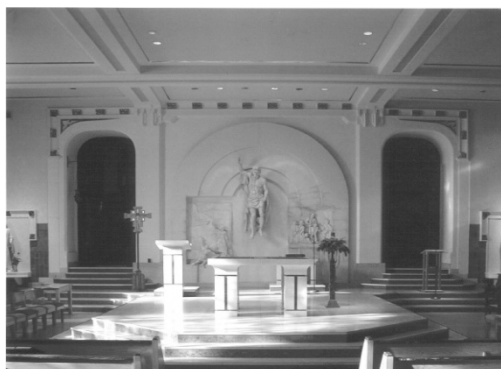


SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

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 Parochial Vicar
Mr. Emanuel Bologna, Director of Music
Mrs. Joann Heppt, Academy Principal
Mr. Jason Velazquez, 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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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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) .
The Readings are found at #1179 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 17th

9:00am Giong Ta, req by the Chi family

Tuesday, September 18th

9:00am Paul Lin and Maria Jiang, req by their daughter, Jinzhu Lin

Wednesday, September 19th

9:00am Patrick and Mary McNulty, req by their daughter, Angela

Thursday, September 20th

9:00am for the intentions and health of Mr. & Mrs. M. Syszka, req by their friends

Friday, September 21st

9:00am Harold Lambert, req by Rosemarie Phelan

Saturday, September 22nd

9:00am –For the People of the Parish
-Rose and Angelo Silecchia, req by sister, Madeline
-for the health and intentions of Florence Heaney (bday), req by Joann Benini
-Patrick Breheny, req by Harry and Maryann Fulda
-Mara Ofelia Aizaga, req by Gladys Estrella
-Betty Buitriago (bday), req by Julio and Yelitza Parra
-Nick Darby (bday), req by his wife, Joan, and family

5:00pm Donlon and LaManna family, req by Jane

**Sunday, September 23rd Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

**(134: Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8
Jas 3:16—4:3 Mk 9:30-37)**

8:00am Geraldine O'Connor Mears, req by the Mears-O'Connor family

9:30am Isabel Castillon (bday), req by her granddaughter, Liz, and great grandchildren

11:00am Mercedes Martinez, req by her parents and family

12:30pm Msgr. Lawrence J. McAlister



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.

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

Classes begin Tuesday, September 18th, and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 6-8pm in the Pastoral Care Center. There will be beginner classes.

SAVE THE DATE... HEALTH FAIR

Resurrection Ascension Auditorium
October 21st from 10am-2pm. More information to come...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick and/or Hospitalized: Vahide Atlas, Josephine Bravchok, Colleen Breheny, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Kurt Burger, Martha Chaves, Richard DeNardo, Eleanor Ducey, Carmine Eso, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, Joe Loughnane, Mary Loughnane, Patrick McCabe, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Joel Rivera, Julio Rosado, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

Deceased: Peter Grogan

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Nancy Kerrane**, as requested by her husband and family.

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

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in **celebration, and in thanksgiving of the 53rd wedding anniversary of Sandra and Richard Arena**, as requested by Nicole, Michael, and Charlee.

ARISE will begin again on October 11th. LEVANTE will also begin in the Fall. More info to follow...

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Opening of Sunday School is TODAY,
Sunday, September 16th,

in Fr. Feely Hall, following the 9:30am Mass.

Come in, meet your teacher, your friends, have some refreshments. If you haven't already registered, you may do so on that day. You can also visit the rectory to pick up a form. If you have any questions, please call Jason Velazquez 718-533-7898

or email jvelazquezra@aol.com.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!

If you are interested in teaching the faith, and working with children, we can use help in our Sunday School Program for the upcoming school year. If interested, please call the Rectory and leave your contact info.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a parent workshop for all parents whose children will be receiving the Sacraments of Confession and First Holy Communion this year on Sunday, Sept. 30th, at 10:45am in Fr. Feely Hall. The meeting will be slightly less than one hour. Please call or email Jason Velazquez with any questions.

Looking ahead....

There will be CLW on Sunday, September 23rd at the 9:30am Mass. Sunday School will also meet.



A DIFFERENT KIND OF SCHOOL

As the school year began for so many these past few weeks—and may still begin for others shortly-- it is interesting to take a brief look at ANOTHER SCHOOL: THE SCHOOL OF JESUS. To begin with, going to the SCHOOL OF JESUS was not always easy for His disciples, [as illustrated by the event in today’s Gospel]. Notably, Jesus began to educate them about what it means to be His disciples, and He started with a very basic question, i.e., “Who He is.” Using a very skillful approach, Jesus engaged them in a discussion by asking two questions—going from the easier one to the more demanding one: “Who do others say that I am? Followed by, “Who do you say I am?”

As the Gospel informs us, the first question received a rather quick answer. However, the response for the second question was answered *only* by Peter. Remarkably, when Peter stated, “You are the Christ” (Mark 8:29), he was naming Jesus as the long-awaited Anointed One, the one who would come—[as Peter believed], to restore Israel’s *political* kingdom, and *overthrow* the Romans. (But, as we know, this was not to be). Jesus challenged Peter by speaking about Himself as the Son of Man, who must first: “*suffer, be rejected, killed, and then rise after three days*”.

Peter, vehemently, expressed his disbelief when, [figuratively speaking], he placed himself in front of Jesus so that Jesus, in turn, commanded Peter to “get behind Him.” Essentially, Peter was blocking the way of Jesus, not unlike an obstacle, a stumbling block, an adversary (“Satan”) preventing Jesus from moving toward the direction He intended. It appears that Peter had learned to believe about a Messiah of power and prestige and, Jesus was really speaking about a Man of pain and punishment. Again, Peter was expecting a political Messiah, not a suffering One. At the same time, Peter also saw the disciples as followers who would be taking part in the “pomp and pageantry” of a “new age”.

This Gospel passage informs us that Jesus was really speaking of “denying oneself” and “taking up a cross.” For Peter, and for the disciples of Jesus, graduating from this “SCHOOL OF JESUS” meant moving out of a comfort zone and into a more challenging district: i.e., a place where the followers of Jesus are willing to take up the cross of self-denial and self-sacrifice. This same Gospel also **challenges us to answer the question**: “Who do you say that I am?” Therefore, we, as well, may be called upon to move out of our own comfort zone. Let us pray, then, that we may come to better understand what we need to do by denying ourselves, and taking up our cross, so that God’s reign might become more present in our world.....

In case you are among those who—religiously—(no pun intended) follow the weekly booster winners, and are inclined to do the same with the column that gives an update on the contributions to the Bishop’s Appeal, a word of “THANKS”, and “CONGRATULATIONS” to those who have already contributed to this appeal, as well as all who may still be in the process of fulfilling their pledges. As of today’s bulletin, we have received \$55,955, which is \$7,175 short of the assigned goal of \$63,130. Therefore, it may be of interest to know also that-- given any monies from previous pledges, as well as any new donors in the future-- such donations, [above the assigned goal of \$63,130], will go directly to the parish to assist in meeting any regular—and unanticipated—expenses. For your convenience, pledge forms are still available in the pews for any who have not yet contributed to the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. Please know that for those who have contributed in the past, as well as for any who are considering to pledge in the near future, your generosity is very much appreciated.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

2017
Goal: \$63,130
Registered Members: 817
Number of Donors: 138
Amt Pledged to Date: \$53,045
Amt Received to Date: \$45,525

2018
Goal: \$63,130
Registered Members: 829
Number of Donors: 166
Amt Pledged to Date: \$63,242
Amt Received to Date: \$55,955 (an increase of \$20)

(*note-increase notations refer to increase from last week’s figures, not a comparison to 2017 figures)

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!!! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE PLEDGES!!!

While we have thankfully reached our goal, pledges can still be made. Any funds over our goal will return to RA!!! *Pledge forms are available in Church, or at the Rectory, in both English and Spanish. You may also visit www.annualcatholicappeal.org and click Donate. Just be sure to mark “Resurrection-Ascension” as our parish!

**RESURRECTION-ASCENSION
CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS**



PRE-K FOR ALL: Due to some last minute cancellations, we have limited space in our Pre-K For All classes. If you are interested in registration, please call the school office at 718-426-4963.

Toddler Time Is Back! We will begin Toddler Time this week on Wednesday, September 19th. The group meets on Wednesdays from 9:30am-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!

TACHS Workshop: The Test for Admission to Catholic High School (TACHS) will be given on Saturday, November 4th. There will be a meeting for 8th grade parents interested in Catholic high school on Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00pm in the gym. All RA School parents and public school parents are welcome!

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

	Checks	Cash	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$1,588	\$ 280	\$1,868
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 904	\$ 390	\$1,294
9:30am (English)	\$ 415	\$ 444	\$ 859
11:00am (English)	\$ 837	\$ 384	\$1,221
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 72	\$ 598	\$ 670
	\$3,816	\$2,096	\$5,912

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$708. Total number of envelopes used by registered parishioners: 206

Total weekly collection: \$6,620. Weekly goal needed to meet parish expenses: \$9,651. Deficit this week= \$3,031

FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE

Our next drawing of the Four Seasons Parish Raffle will take place **on Monday, Sept. 24th**. Tickets are available at the doors of the church, the rectory, and will be included in this bulletin. Simply fill out, and return with your check/cash in an envelope marked "Four Seasons Raffle" in next weekend's collection, or return to the rectory.

TWIRLING

Ages 4 and up. Registration will take place on Friday, September 21st from 5-7pm in the gym.

For more information, please contact Jessica at (646) 772-1075, or email citytwirlers@yahoo.com.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR YOUTH GROUP!

Our Youth Ministry Group, for 8th grade and high school students, begins today, under the direction of our Youth Minister, Jim Shearer. The group will meet each Sunday from 12noon -1:30pm in the Garden Room of FFH. New members are always welcome to attend.

BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1st Prize \$100 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Passantino, MV
- 2nd Prize \$50 Jeremiah McCabe, Bayside
- 3rd Prize \$25 Mrs. Mary Casey, MV

Congratulations to our winners!

Our Booster Club will be coming to an end after this September. Thank you to all who have participated over the years. Look to future bulletins for its replacement ☺

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 17th- St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC, Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm CMR
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym, NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, September 18th

- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- 8th Grade Parent Meeting 7pm Gym
- No Basketball Practice, English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, September 19th- St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

- Toddler Time 9:30-10:30am CMR
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC, English Choir 7:30pm
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym,
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden, NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, September 20th- Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

- Diocesan Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm, English Classes 6-8pm PCC

Friday, September 21st- St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

- CODA 10am PCC, Twirling Registration 5-7pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9pm FFH Garden
- Basketball Practice 7:30-9:30pm, Girl Scouts 7-8pm FFH

Saturday, September 22nd - BVM

- OCA 10am PCC, Instructional Basketball 10-12noon Gym
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, September 23rd- Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- Blessing of Catechists at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45am in FFH Main
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Instructional Basketball 2-4pm Gym, Alanon 12noon PCC

Queensboro Chapter of UNICO National presents

"The Class of Life", A Theatrical Experience,

starring Paul Faila. **Sunday, October 7th**. Doors open 2:30pm, Showtime at 3pm. Show is 2 hours with one 15-20 minute intermission. 21 and older please. Tickets are \$35 per person. Light refreshments will be served. For ticket info, please call Mike J. Mucaria (917) 681-6710 or Rico Boletti (917) 207-4773. Payments can be mailed to Prymas Contracting, 62-13 60th Drive, Maspeth, NY 11378. Tickets must be purchased by October 1st, no tickets sold at the door. A portion of the proceeds will go towards local outreach programs. When coming to the show, please consider bringing your gently used books/DVDs. These generous donations will be delivered to injured and disabled vets at Walter Reed Military Hospital.

