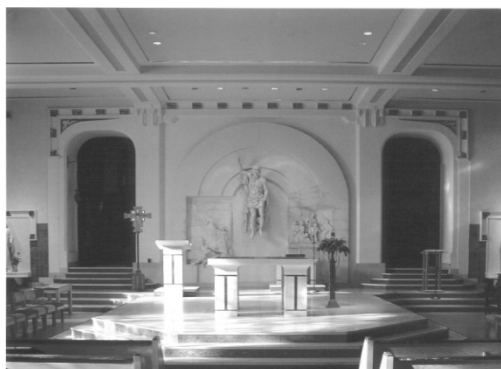


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

# 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 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C).  
The Readings are found at #1180 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Vincenzo Dioguardi, req by Josephine Dioguardi and family

#### Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Arturo Salazer, req by his wife, Gemma and family

#### Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** intentions of Erika Conan (bday), req by her parents

#### Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Hession, Kelly, Feeney, and McDonnell families, req by the Lydon family

#### Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** -For the People of the Parish  
-Ann and Jim Brennan, and their daughter, Arline, req by Carol Scacalossi  
-intentions and blessing of the Chang-Range family, req by their parents  
-Victoria Samudio, req by Cecilia Dennehy

**5:00pm** Saseria Jin (anniv), req by her son, Anthanatiushen

#### Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(135: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1Tm 2:1-8  
Lk 16:1-13)

**8:00am** For the People of the Parish

**9:30am** Bozena Duszak, req by Stan and Rita Mascarenhas

**11:00am** Joseph DeNardo (bday), req by his wife, Louisa, and family

**12:30pm** Roy Witherby, req by the RA Catechists

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION / ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON TRUST

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the Diocesan Catholic Education / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust collection. The revenue from this collection is used to support Catholic Education in the Diocese of Brooklyn. An envelope has been provided in your tithing packet. Thank you for your generosity.

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL HOURS

Please be aware that during the month of September, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will close at 1:30pm. The regular hours (9am-3:30pm) will resume on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The **Summer Drawing of our Four Seasons 50/50** will take place on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available for purchase at the Rectory, and will be inserted into a future bulletin. Tickets remain \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

**YOU MAY BE OUR NEXT WINNER!!**

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**Deceased:** Andy McLone

#### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

*The incorrect intentions were posted last week. We apologize for the error. The omitted intentions are listed in the first group below, followed by this current week.*

The **Wine and Hosts** were used at all the Masses last week **in loving memory of Nancy Kerrane**, as requested by her husband, and family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** was lit last week **in loving memory of Georgette Tobin**, as requested by Joann and Bill Heppt.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** was lit last week **in thanksgiving for the blessings and for the intentions of the Chang-Range family**, as requested by their parents.

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this week **in loving memory of Tom Donovan, Sr. (25<sup>th</sup> anniversary)**, as requested by his wife, Catherine.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother**, will be lit this week **in loving memory of Frank F. Fazio (anniversary)**, as requested by Frank Fazio family.

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

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week **in thanksgiving and for the intentions of Sandra and Richard Arena, on the occasion of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary**, requested by Nicole, Michael, and Charlee.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Opening of Sunday School is next **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will have the blessing of the Catechists during the 9:30 Mass, and then we will meet in Father Feely Hall. This year we invite you to first gather as one big group at 10:45 for a brief information session, and then we will break out to meet the teachers. Looking forward to seeing you all! For more info or to register online visit: [www.rachurch.net](http://www.rachurch.net).

#### **ARE YOU OVER 55? Have some free time on your hands?**

**Want to get out and meet new people?** Come to the next Golden Age meeting in Fr. Feely Hall. Our start date is September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12noon, followed by a pizza party, coffee/tea, and cake. Our monthly holiday socials have become a popular addition. Interested??? Come and see what it's all about!



This weekend, as we hear the familiar parables of the: “lost sheep”, “lost coin”, and “prodigal son”, we can almost visualize, [in our minds], the image of a shepherd carrying the “lost sheep” across his strong arms and, we can even imagine the woman looking for the “lost coin.” The latter story touches upon our *own frustration* on those occasions when we may have lost something of great importance, and, especially, of value. However, at the same time, we may struggle somewhat with the story of the prodigal son by recalling, and experiencing, our own feelings of jealousy— particularly as we hear the reaction of the older son. In addition, we may even sense a feeling of *anger* as the returning child wins favor over the one who considered himself to be the “faithful one”. Although the story of the “prodigal son” may seem like an extreme situation, many of us are also aware that it is not uncommon to hear about such things as: teenage runaways, family disputes, and various stories about people who, also, abandon their faith at some point in life.

With the above in mind, the probing question is: how can each of these *three* parables touch upon our own experiences and, with whom do we identify in them? Although they are challenging stories, they will always remain as *only stories* unless we allow them to, actually, *touch us*. For some strange reason, it is often too easy to separate our *religious experience* from our daily lives, i.e., to keep God in a “separate box” and apart from the other parts of life. Yet, and on the contrary, the Scriptures often remind us of God’s interest in ***all aspects of our lives***.

Therefore, it is worth repeating that Jesus used the common experiences of the people in order to help them (and us) to understand the message He was giving. Here, it may also be helpful to recognize the images used in the Scriptures and, then, interpret the message for ourselves in *today’s world*. This becomes the real invitation of the parables, i.e., when we see them as *not just nice stories*. Therefore, in order for *change to take place within us*, the Gospel challenges us to look into these parables and identify with some of the various characters in order to find ourselves. Upon our willingness to examine our own lives, our next step is to determine *where we may have strayed—what we might have taken for granted and lost—and how* our lives may have become so complex that our *extreme sense of self-sufficiency* could lead us to become self-centered.

Having reflected on the above, may we experience the courage and honesty needed in order to recognize the action of God in our lives as we admit our failures—like the prodigal son—and turn to God. By doing so, we may, also, come to know God’s mercy and love in a *new way*. It is noteworthy that although we hear many ( and somewhat appealing) offers from the world around us, God’s offer is unique since it reminds us that we are *not numbers—that we are important— THE MOST IMPORTANT*.....

**WELCOME, MSGR. ROBERT THELEN!**

As mentioned in a previous bulletin, Msgr. Thelen has been assigned as part-time parochial vicar for St. Margaret’s, and, similarly, for our parish. This assignment became effective on Sept. 1 and Msgr. Thelen has just begun to assist at some of our parish Masses. With strong ties to our parish as a graduate of our grade school, Msgr. Thelen attended Xavier High School, completed his final preparation for the priesthood at North American College in Rome, and was ordained—almost forty-five years ago—in December, 1971.

Following his ordination, he was assigned-- for a brief time-- to the parish of St. Joseph (Suydam Street). Msgr. Thelen went on for further studies in Rome, and taught in the seminary before becoming Episcopal Vicar for Brooklyn West—as successor to both Msgrs. Bynon and Fullam. For the last nine years, Msgr Thelen was rector for college seminarians, [at Douglaston], prior to their entering the major seminary in Dunwoodie. Undoubtedly, our parishioners will extend a warm welcome to Msgr. Thelen, as they have done for many other priests, who have exercised their priesthood, in service to our parish community.

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE**

Parish Target: \$650,000	Total Pledged: \$1,120,667	Pledged Percent of Goal: 177%
Number of Pledges: 227	Amount Received: \$198,667	
\$198,667-\$63,130 (ACA goal) \$135,537      \$135,537 / 2 = \$67,768.50 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

### ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

#### TACHS Workshop

The Test for Admission to Catholic High School (TACHS) will be given on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents interested in Catholic high school on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the gym. All RA School parents and public school parents are welcome!

#### Things are looking UP!

We have increased our enrollment for the third year in a row! For the first time in many years, **our enrollment is over 300!** If you are still interested in enrolling your child in our school, there is limited seating in some grades. Please contact the school office at 718-426-4963.

#### FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

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

#### FREE SPANISH CLASSES

Saturdays (beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>) from 5-6:30pm  
in the Pastoral Care Center of FFH.

#### WELCOME BACK TO OUR YOUTH GROUP!

Our Youth Ministry Group, for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students, will resume on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, under the direction of our Youth Minister, Jim Shearer. The group will meet each Sunday from 12noon -1:30pm in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall. New youth members are always welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

#### PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

Before this year of Mercy comes to a close, join us on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com) or call 718-533-7898.

#### Pray - Reflect - Imagine - Create

Join us for a pottery retreat, led by Ray Boswell, who will merge creativity, and spirituality, as we reflect on our faith. We will end by molding a tea light. We will meet in Church at 11am on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$12 per tea light. Buy one or one for each family member! For more information and to register online visit: [www.rachurch.net](http://www.rachurch.net).

#### DIVINE MERCY... Celebrate the year of Mercy.

Join us in praying for your own intentions. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is held every Saturday at 4:15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in English.

#### BOOSTER WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Joseph Arigo, MV  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Christine Buschhorn, RP  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Janice Rahner, MV

**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>- The Most Holy Name of Mary

-Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC, Yoga 6pm FFH Garden  
-NA 7:30pm PCC & FFH

##### Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>- St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

-Children's Choir 3pm Church  
-Back to School Night, Grades 1-8 7:30pm Gym  
-Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel  
-English Classes 6:30-8:30pm PCC

##### Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

-Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC, English Choir 7:30pm Church  
-School Board Meeting 7pm CMR  
-NA 7:30pm PCC and FFH Main

##### Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>- Our Lady of Sorrows

-Vicariate Choir 7:30pm Church  
-English Classes 6:30-8:30pm PCC

##### Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>- Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

-CODA 10am PCC, Twirling Registration 5-6pm Gym  
-Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden

##### Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>- St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

-OCA 10am PCC, Pottery Retreat 11am Gym  
-Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

##### Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-Catechetical Sunday at 9:30am Mass  
-Sunday School Opening FFH 10:45am FFH  
-School Welcome Back BBQ 2-5pm Gym  
-Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden  
-Alanon 12noon

#### BAPTISMS

The following children were welcomed into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism last month:

<i>Samantha Rose Acevedo</i>	<i>Sienna Marie Acevedo</i>
<i>Camila Anali Balseca</i>	<i>Carolina Diana Moran</i>
<i>Julie Elise DeLaCruz</i>	<i>Matthew Louis Ramirez</i>
<i>Hailey Alexandra Medina</i>	

#### A Glimpse at your contributions... September 3/4:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday- 5pm (English)	\$289	\$2,091	\$2,380
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$269	\$1,058	\$1,327
9:30am (English)	\$295	\$ 884	\$1,179
11:00am (English)	\$519	\$ 675	\$1,194
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$792	\$ 80	\$ 872
	\$2,164	\$4,788	\$6,952

**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. On the weekends of 9/11 & 9/18 you will have the opportunity to hear more about our faith sharing program, meet the leaders, and sign up for a group. For more info visit our site, or email [jmennona@hotmail.com](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com)

