

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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

### Church

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### Rectory

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### Rectory Staff

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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

### Academy

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## RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). The Readings are found at #1198 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Florencio and Bartolomea Padron, req by Stephanie P. and family

#### Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Mary Gibson, req by Pat Murphy and family

#### Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Al Grogan (anniv), req by his wife, Bridie, and family

#### Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Eileen McMahon, req by her sister Mary Sammon and family

#### Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00am-for the People of the Parish

-Rita Leo, req by Deborah and Richard Panarella

-St. Jude, req by the Estrella family

-Raymundo Ilag, req by the Ilag family

-Ricardo Alas, req by his daughter

-Peter Dolan, req by the Mulreany family

-Joan Argondizza, req by Anita Dermody

5:00pm Marian A. Walsh, req by Diane Hughes

#### Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

(153: Wis 11:22—12:2 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14  
2Thes 1:11—2:2 Lk 19:1-10)

8:00am Walter Villa Cinda, req by Violeta Ong

9:30am Georgette Tobin, req by Joyce and the RA Catechists

11:00am Mary Goldbach (anniv) and John Mannion (anniv), req by Nancy, James, and Alana-Mary

12:30pm in honor of St. Jude, req by the Estrella family

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Garden Room in Fr. Feely Hall. Refreshments are served.



#### OCTOBER WEDDINGS

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

Deirdre Waldron & Patrick Donohue



### 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

**Deceased:** Kathleen Kane

### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this week in loving memory of **Virginia Moriarty**, as requested by Donald and Maureen Kelly.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in loving memory of **Milan Belon**, as requested by Judy, Bob, Heather, and Sean Belon.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week in loving memory of **Al Grogan (anniversary)**, as requested by Mary Sammon, and family.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week this week in loving memory of **Tony Galligano**, as requested by Judy, Bob, Heather, and Sean Belon.

*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 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be accepting major credit cards at the rectory for your convenience.*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There will be Sunday School next Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass.

### 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

### THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donations towards our **Thanks for the Memories Collection**, which benefits Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy. On behalf of the students of RA, we thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

### R.A. YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet TODAY--Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICE FAIR TODAY from 9am-2pm in the Auditorium. Don't miss it!!**



**TAKING A BACK SEAT**

In the Gospel for this weekend's liturgy, Luke is very clear as he introduces us to the parable of the tax collector, and the Pharisee. On this occasion, Jesus was speaking to "those who were *convinced* of their own righteousness, and despised everyone else." Notably, the same occurrence can take place in our day with our own tendency, at times, to divide the world into "us" and "them" along any number of ideological fault lines. Convinced of the rightness of our position, we may despise anyone who holds a different belief—even a different opinion—and, as a result, insults can fly in every direction. Unfortunately, this can take place within our families, our schools and workplaces; that is to say, throughout our everyday lives. As depicted in the Gospel, a similar occurrence can also take place in religious gatherings—and far more often than it should. Unfortunately, in this instance, basic human charity, (to say nothing of Christian generosity), is forgotten in the name of some "abstract" principle.

It is clearly evident that Jesus was a master storyteller, and his parables often have *small details* on which the *whole message hangs*. For example, in the case of the Gospel for this weekend, take note that if we are overly impressed by the Pharisee's carefully constructed rhetoric, we might miss the point that the Pharisee "spoke this prayer *to himself*." On the other hand, the tax collector has no such illusions about himself. He knows that he *is* a sinner and, that he does *not* truly belong in the great temple. Yet, here he is— simply because he is drawn to the holiness of God's presence. He does not look around at who else is praying that day—[as in the case of the Pharisee]. He is —more than likely—not even feeling resentful of the "looks" that he is getting from the regular churchgoers. Notably, his prayer is focused—entirely and exclusively—on God's mercy. And, this is precisely why, [as Jesus informs us in the Gospel], he returns home *justified*. In other words, He found a time and a place where God can *truly touch his heart and soul*.

In contrast to the tax collector, the Pharisee fails to move beyond the point of talking to himself. He is also impressing himself with his "own virtue", focused on his "superior nature", his great talent for "religious niceties", and his particular "spiritual giftedness." He, obviously, knows *how* the prayers are to be recited—but, perhaps, he has forgotten the *why*. Essentially, he appears to believe that he is saving himself *by his own efforts*.

It is noteworthy that Jesus makes use of many parables in order to "shake His audience out of their *spiritual complacency*". At the same time, such Gospel stories still speak to us today because we, too, may benefit from being "shaken up a bit". It might help to be reminded—again and again—of the certainty that we are hearing from the God of the prophets, the God of the Gospels, the God of mercy, peace, and inclusion. Consequently, if these stories are instrumental in *shocking us as well*; then, there may be a fairly reasonable chance that we have become *more* aware of the fact that we *were really speaking to ourselves*—even when we *thought that we were praying*. This Gospel, therefore, alludes to the fact that the phrase: **TAKING A BACK SEAT can have more than one connotation, or meaning.** With the above in mind, may we pray that God will give us:

*The grace of humility whenever we pray,  
the ability to recognize who God is and who we are,  
the trust that God will give us what we most need, and  
the spirit of gratitude when we acknowledge that what we have RECEIVED is  
much more than what WE have achieved.*

In Christ,  
Fr. Amato

**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING!!**

In keeping up with technology, our parish now provides Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the internet. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you are unable to attend Mass here. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, most especially during bad weather, or vacation times.

To begin, visit our parish website [www.rachurch.net](http://www.rachurch.net), to get started today!

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE- Saturday, 10/29!**

There is still time to register! 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](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com) or call 718-533-7898.

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

Parish Target: \$650,000

Total Pledged: \$1,126,317

Pledged Percent of Goal: 173%

Number of Pledges: 229

Amount Received: \$215,104

\$215,104 - \$63,130 (ACA goal) \$151,974

\$151,974 / 2 = \$75,987 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

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

### ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to our Student Council:

#### Officers

President: Nicole Contreras  
 Vice-President: Ashley Puerto  
 Secretary: Gabriella Neves  
 Treasurer: Kenneth Chase

#### Class Representatives

Grade 4: Isabella Chase, Santiago Uribe  
 Grade 5: Sydney Ewald, Micah Gagarin  
 Grade 6: Natalie Kizior, Daniel Uribe  
 Grade 7: Aidan Sweeney, Leyla Collado  
 Grade 8: Kori Dezena-Andrade, Kimberly Vega

Their first act as Student Council was a dress down fundraiser to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

#### Mommy & Me

Mommy and Me is back! The group meets on Wednesday from 9:00am-10:30am. Our program includes music, art, storytelling and playtime. A snack is included for each child. The cost is \$2 per session, and registration is ongoing. If you would like further information, please call the school at 718-426-4963. We look forward to seeing you!

#### A Glimpse at your contributions... October 15/16 :

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday- 5:00pm (English)	\$ 230	\$2,464	\$2,694
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 462	\$1,091	\$1,553
9:30am (English)	\$ 872	\$1,043	\$1,915
11:00am (English)	\$ 381	\$ 573	\$ 954
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 647	\$ 202	\$ 849
	\$2,592	\$5,373	\$7,965

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

**KNIGHTS WANTED!** If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith, or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is for you. We are looking for new members to join Knight of Columbus Juniper Valley Council 14578. For more information, call Joe McAteer at (718) 478-7025.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT DRY HARBOR NURSING HOME**

On Saturdays mornings, we celebrate Mass or hold a Communion Service. Volunteers are needed to transport the patients to Mass. If interested, please call Joyce Mennona at (718) 533-7898, or email her at [jmennona@hotmail.com](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com).

### BOOSTER WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Kathy & John McCabe, RP  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 John Frassanito, MV  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Mary McCaffrey, Long Beach  
***Congratulations to all of our winners!***

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>- St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**

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

#### **Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Scripture, Discussion & Prayer 10-11am FFH Main
- 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, 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Mommy and Me 9-10:30am
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Spanish Choir 6pm, 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 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>- Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

- Student of the Month Assembly 8:15am Gym
- St. Jude Blessing after 9am Mass & Reception
- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling 4-6:45pm FFH
- School Halloween Party 7-9pm Gym
- No Basketball Practice
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden

#### **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>- BVM**

- OCA 10am PCC
- CYO Basketball 10-3pm Gym
- Twirling 10-12noon FFH Main
- Lavantate 11am FFH Chapel
- Spanish Class 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

#### **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>- Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45-12noon School
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- CYO Basketball 2-6pm Gym
- Alanon 12noon

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU.....** We would like to thank John Daly, a long time RA parishioner, and his group of volunteers, who, under his tutelage, help make rosaries for the people in Dry Harbor Nursing Home. In addition, we received this thank you from Fr. John Mulreany, a Jesuit priest serving in Yap. *"I would like to thank you for providing the beads that John Daly uses to make the rosaries which he then sends to me for my parishioners and students here in Yap. Receiving the rosaries today was terrific because in this month of October I'm trying to promote the rosary. First in line to receive the rosaries will be the men in the prison. Once again, thank you very much. Receiving the rosaries has been a great help in this mission territory."* Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us.

