

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 &
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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) .
The Readings are found at #1183 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 19th

9:00am Bartolomea and Florencio Pedron, req by Josephine P. Santiago and family

Tuesday, September 20th

9:00am William Salek, req by Dena Tobin and family

Wednesday, September 21st

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

Thursday, September 22nd

9:00am Maria Ofelia Aizaga (12th anni), req by her daughter Gladys Estrella

Friday, September 23rd

9:00am Eveline Dorsey, req by her sister Angie McCarthy

Saturday, September 24th

9:00am -For the People of the Parish
-Anna and Philip Brady, req by Mary Ellul
-Arline Blanke, req by Dorothy Scacalossi
-Angelo and Rose Silecchia, req by Madeline Silecchia
-Philip Van Nostrand, req by Joan Franco
-Bienvenida Aggarao, req by Gil Franz Aggarao and family

5:00pm Luisa Cocuzza, req by the Pappalardo family

Sunday, September 25th – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(138: Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1Tm 6:11-16
Lk 16:19-31)

8:00am For the People of the Parish

9:30am Mary Eso, req by RA Catechists

11:00am Connor Hartnett (anniv), req by his wife Bridie

12:30pm Pedro and Maria Giraldo, req by their daughter

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 and staff of RA, we thank you, in advance, for your generosity! ☺

The Summer Drawing of our Four Seasons 50/50

will take place next Monday, September 26th. 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!!

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 3rd.

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: Robert J. Puk

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week **in loving memory of John and Viktoria Holich**, as requested by Susan Butler.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother**, will be lit this week **in loving memory of Nancy Kerrane**, as requested by her husband and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are off to a new Catechetical Year filled with exciting events. There's still time to register!

(www.rachurch.net). This year's theme is Prayer: The Faith Prayed. During the 9:30 AM Mass, we acknowledge our Catechists who volunteer to help the children in their journey in faith. We ask you to please pray for our Catechists as they collaborate to carry out the mission of Jesus:

Grade 1 - Ms. Mercedes

Grade 2 - Ms. Nini

Grade 3 - Ms. Veronica

Grade 4 - Ms. Caitlin

Grade 5 - Mrs. Penn

Grade 6 - Ms. Donna

Grade 7 - Mr. Montenegro

Grade 8 - Mrs. Montenegro

Office Staff: Mrs. Eng, Mr. Elentaro, Ms. Pamela

PASTORAL CARE BREAKFAST

SAVE THE DATE.... October 9th.

More information in next weekend's bulletin.

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

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 19th 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!



"THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN MEETS THE EYE..."

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus speaks again about our relationship with money, and our possessions. Perhaps we, almost instinctively, imagine the people of that first century as poor, living in small thatched homes, while walking around in sackcloth and sandals. And, in fact, there were **many poor people** following Jesus—simply because He was their only hope. However, one cannot help but notice that the concern which Jesus had *for everyone—rich or poor*—is also about our core relationship with money. And, if we really think about it, Jesus was far more respectful of money by the manner in which He dealt with the reality, and needs, before Him.

On our part, when it comes to money and possessions, some of us may indulge in a tremendous amount of fantasy thinking. Take note when we listen to the *deceptions* expressed in commercials, which are intended to *lure us* into convincing ourselves with the thought: "I really don't spend that much" or, "I had a rough day and, therefore, I deserve a treat", or "we can always take out a second mortgage to pay off the new furniture....."

In the popular book, Tuesdays with Morrie, Morrie states: "We've got a form of brainwashing going on in our country. Do you know how they brainwash people? They repeat something over and over: 'Owning things is good—More money is good—More property is good—More commercialism is good—More is good'. And so, we repeat it and have it repeated to us, over and over, until nobody bothers to even think otherwise".

The above challenges us to—pause— and to realize that if there were no deeper meaning to life—perhaps all of this would be fine. However, within the Gospel, Jesus constantly reminds His disciples [and us], to "Keep awake!" In other words, *there is more to life than meets the eye*. We are a people created to be in a deep love relationship with God, and all of God's creations with whom we live. In other words, we are called to be "stewards" and "caretakers" and not "thoughtless users" of the creation around us.

Therefore, it appears that today's Gospel message is both stark and unavoidable. Here, we are reminded *that money can never be more important than God—or God's creation*. Consequently, no status, no bank account, no influence is more important than another human being. At the same time, while some may close their eyes to any injustices that are perpetrated in the name of profit; nevertheless, a price may very well be paid in the end. And, while one may think that "peace of mind was bought"; notably, [in the context of today's Gospel], **OUR GOD STATES OTHERWISE.**

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, the diocese has asked us to hold a special second collection, which will be used to aid the Louisiana flood victims. All funds collected will be forwarded to Catholic Charities, and be used directly to aid those affected by this terrible natural disaster. Please make any checks payable to Resurrection-Ascension, so that we may send one check reflecting our parish contribution. Please continue to keep all those affected, in your prayers, as well.

TWENTY-FIFTH 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 5th. There will be a meeting for 8th grade parents interested in Catholic high school on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30pm in the gym. All RA School parents and public school parents are welcome!

Campbells Labels for Education

Unfortunately, Campbells has discontinued its Labels for Education program. Thank you to the many parishioners who have donated labels over the years. We are still collecting Box Tops for Education. Last year we collected over \$600 in Box Tops!

Mommy and Me

Our Mommy and Me program will resume in October. More details to follow!

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 1st) from 5-6:30pm
in the Pastoral Care Center of FFH.

A message from our Youth Minister, Jim Shearer..... R.A. YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!!

What is a Youth Group? Well, we meet once a week and do many different things: we put on a talent show, play sports, cook in the kitchen, volunteer in the community, and make sure things are going well in your teenage life. Please try to come to a meeting. If you like it, great! If not, then I won't bug you again! The future of our parish depends on all of you!! Grades 8-12. Sundays from 12-1:30pm, beginning **TODAY**, September 18th, in the Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall. Any questions, give me call/email: (917) 597-8807 / milkit4@yahoo.com.

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.

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

1st Prize \$100 Richard Sheridan, RP
2nd Prize \$50 Dorothy McCafferty, Nanuet
3rd Prize \$25 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Guez, MV

Congratulations to all of our winners!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 19th – St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

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

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

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

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

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Pastoral Institute 7:15-9:15pm FFH Garden
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym, NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, September 22nd

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

Friday, September 23rd- St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling 4-6:45pm Gym, Basketball Practice 7-9pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden

Saturday, September 24th- BVM

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

Sunday, September 25th- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Special Liturgy at 9:30am Mass followed by Reception Gym
- Sunday School 0:45-12noon School
- Instructional Basketball 2-4pm Gym
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Alanon 12noon

A Glimpse at your contributions... September 10/11:

	Cash	Checks	Total
Saturday- 5:00pm (English)	\$362	\$1,424	\$1,786
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$480	\$1,019	\$1,499
9:30am (English)	\$524	\$ 512	\$1,036
11:00am (English)	\$453	\$ 1,292	\$1,745
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$540	\$ 225	\$ 765
	\$2,359	\$4,472	\$6,831

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. Sessions begin October 4th at 10am and October 5th at 7pm. More information to come in next week's bulletin!!

