

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

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 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).
The Readings are found at #1195 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, October 17th

9:00am Arline Blanke, req by Mary Harrington and Mary Christy

Tuesday, October 18th

9:00am for the intentions of Fr. Amato

Wednesday, October 19th

9:00am Paul Lin and Maria Jiang, req by their granddaughter, Jasmine

Thursday, October 20th

9:00am Arline Blanke, req by the Rahill family

Friday, October 21st

9:00am Arline Blanke, req by Julie Infranco

Saturday, October 22nd

9:00am-for the People of the Parish
-for the intentions of blessings of the Chang-Range family, req by Carmen Chang
-Virginia Moriarty, req by Ann Wenz and family
-Mary Ann Griffin, req by Ann Wenz and family

5:00pm Danell, Hatton, and Rahill families, req by the Rahill family

Sunday, October 23rd – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(150: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14)

8:00am Thomas and Mary Neville, req by John and Monica Murphy

9:30am Adolf and Rosa Stalzer, req by Irmgard and Richard

11:00am Al Grogan, req by his wife, Bridie, and family

12:30pm Rosa Orrego (anniv), req by her granddaughter, Jewsin Munoz

ARE YOU OVER 55? Have some free time on your hands? Want to get out and meet new people? Do you like to play cards? Bring a deck! Come to the next Golden Age meeting in Fr. Feely Hall. Our next meeting is October 17th at 12noon. Refreshments are served. Our monthly holiday socials have become a popular addition. Interested?? Stop by!!

MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

To all parishioners... Please join our Marian Rosary Group as we honor Mary this month with the recitation of her rosary, followed by a discussion on the meaning of these prayers and all the blessings they bring to our lives, and our world. We look forward to seeing you on October 27th at 7:30pm in the Garden Room in Fr. Feely Hall. Refreshments are served.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICE FAIR

Sunday, October 23rd from 9am-2pm in the Auditorium.
See the enclosed flyer for more info!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Joseph Arigo, Stephanie Bojarski, Maureen Borzell, Paul Borzell, Richard DeNardo, Louis F., Ida Fernandes, Agnes Finegan, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Eileen Grubb, George Harms, Pat Holahan, James Leung, Carmen Mayor, Kathy O'Connell, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Jovina Rios, Julio Rosado, Frank Russo, Vincent Russo, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Alicia Witherby

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Joseph** will be used at all the Masses this week **in loving memory of Eileen McMahon**, as requested by Mary Sammon, and family.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week **for the health and intentions of Rev. Salvatore Amato**, as requested by the Chang family.

There are still many weeks available on the various memorials for the remainder of 2016. Stop in or call the rectory for more information. The donation is \$25. Beginning October 31st, we will be accepting major credit cards at the rectory for your convenience.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is still time to register your child for Sunday School. Please visit www.rachurch.net to register online, or pick up a registration form in the Rectory during business hours.

HOLD THE DATES!

Prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas with Scripture! October 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13, 20. 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

MAINTENANCE FUND

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to our **Parish Maintenance Fund**. Your contributions will help to offset the *rising costs* of both building and ground maintenance in our parish. Envelopes have been provided in your tithing packet. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

R.A. YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Grop will not meet TODAY, but will return next Sunday, October 23rd.
Grades 8-12. Sundays from 12-1:30pm, in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall. Any questions, call or email our Youth Minister, Jim Shearer at (917) 597-8807 or 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. If you are interested, please call Joyce Mennona at (718) 533-7898, or email her at jmennona@hotmail.com.



”THE POWER OF (PERSISTENT) PRAYER”

Many can attest to the fact that we can be “worn down” by someone,(or experience) pestering us in a way that that is, especially, persistent. With that in mind, a similar situation took place within the Gospel reading for this weekend as Jesus relates the parable of the widow seeking justice, and who succeeds in wearing down an admittedly hardened judge, due to her persistence. Consequently, we may, at times, think that “giving in” to the persistent requests from others can, also, be a sign of weakness—on our part-- and something we ought to outgrow. However, in this Gospel message, Jesus seems to be reminding us that it is “OK” to [repeatedly] ask for *what we need*.

An essential aspect of our faith means that we are willing to express to God our cares, our needs and our desires-- simply because we believe “we ‘urgently need’ what we seek” or, our gracious God “wants to give it to us”. However, an essential part of growing up, and manifesting a mature faith, also means that we recognize *which* of our needs are the ones truly worthy of being met. Here, we may learn to distinguish between *whims and true* needs. Fortunately, our (persevering) faith should remind us that God will also be patient with us --while we learn this lesson.

We should be aware, also, that prayers, and other religious rituals are *not* magic. In addition, both *persistence* and *perseverance* are very strong virtues. Although the widow in this Gospel is seeking justice, it is important to note that this is not a whim, on her part, or a selfish desire that should keep her from knocking at the judge’s door. It is noteworthy that, while she believes in the “rightness of her cause; at the same time, she is not going to be *dissuaded* if her *first attempt* does *not* get a response.

Part of the message that Jesus may wish to convey in this story is that we may, at times, give up too quickly. The introduction of this parable speaks about “the necessity for the disciples to pray— without becoming weary”. Notably, Jesus closes His story with the comment: “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?” Consequently, a sincere, and mature faith is, essentially, placing our trust that God *wants what is best for* us and, a trust that will give us the strength to *persist in our belief--* when we are tired—when we doubt—and, even when we wonder whether our cause is worthwhile. So, just like the people—in the first reading-- “who held the arms of Moses” and “who found him a rock to sit on”, other people may also join us in our quest for justice, for peace, for God’s gracious answer to our prayers. It is worth emphasizing that this is not “magic” but truly the “power of love, prayer, and true faith”. Finally, any persistent prayers of petition should also remind us that we need to be focused. In other words, we need one another—and of utmost importance—we need God. Therefore, whenever conditions exist such as, believing that our need is great, and our cause is just—we can, assuredly, depend on God to come through for us—even if it takes all night---and, especially, if it might take a lifetime.

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING!! For the past few weeks, our parish has been offering a convenient service for contributions! In the near future, our offering envelopes will have a check box which will indicate “I have given online,” which you can use to present during offertory at Mass. Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the internet. If you haven’t already signed up, then go to our website, www.rachurch.net, and click on the “Online Giving” link. Try it... if you don’t like it, you can always stop using the service. It’s up to you! You might like it!

PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE
 Before this year of Mercy comes to a close, join us on Saturday, October 29th for a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington D.C. and their Holy Door. Our day will include prayer, and Mass led by Bishop DiMarzio. We will leave St. Margaret Church at 5:45am and RA at 6:15am, returning that evening. The cost is \$52 per person. For more information email jmennona@hotmail.com or call 718-533-7898 or Fr. Edel at (718) 326-1911 or Rede1904@gmail.com.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE (*updated as of 9/15/16*)

Parish Target: \$650,000 Total Pledged: \$1,120,667 Pledged Percent of Goal: 177%
 Number of Pledges: 228 Amount Received: \$208,393
 \$208-393-\$63,130 (ACA goal) \$145,263 \$145,263 / 2 = \$72,631.50 we will receive in October

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Congratulations to our **Students of the Month** who demonstrate the virtue of caring as **St. Angela Merici** did:

Kindergarten A	Jayden Rodriguez
Kindergarten B	Samara Gagarin
Grade 1	Emily Vega
Grade 2	Dario Mangano
Grade 3A	Alyssa Reyes
Grade 3B	Alejandra Garcia
Grade 4	Santiago Uribe
Grade 5	Sierra Conroy
Grade 6	Karalyn Chiu
Grade 7	Faiza Khan
Grade 8	Jonathan Johnson

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm in the Pastoral Care Center of FFH.

FREE SPANISH CLASSES: Saturdays from 3-5pm in the Pastoral Care Center of FFH.

A Glimpse at your contributions... October 8/9 :

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday- 5:00pm (English)	\$ 375	\$1,700	\$2,075
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 288	\$ 722	\$1,010
9:30am (English)	\$ 317	\$ 820	\$1,137
11:00am (English)	\$ 476	\$ 363	\$ 839
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 419	\$ 457	\$ 876
	\$1,875	\$4,062	\$5,937

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

ARISE!

RA will be joining over 70 parishes by providing an opportunity to come and share the faith in a non-judgmental setting. Small groups are forming where we will read and reflect on Scripture, share, discuss, and apply what it means to us today. We will meet weekly for six weeks. One group meets on Thursdays at 10am in Fr. Feely Hall. The second group meets on Wednesdays at 7pm in Fr. Feely Hall. For more information, call Joyce at (718) 533-7898 or email her at jmennona@hotmail.com.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is **Respect Life Month**. Each year, the month of October is observed as "Respect Life Month".

During the weekends of October, we will include with our final blessing a blessing for: all parents, including new, hopeful, and expecting (Oct. 16), and conclude with all victims of violence and abuse, and for those who may know victims, that we may be a source of comfort and consolation (Oct. 30).

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Dorothy McDonald, St. James
 2nd Prize \$50 Mr. Frank Rahill, MV
 3rd Prize \$25 Pat Oettinger, Lido Beach
Congratulations to all of our winners!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 17th- St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

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

Tuesday, October 18th- St. Luke, Evangelist

- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel
- English Classes 6:30-8:30pm PCC

Wednesday, October 19th- Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

- Mommy and Me 9-10:30am
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Arise Prayer Group 7pm FFH Chapel
- Pastoral Institute 7:15-9:15pm FFH Garden
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC

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

- Arise Prayer Group 10am FFH Chapel
- Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- English Classes 6:30-8:30pm PCC

Friday, October 21st

- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling 4-6:45pm FFH
- Gym Closed, No Basketball Practice
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden

Saturday, October 22nd- St. John Paul II, Pope; BVM

- OCA 10am PCC
- Radio Bingo 7pm Gym
- Spanish Class 3-5pm PCC
- Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, October 23rd- Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- World Mission Sunday**
- No Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Health Fair 9-3pm Gym
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Alanon 12noon

SAVE THE DATE

R.A. Home Academy Association's annual
LADIES NIGHT OUT

An evening of shopping and socializing!
 Saturday, November 19th from 6-9:30pm
 \$15 per person. For more info.,
 email HSA@raschool.org.

