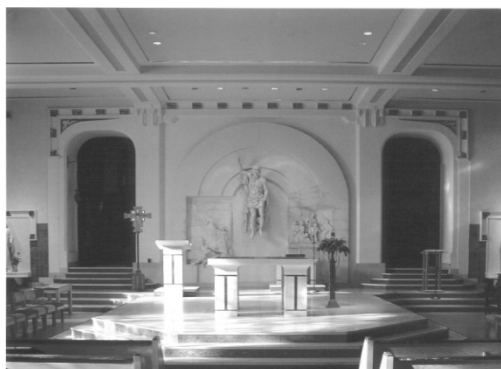


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Readings are found at #1205 in the Parish Hymnal.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 20th

9:00am Francisco Mempin Jr. and Francisco Mempin, Sr., req by the Eng family

Tuesday, November 21st

9:00am Giuseppe and Madalena Tantillo, req by the Tantillo family

Wednesday, November 22nd

9:00am Donlon and LaManna families, req by Jane

Thursday, November 23rd

9:30am *Parish Mass of Thanksgiving*

Friday, November 24th

9:00am Sante Guatelli, req by Julie Infranco

Saturday, November 25th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish
-Alecia Judge, req by Josephine Hartnett
-Fr. Brian Coffey, req by Josephine Hartnett
-for the intentions of Bridie Hartnett, req by her family

5:00pm Anthony Pappalardo, req by his wife, Renee, and family

Sunday, November 26th – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(160: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6
1Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46)

8:00am Bill Rahner, req by Janice, Leanne, and Chris Rahner

9:30am John and Mary Dunne, req by their daughter, Eileen, and family

11:00am Neal Jr., Angela, and Neal Forte, req by their family

12:30pm Animas del Pulgartorio, req by the Giraldo family

THANKSGIVING DAY

Please note that the **Thanksgiving Day Mass celebration will take place at 9:30am**. Also, the **Rectory will be CLOSED** on Thursday, November 23rd, Friday, November 24th, and Saturday, November 25th.

We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving!

UTILITY FUND

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donation to our Utility Fund, which includes both fuel and electric. An envelope has been included in your regular tithing packet. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

HOLD THE DATES!

Prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas with Scripture! November 21, 28; December 5, 12, 19. Tuesdays 10-11am in Fr. Feely Hall. Reading, discussion, and prayer about the Scriptures of the Mass for the following Sunday. All are welcome. Come when you can. Bring a friend. Facilitator: John Cleary (718) 662-6069

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Josephine Bravchok, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Martha Chaves, Mercedes Coral, Richard DeNardo, Louis F. Rossi Favia, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Agnes Finegan, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Eileen Grubb, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, Kathy O'Connell, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Zoila Orellana, Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

Deceased: Ernst Craan, Freddy Taveras

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Kenneth and Kay Madigan, Pat McCarthy, and Connelly, Madigan, McCarthy, and Gil families.**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Dotty Fitz**, as requested by Judy, Bob, Heather, and Sean Belon.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Nancy Kerrane**, as requested by William Kerrane, and family..

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There will be NO Sunday School or Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday, November 26th.

Pizza & Advent Activity in the Auditorium on Sunday, December 3, from 12 PM - 1:30 PM. The cost is \$5 which includes, pizza, an activity, and A Charlie Brown Christmas played in the background. Register online at www.rachurch.net under the "Religious Education" tab.

This weekend we highlight **the children in our parish preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation** this spring. We invite you to take a bookmark, found at the entrances of the church, displaying a child's name on it, and pray for that child as he/she prepares to be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit this spring.

RA GOLDEN AGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Golden Age Group will be celebrating their Christmas Party on Monday, December 4th at 12noon at Villa Erasmo (69-61 Juniper Blvd South, Middle Village). The cost is \$47 per person. For tickets or more information, please call Maureen Rahill at (718) 651-4544 (*please let phone ring 6 times and leave a message*). We hope to see you there for a pleasant afternoon!

ALL SOULS BOOK OF OUR CHERISHED DECEASED

We remind you that the **Book of Our Cherished Deceased** will be in the Narthex of the church, and will remain there throughout the month of November. You are invited to inscribe the names of those whom you would like to remember and commend to the Lord in a special way.

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

MAKING (Maximum) USE OF GOD'S GIFTS

We may not always be conscious of the fact that it takes a tremendous amount of courage to entrust something precious to someone else. For example, new parents may experience hesitation when the time comes for them to leave their newborn, in a babysitter's care, especially for the very first time. In addition, heirlooms passed down, from one generation to the next, may also be given with a reminder to "use", or "wear", [whatever is given], "with great care". Therefore, when we have the occasion to entrust another with a precious gift, there is that "unwritten covenant" which presumes the recipient will use the gift wisely, and responsibly.

The above scenarios describe the covenant between the "master, and his servants," in the Gospel for this weekend. Here, Jesus informs His audience that the master entrusted his precious possessions to the servants. Notably, this was not a random scattering of excess monies. Rather, the master gave particular thought to *what each servant should receive*--based on his abilities. As the Gospel relates, the master was thrilled with the manner in which the first two servants made use of his gift. However, he was, apparently, gravely disappointed with the third servant's use (or lack) of his gift, in addition to his obvious refusal to use the gift responsibly.

Upon hearing this Gospel, may we come to recognize the Master represents God, the servants could be a reflection of ourselves, and the talents are indicative of God's many gifts to us. As a result, this Gospel challenges us to consider whether we have pondered our own "unwritten covenant" with God. And, such a "covenant" speaks of God's courageous choice to entrust to us what is *precious to Him*, as well as an expectation that we will use these gifts to the best of our ability.

The Gospel, also, helps us to realize that God's gifts are not randomly scattered but, rather, they are confidently *entrusted to us* for our use in *servicing others*. Some examples to consider are: taking the time to look at the gift of our "good health"; "ample food", at our disposal, as we approach Thanksgiving, and the food associated with the holiday season; "creative talents" that enrich the lives of others, and the gift of "compassion" associated with followers of Christ. Hopefully, our own recognition of God's gifts will—at the same time-- help us to consider how they can be used well—and, even more importantly, with an awareness that such gifts are also to be used in the service of the Lord, and of one another.

A GLIMPSE AT OUR FUTURE BASKETBALL PROS

For the past two months, our Parish Athletic Representative (PAR), Lou Iorio, coordinated, an instructional Basketball Program for 142 boys and girls from Pre-K, Kindergarten, as well as 1st and 2nd graders. On Saturday, October 15th, two sessions took place to conclude, [and award], our "future pros" with trophies in order to acknowledge their efforts as they learned the basics of the sport.

In addition to the above, it is important to note that, at the present time, we now have 16 CYO teams affiliated with Resurrection-Ascension, which consist of 13 boys' teams and 3 girls' teams, totaling 155 children, who are participating during this basketball season. Please note that these teams encompass grades 2-12.

Therefore, we thank Lou Iorio-- who has faithfully assumed the responsibilities of Parish Athletic Representative (PAR), as well as the coaches, and all the volunteers, who have given of their TIME and TALENT through their efforts resulting in a viable sports program for so many of our youngsters, including, also, our teens.

Please note that on **Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd**, our celebration of the Eucharist will take place at **9:30am**. Although not considered to be a holyday, it is always gratifying to notice so many who elect to begin this day by worshipping—especially since this, also, becomes the day when our nation stops, reflects, and expresses "thanks" for the blessings that we have received. Obviously, in this context, the very First One to direct, and express, our "THANKS" to is God. And, of course, the best place to offer our "THANKS" is through the Eucharist which, when translated, means "THANKSGIVING". (For those who have not done so in the past, please consider joining us on this day, at 9:30am). Finally, as a helpful reminder, 9:30 is a later start time than the usual weekday Masses.

A BELATED "THANK YOU"

In the name of our parish community, we wish to express our "thanks" to James Falco, of Jalco Plumbing, for helping to add some "finishing touches" to our newly renovated mens' bathroom. In addition to his assistance regarding this area, there have been many instances, throughout the year, when we have had to call upon "Jimmy" for various plumbing issues—whether in the school, convent, or rectory. He has always been prompt in responding to our requests for emergencies, as well as any other situations that require ongoing maintenance. His business and telephone number can be found on 85th Street, across from the rectory, should our parishioners find the need for plumbing repairs, etc.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

☺ RESURRECTION – ASCENSION ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 who received their class rings this week. This is the first of many exciting events that will take place during this special year.

Stop and Shop A+ Rewards

Have you registered your Stop and Shop card yet? Before you go out to do your Thanksgiving shopping, take a moment to register your Stop and Shop card on the A+ Rewards website. A percentage of your shopping totals are donated back to our school. Visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus, enter your card number and our school number 05958.

A Glimpse at your contributions... November 11/12:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 349	\$1,755	\$2,104
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 343	\$ 804	\$1,147
9:30am (English)	\$ 457	\$ 413	\$ 870
11:00am (English)	\$ 522	\$ 632	\$1,154
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 499	\$ 97	\$ 596
	\$2,170	\$3,701	\$5,871

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$668 (via 51 enrollees)
Total weekly collection: \$6,539 (this week's deficit= \$3,112)
Weekly goal needed to meet parish expenses: \$9,651
Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

YOUTH GROUP

will meet **NOT meet today, Sunday, November 19th**.
 They **WILL** meet next Sunday, November 26th.
 For info, call Jim Shearer at (917) 597-8807.

*Wishing you and your family a
Happy Thanksgiving!*

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Ailin Borkowski, RP
 2nd Prize \$50 Barbara Levinson, MV
 3rd Prize \$25 Anne Messina, Long Beach

Congratulations to all our winners!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 20th

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC, Golden Age 12noon FFH
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, November 21st - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Scripture Discussion 10-11am FFH Main
- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- Track 4-5pm, Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC, -Pre-Cana 7-9pm FFH
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, November 22nd – St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

- Food Pantry Closed, FFH Closed
- School Thanksgiving Prayer Service 10:45am Church
- Spanish Choir 6:30pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day

- Parish Mass of Thanksgiving 9:30am Church
- All Facilities Closed

Friday, November 24th - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

- Rectory Closed, School Closed
- No CODA
- No Twirling, No Spanish Bible Study
- Basketball Practice Gym

Saturday, November 25th – St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr, BVM

- Rectory Closed, OCA 10am PCC
- CYO Basketball Gym
- No Spanish Classes, No Spanish Service
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, November 26th- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- No Children's Liturgy, No Sunday School
- Youth Group 12noon-1:30pm Garden Room
- Adoration 1:30pm Church
- Vespers 3pm Church
- CYO Basketball Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

CATHOLIC APPEAL YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON

2015

Goal: \$63,130
 Registered Members: 819
 Number of Donors: 197
 Amount Pledged to Date: \$76,643
 Amount Paid to Date: \$69,696

2017

Goal: \$63,130
 Registered Members: 817
 Number of Donors: 153 (*an increase of 2*)
 Amount Pledged to Date: \$57,135 (*an increase of \$1,100*)
 Amount Paid to Date: \$51,699 (*\$11,431 SHORT OF GOAL, due by Dec. 31st*)

**Resurrection Ascension Church
Society of St. Vincent Parish Outreach**
invites you to

BE AN ANGEL



Be An Angel requests will be available in the Church Meeting room for you to take, or feel free to purchase gift-cards to the following stores, and drop them off to us marked "Be An Angel": CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aide, & Target. We would also take gift certificates to a local Barber. Men's and women's toiletries, hats and gloves also welcome (unwrapped). These items may be dropped off at the Church Meeting Room, FFH, or Rectory by Monday, December 11. God bless you!



FOUR SEASONS "FALL" RAFFLE HAS BEGUN.....

Tickets are available for purchase at the Rectory, and are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. They are also included in this bulletin for your convenience. The holidays are coming!! Everyone can use some extra \$\$\$ Drawing to be held on Monday, Dec. 18th. A perfect Christmas gift!

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound, if you know of someone who needs a meal(s) for Thanksgiving who are homebound, kindly contact me with all the details. Blessings!
Joyce (718) 533-7898 or jmennona@hotmail.com.
Also, **Cookies for the Homebound for Thanksgiving** can be picked up in the Sacristy.

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

We have a limited supply of
AT HOME WITH THE WORD books
for EMHC who have made use of them in the past. These books are available and may be picked up at the Rectory on a "first come, first served" basis.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Boy Scout Troop 106 will be selling Christmas wreaths after all the Masses on the weekend of, December 2/3. Stop by and purchase a wreath to "spruce" up your home for the holidays and support the Boy Scouts.

Donations for Madison York

We are currently accepting donations of new or very gently used items for Madison York's annual Christmas / Holiday events. Please no clothes or stuffed animals. Soap sets, toiletries, pocket books, costume jewelry, wallets, tchotchkes, and the like are gladly accepted at Father Feely Hall on Mondays or the CMR on Sundays. Thank you!



THANKSGIVING OUTREACH



Dinner will be prepared and delivered
to the elderly, sick, and homebound of our parish on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 2017.

(Dinner WILL NOT be served in Fr. Feely Hall.)

HELP IS NEEDED!!!

Turkey Donations & Turkey Breasts can be dropped off at Fr. Feely Hall on
Monday, November 20th, between 10-12noon,
or email Joyce at jmennona@hotmail.com, to make a drop-off appointment.
Drivers for Delivery of Meals on Thanksgiving Day (12noon-1pm)

If you can help in any of these areas, please call Donna Ryan at (646) 675-6191.

2018 MASS BOOK OPENING (July-August-September only)

The Mass Book will be open for your Mass intentions beginning Tuesday, December 12th at 10am in the rectory. You may come to the rectory during regular business hours to make your requests.

Please remember, the rectory closes from 12noon-1pm. We are limiting Mass requests to 5 Masses.

If you can be flexible with the DATE and 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.

Reminder: the offering for a Sunday Mass is \$25 per Mass, weekday Masses remain \$15.

Saturday Masses at 9am will continue to include collective intentions at \$10 each, for a maximum of 10 intentions.

2018 MEMORIALS (January-December)

We will begin taking requests for the 2018 Memorials on Tuesday, December 12th at 10am. You may stop in the rectory during regular business hours to reserve the Memorials for Wine & Hosts, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Candles, etc. Please note that no phone requests will be taken. The donation remains \$25.

