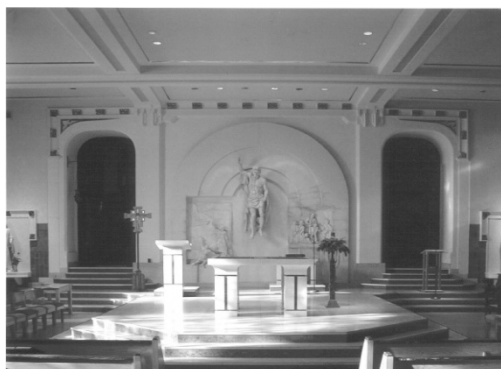


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

# 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*)  
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Cathy Mesa- [ratuition@aol.com](mailto: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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Readings are found at #1178 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Hession, Kelly, Pryce, and Lydon families, req by Theresa Lydon and family

### Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Patrick McNulty, req by his daughter, Angela

### Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Giuseppa Dioguardi, req by the Tantillo family

### Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:00am** Msgr. Joseph P. Bynon, req by Josephine Hartnett

### Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00am** Maria Ofelia Villacresses (anniv), req by her daughter, Gladys Estrella

### Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00am-** For the People of the Parish  
-Dennis O'Connell, req by Brian and Amanda Murphy  
-Pastora Contreras, req by her daughter, Julieta Gurler and family  
-for the health and intentions of Mary Sammon, as requested by Angie McCarthy  
-for the health and intentions of Maureen Rahill, as requested by Angie McCarthy

**5:00pm** Connor Hartnett, req by his wife, Bridie

### Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(133: Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a)

**8:00am** Thomas J. Neville, Jr., req by John and Monica Murphy

**9:30am** Josephine Thompson, req by the Sunday School Teachers of RA

**11:00am** Josephine McHugh, req by Richard and Irmgard Stalzer

**12:30pm** Carmen E. Maldonado, req by Stella Giraldo

#### FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE

Our next drawing of the Four Seasons Parish Raffle will take place **NEXT Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are included in this bulletin for your convenience. 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. Tickets are also available at the rectory office.

#### THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES COLLECTION

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to our Thanks for the Memories Collection. The revenue from this collection goes to our parish school. An envelope has been provided in your tithing packet. Thank you for your generosity.

#### FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6-8pm in the Pastoral Care Center.

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** Vahide Atlas, Josephine Bravchok, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Martha Chaves, 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, Kay Madigan, 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:** George Madrigal, Mercedes Martinez, Ann Stegner, Margherita Delio

#### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Angelo Silecchia**, as requested by Madeline Silecchia.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Helen U. Bader**, as requested by her grandson, John.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Colleen Fitz (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)**, 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 Helen U. Bader**, as requested by her grandson, John.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Patrick** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Helen U. Bader**, as requested by her grandson, John.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Joseph** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Helen U. Bader**, as requested by her grandson, John.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. John Vianney** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Helen U. Bader**, as requested by her grandson, John.

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week in **loving memory of Helen U. Bader**, as requested by her grandson, John.

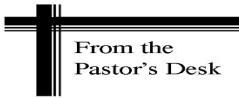
#### 2017-2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Faith formation is an ongoing, continuing process. Children need to re-register each year. The classroom environment allows children to ask questions and have discussions about the Catholic faith with their peers. Please stop by, or call our office in Father Feely Hall (718) 533-7898.

Registration forms are available online at [www.rachurch.net](http://www.rachurch.net).

There will be a parent workshop for all parents whose children will be receiving the Sacraments of Confession and First Holy Communion this year. **Saturday, September 30, in Father Feely Hall 11am.** Children need not attend. Refreshments served. The meeting will be slightly less than 1 hour.

Have questions? Contact: Joyce Mennona at [jmennona@hotmail.com](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com).



**THE GIFT OF RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS**

The Gospel reading for this weekend's liturgy in Matthew 18:1-35 is a continuation from the section known as the "Sermon on Community Order and Discipline." Throughout the Gospel, Jesus introduces a new interpretation of the Law. In this particular Gospel passage, Peter presents Jesus with a question about the limitedness of forgiveness. In response, Jesus uses a parable to illustrate His answer to Peter's question and, thereby, expound on "how much" (i.e., unlimited) forgiveness is required.

It has been stated that "RECONCILIATION is a gift *we give to someone else*, but, FORGIVENESS is a gift *we give to ourselves*." If you think about it, it can take more energy to "hold on to a hurt" than it does to try to be free of it. A suggested experiment: make a fist as tight as you can. Notice, and feel, how much energy that takes, and for those who may have finger nails in need of trimming, notice, and feel, how they could cut into your palms. Next, open your hands. In this exercise, energy is released and, as a result, room is made for new possibilities. Therefore, by hugging wrath and anger, by holding on to hurt and pain are very much like holding our fists tight. It takes a lot of energy and, often, such effort can only hurt us. However, when releasing these feelings, we, now, open ourselves to experience the forgiveness, and the peace, that God has already offered us, thereby opening the door to future reconciliation and forgiveness.

The above experiment can remind us that "holding on to anger" can dissipate, and drive away, any forgiveness extended to us, as it did for the "forgiven servant" who refused to even forgive the second servant, who owed a "much lesser debt." In this particular Gospel passage, the first servant's refusal to forgive was viewed by his peers as a great injustice. As a result, he lost everything—including respectability. It appears that the first servant lived only for himself.

Our call is to live for the Lord by loving one another as God loves, and forgives us—not seven, or seventy-seven times, but INFINITELY. The manner in which we do, or do not forgive, is the measure of how we experience God's presence in our lives. Vengeance can seem to be appealing at times; however, it only opens the door to further vengeance. This is another way of stating that because our hands are so full of vengeance, they are unable to receive the kindness of our merciful God.

The Scriptures, repeatedly, remind us that Jesus accepted the Cross to demonstrate the ABSOLUTE FORGIVENESS of the entire debt of human history. Unfortunately, we may, at times, respond by gross irritation at every *single trifling offense* we perceive to be against us. For example, someone takes our parking place, gets our order wrong, cuts us off in conversation, etc., and we are now ready to erase them from the BOOK OF LIFE. However, imagine if we begin each day by reminding ourselves how really wealthy [in forgiveness] we are! A sensible practice as we begin each day is to: OPEN OUR HANDS AND HEART. RECEIVE THE MERCY OF GOD AND DO UNTO OTHERS, AS GOD DOES TO US. Not surprisingly, the words of that familiar saying ring true, namely, "RECONCILIATION is a gift *we give to others*, but FORGIVENESS is *the gift we give to ourselves*."  

In Christ, Fr. Amato

**A Glimpse at your contributions... September 9/10:**

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 886	\$1,305	\$2,191
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 451	\$1,114	\$1,565
9:30am (English)	\$ 545	\$1,234	\$1,779
11:00am (English)	\$ 680	\$1,500	\$2,180
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 580	\$ 131	\$ 711
	\$3,142	\$5,284	\$8,426

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$638 (via 51 enrollees)

**Total weekly collection: \$9,064 (this week's deficit= \$587)**

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

*Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!*

**TWIRLING- Ages 4 and up**

Registration will take place on Friday, September 29th from 4:30-7pm in the gym. For more information, please contact Jessica at (646) 772-1075, or Email [citytwirlers@yahoo.com](mailto:citytwirlers@yahoo.com).

**Save the Date!** Our Annual Respect Life Brunch will take place Sunday, October 8, in Father Feely Hall, following the 9:30 AM Mass. Raffles, door prizes, good eats, and fun. Tickets are \$25 per person. Money raised helps mothers and children in need.

**CATHOLIC APPEAL YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON**

**2015**

**Goal: \$63,130**

**Registered Members: 818**

**Number of Donors: 188**

**Amount Pledged to Date: \$70,923**

**Amount Paid to Date: \$64,987**

**2017**

**Goal: \$63,130**

**Registered Members: 817**

**Number of Donors: 138**

**Amount Pledged to Date: \$53,045**

**Amount Paid to Date: \$45,525 (an increase of \$69)**

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents interested in Catholic high school on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the gym. All RA School parents and public school parents are welcome!

##### Mommy & Me

Mommy and Me is back! Beginning on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Mommy & Me will return to Resurrection Ascension. The group meets on Wednesday 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!

##### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

Bishop DiMarzio has asked all parishes within the Diocese of Brooklyn to coordinate an emergency relief collection for the victims of the recent hurricane. The scenes of devastation are horrendous, and the loss of life and destruction of property is something we recall from our own experiences with Super Storm Sandy.

NEXT weekend, September 23/24, we will be accepting your donations toward this collection in a special, separate, collection. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity to those living in the affected areas.

##### ATTENTION SENIORS!!!

The Golden Age Group welcomes you to join us every Monday for a pleasant afternoon in Fr. Feely Hall. Our start-up date is September 18<sup>th</sup> at 12noon. The meeting will be followed that day by a Wine and Cheese social, including coffee/tea and cake. Our monthly socials have become a popular addition. Interested? Come and see what it is all about!!

##### WELCOME BACK TO OUR YOUTH GROUP!

Our Youth Ministry Group, for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students, will resume TODAY, Sunday, September 17<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!

##### SVDP CLOTHING TRUCK

The clothing truck will be in the Woodhaven Blvd parking lot on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 1pm.

##### BOOSTER WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Joseph & Mary Ann Scagluiso, MV  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Mary & John Heenan, MV  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Mrs. Mary Gibbons, MV

##### Congratulations to all our winners!

New subscribers are always welcome and, "YOU NEED TO BE IN IT – TO WIN IT"! For further info, kindly call the rectory 718-424-5212, ext. 16.

##### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

-Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC  
-Golden Age 12noon FFH, Yoga 6pm FFH Garden  
-Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm CMR  
-NA 7:30pm PCC

##### Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>- St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

-Children's Choir 3pm Church  
-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting 7:30pm Gym  
-English Classes 6-8pm PCC  
-Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

##### Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>- Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

-Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC  
-Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym  
-English Choir 7:30pm Church  
-NA 7:30pm PCC

##### Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>- St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

##### Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

-CODA 10am PCC  
-Basketball Practice 5-9:30pm Gym  
-Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden

##### Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>- St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

-OCA 10am PCC  
-Volleyball Instruction 10-11:30am Gym  
-Basketball Instruction 11:30-1pm Gym  
-Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC  
-Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

##### Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-Blessing of the Catechists at the 9:30am Mass  
-Sunday School Meet Teacher after 9:30am Mass in FFH  
-Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden  
-Instructional Basketball 2-3:30pm Gym  
-Instructional Volleyball 3:30-5pm Gym  
-Alanon 12noon PCC

##### SAVE THE DATE... HEALTH FAIR

##### Resurrection Ascension Auditorium

October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-2pm . More information to come...

##### ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST SEASON III

The theme "In the Footsteps of Christ" will begin Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, lasting 6 weeks. All are welcome to join us for this non-judgmental gathering of faith sharing. We will meet 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.

