

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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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(*Receptionist en Español- Saturdays 9am -1pm*)
Heather Belon (*Bookkeeper*)- hbelonra@aol.com
Cathy Mesa- 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 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Readings are found at #1190 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 16th

9:00am intentions of Rosaleen McGee, req by Kathleen Flynn

Tuesday, October 17th

9:00am James McLnerney, req by Mary McLoughlin

Wednesday, October 18th

9:00am Anne Wright, req by Sister Richard Maureen

Thursday, October 19th

9:00am Ezio Benini, req by Stephanie Bojarski

Friday, October 20th

9:00am John and Giuseppa Dioguardi, req by the Dioguardi family

Saturday, October 21st

9:00am- For the People of the Parish

-Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. Dooley, req by Donald and Maureen Kelly and family

-Pastora Contreras, req by her daughter, Julieta Gurler, and family

-Elsie Krupa, req by Jane Donlon

-Herta Verderber req by Ann Ruebenacker

5:00pm Dennis O'Connell, req by Bridie Grogan and family

Sunday, October 22nd – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(145: Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10
1Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21)

8:00am Rosemarie Ostrowski, req by John and Monica Murphy

9:30am Josephine M. Thompson, req by Anna Italiano Halde

11:00am Al Grogan, req by his grandchildren

12:30pm health and intentions of Sefi-Motteli req by Eva Vasquez

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, our parish will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekend's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. For more information, please visit www.IAmAMissionary.org.

CALLED BY NAME

All the parishes of the Diocese of Brooklyn are participating in CALLED BY NAME, a campaign of vocations awareness that begins this weekend. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations, to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish, and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Perhaps you know a man or woman who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest, sister, or brother. Please recommend this person by filling out the response card found in church. This weekend or next weekend, place complete card in the collection basket.

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: Herta Verderder, Manuel Mosquera

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

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

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week for the Hispanic people of the parish, as requested by Stella Giraldo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday School will meet next Sunday, October 22nd, at the 9:30am Mass. CLW will meet at the 9:30am Mass.

ATTENTION SENIORS!!!

The Golden Age Group welcomes you to join us every Monday for a pleasant afternoon in FFH. Our monthly socials have become a popular addition. Interested? Come and see what it is all about!

BRING A MEAL TO MASS

We invite you to "bring a meal" of non-perishable items every 1st Sunday of the month when you come to Mass. Items may be left in the Church Meeting Room. The next BRING A MEAL TO MASS collection date will be the weekend of November 4/5. We ask you to consider what makes up a meal: pasta, sauce, cake mix, canned vegetables, anything NON-PERISHABLE that we can store in our Food Pantry. Donations may also be brought to the rectory throughout the month as well. Thank you!

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICE FAIR

Sunday, October 22nd from 9am-2pm in the Auditorium. Free Health Screenings, Health Information, Social Services Information. Co-Sponsored by RA Parish, Elmhurst Hospital, and Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens.

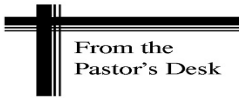
R.A. YOUTH GROUP

What is a Youth Group? Well, we meet once a week and do many different things: we put on a talent show, play sports, cook in the kitchen, volunteer in the community, and make sure things are going well in your teenage life. Grades 8-12. Sundays from 12-1:30pm, in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall. Any questions, give me call/email: (917) 597-8807 / milkit4@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Each Saturday in Dry Harbor Nursing Home, we celebrate Mass or hold a Communion Service. Volunteers are needed to transport the patients to Mass. Also, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed to bring Communion to patients in their rooms after the service. If you are interested, email jmnonna@hotmail.com, or call (718) 533-7898. Thank you.

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An Invitation to be “24/7” Christians

For the past *three* Sundays, the Gospels have consisted of parables intending to *indict the religious leaders* of that time for: their self-righteousness, their assumption of God’s favor, and for their rejection of Jesus. In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus compares the religious leaders to “wedding guests” who decline an invitation extended to them. Some make the claim that they must attend to “*more important matters*”; others believe they need not come because they are “*already in good graces with the host.*”

This Gospel story appears to include an additional situation which does not settle well for the religious leaders, especially since it is the “outsiders” who accept the invitations. In this instance, Jesus indicates that the religious leaders cannot “slide by in the Father’s eyes”. In other words, salvation is guaranteed to no one—especially not to those who reject the Father’s invitation.

Listeners, today, might easily dismiss this story as one that does not, really, apply to them. However, generally speaking, who would reject an invitation to God’s banquet? Yet, aren’t there times when we may be inclined to put other responsibilities and activities before our relationship with God? And, are there not times when we take God’s love for granted? Some may think: “God can’t possibly expect me to live as a Christian for ‘24/7’”. Examples of such are as follows: “That little lie I told is not so bad.” And, “God always forgives us, right?” Also, “Do we really have to try that hard?”

If the above thoughts sound familiar, it should not surprise us that we have more in common with the above invited wedding guests than we may have thought. Essentially, our response to God’s invitation should really be ***an ongoing, daily response*** instead of one given only “*when it is convenient.*” Notably, all of us have important responsibilities. However, it is crucial to realize that we cannot accomplish any of them without God—a truth that St. Paul echoes in the second reading: “I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers me.” Therefore, with these words first on our lips, we can (“RSVP”) to God’s invitation with a resounding “yes” –and one that encompasses a renewed commitment and conviction.

Finally, it is noteworthy that, over the past few weeks, the scriptures have provided us with a *feast of images describing God’s abundant mercy*. Today’s image of the *heavenly banquet* completes the picture of God’s generosity and, subsequently, shifts the attention to our response concerning God’s generous invitation as we pray:

*Lord, I am grateful for your guidance along safe paths.
Help me to ALWAYS remain close to you and to walk with You
ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE*

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

SPECIAL DISASTER COLLECTIONS

Bishop DiMarzio has authorized the parishes of the Brooklyn Diocese to hold an Emergency Disaster Relief Collection TODAY for the **Victims of the Mexican Earthquake**. If you are not prepared to donate this weekend, you can always drop off your donation at the rectory, or include it in next weekend’s regular donation. *Please make any checks payable to Resurrection-Ascension, so we are able to send one check reflecting our donation as a parish.* Thank you for your generosity to those affected by these terrible natural disasters.

MATERIAL GOODS DONATION COLLECTION

Bishop DiMarzio has asked each parish to take up a collection of “material goods” for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Catholic Charities, in conjunction with Catholic Charities in Puerto Rico, along with a generous arrangement from Jet Blue Airlines, will be shipping the items to Puerto Rico for distribution. Items requested are as follows: ***bottled water/water purifying tablets, NON-PERISHABLE food/ canned food (rice, beans, crackers, etc), baby food and formula, diapers for babies and adults, disposable wipes, flashlights and batteries, first aid supplies (bandages, gauze, tape, antibiotic ointment, aspirin, anti-diarrhea, nausea, sunburn medication, sunscreen), personal hygiene products (feminine products, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, foot care, towels, toilet paper), sanitizers/cleaning products (antibacterial soap, bleach, sponges, brushes, mops, brooms, paper towels, gloves, masks, garbage bags).*** ***NO CLOTHING PLEASE.***

Any donations are asked to be dropped off to the Church Meeting, or the rectory during business hours, **by this Wednesday, October 18th**. Thank you for your generosity, especially during this time of dire need.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

☺ **RESURRECTION – ASCENSION** ☺ **CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS**

Congratulations to this year's Student Council officers and representatives:

President Raffi Chirinian
Vice-President Samantha DelRosario
Secretary Micah Gagarin
Treasurer Kenneth Chase

Representatives:

Grade 4A Delvis Valdes and Ebube Ajulu
 Grade 4B Zoe Gagarin and King Kwan
 Grade 5 Liam Sweeney and Caitlyn Ortiz
 Grade 6 Leslie Chiu and Jeremy Fernandes
 Grade 7 George Tena and Anais Lipan
 Grade 8 Bella Baez and Branden Gotay

SAVE THE DATE

Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy's
LADIES NIGHT OUT

Saturday, November 18th. More information to come....

A Glimpse at your contributions... October 7/8:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 568	\$1,864	\$2,432
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 98	\$1,177	\$1,275
9:30am (English)	\$ 426	\$ 385	\$ 811
11:00am (English)	\$ 533	\$ 768	\$1,301
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 509	\$ 57	\$ 566
	\$2,134	\$4,251	\$6,385

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$628 (via 51 enrollees)

Total weekly collection: \$7,013 (this week's deficit= 2,638)

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST SEASON III

The theme "In the Footsteps of Christ" has begun. They meet on Thursday mornings in FFH following the 9am Mass (around 9:45am). Light refreshments will be served. For more info, call (718) 533-7898, or speak with Joan Franco.

LAVANTATE

Has begun on Saturdays and takes place from 4-7pm in Fr. Feely Hall-Garden Room, and runs for 6 weeks.

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Cathy & Mike Mesa, RP
 2nd Prize \$50 Betty Angier, MV
 3rd Prize \$25 Mrs. Maria Gugliuzza, MV

Congratulations to all our winners!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 16th- St. Hedwig, Religious;
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
 -Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
 -Golden Age 12noon FFH, Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
 -Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
 -NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, October 17th- St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr
 -Children's Choir 3pm Church
 -Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
 -English Classes 6-8pm PCC
 -Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, October 18th- St. Luke, Evangelist
 -Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
 -English Choir 7:30pm
 -Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
 - NA 7:30pm PCC and FFH Main

Thursday, October 19th- Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues,
Priests

-Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
 -Arise Together in Christ 9:45-11:30am FFH Garden
 -Viicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
 -Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym
 -English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Friday, October 20th- St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

-CODA 10am PCC; Twirling 4-7pm FFH
 -Gym Closed, No Basketball Practice
 -Twirling 4-7pm FFH Main
 -Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden

Saturday, October 21st- BVM

-OCA 10am PCC
 -Gym Closed, No Basketball
 -Levantate 4-7pm FFH Garden
 -Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
 -Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, October 22nd- Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-World Mission Sunday
 -Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
 -Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
 -Health Fair 10-2pm Gym
 -Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
 -Alanon 12noon PCC

KNIGHTS WANTED..... We are looking for new members to join Knights of Columbus Juniper Valley Council 14578. For more information, call Joe McAteer at (718) 478-7025.

CATHOLIC APPEAL YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON

2015

Goal: \$63,130
 Registered Members: 817
 Number of Donors: 194
 Amount Pledged to Date: \$75,938
 Amount Paid to Date: \$67,759

2017

Goal: \$63,130
 Registered Members: 817
 Number of Donors: 146 (an increase of 1)
 Amount Pledged to Date: \$53,665 (an increase of \$100)
 Amount Paid to Date: \$47,561 (\$15,569 SHORT OF GOAL)

