit **The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**.

Proceeds from this collection will assist with the completion of the central and final dome in mosaic, The Holy Trinity.

An envelope has been provided in your tithing packet.

Thank you for your generosity.

2017 CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

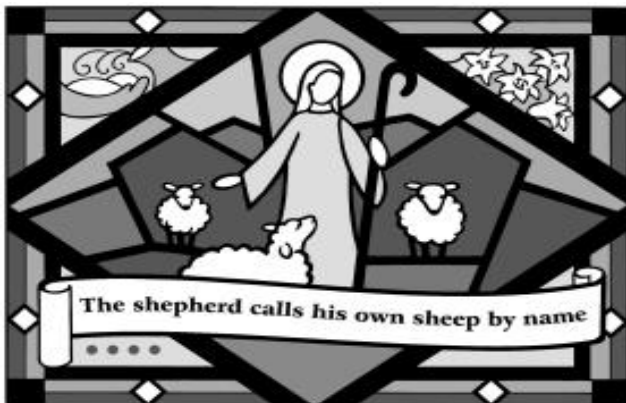
Goal: \$63,130 Registered members: 815

Number of Donors: 69 (an increase of 8)

Amount Pledged to Date: \$33,095 (an increase of \$1,230)

Amount Paid to Date: \$22,138 (an increase of \$1,363)

*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!!!**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Welcome Wednesdays

We will be conducting Spring Open Houses during the month of May. We invite any families who would be interested in our school to visit, tour our building and get an information folder. Open Houses will take place from 9am-11am on Wednesdays in May: May 3, May 10, and May 17. If these dates and times are not convenient, please call the school office at 718-426-4963.

Congratulations to our **Students of the Month** who demonstrated cooperation as St. Dominic Savio did:

Kindergarten A	Madeline Ng
Kindergarten B	Ellai De La Cruz
Grade 1	Isabella Carrera
Grade 2	Madison Wong
Grade 3A	Brian Lancea
Grade 3B	Ebube Ajulu
Grade 4	Mia Reyes Vasquez
Grade 5	Adrian Ruiz
Grade 6	Jaden Dewer
Grade 7	Brianna Rivera
Grade 8	Gabriella Neves

2018 MASS BOOK OPENING

(January 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 are 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.

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Mrs. Maureen Sawey, Whitestone
2nd Prize \$50 Carol George, MV
3rd Prize \$25 Emanuel Bologna, MV

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 8th

-Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
-Golden Age 12noon FFH
-Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
-Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, May 9th

-Children's Choir 3pm Church
-Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
-Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel
-English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Wednesday, May 10th- St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

-Mommy and Me 9:30-10:30am CMR
-Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
-Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
-Spanish Choir 6pm Church
-English Choir 7:30pm Church
-School Board Meeting 7pm RMR
-Pre-Cana 7-9:30pm FFH Main
-Volleyball 6-8pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, May 11th

-Spanish Rosary 6:30-7:30pm FFH Chapel
-Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm FFH
-Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
-English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Friday, May 12th- Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

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

Saturday, May 13th- Our Lady of Fatima

-OCA 10am PCC; Gym Closed
-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 14th- Fifth Sunday of Easter

-Mother's Day
-No Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
-No Sunday School
-No Youth Group
-Spanish Rosary 1:30-2:30pm Small Schoolyard
-Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2:30pm & Reception 3:30-7pm FFH
-Alanon 12noon PCC

FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE

Our next drawing of the Four Seasons Parish Raffle will take place on **Monday, June 26th**. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Rectory beginning Monday, May 15th, and will also be inserted into the May 21st bulletin. With summer approaching, who couldn't use some vacation money???? ☺

