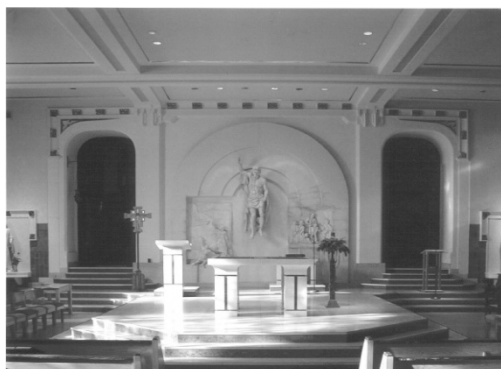


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

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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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Readings are found at #1181 in the Parish Hymnal.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 25th

9:00am Eveline Dorsey, req by her sister, Angela

Tuesday, September 26th

9:00am Dr. LeRoy and Mildred Levinson, req by
Barbara Levinson

Wednesday, September 27th

9:00am Stephen Zwickert, req by Iris Zwickert

Thursday, September 28th

9:00am Connor Hartnett, req by the Hartnett family

Friday, September 29th

9:00am Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels, req by the Spanish Bible Group

Saturday, September 30th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish
-John Finegan, req by the Murphy family
-Pastora Contreras, req by her daughter, Julieta
Gurler, and family
-for the intentions of Sister Frances Butler, req by
Josephine Hartnett
-Dorothy and George Streilein, req by Michael and
Mary Clarke, and family
-Josephine Lavin, req by Michael and Mary Clarke,
and family

5:00pm Aurora Ylag, req by her family

Sunday, October 1st – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(136: Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9
Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32)

8:00am Thomas McKeown, req by Leo and Joan Leavy

9:30am Bill McLoughlin, req by Mary and family

11:00am Miriam and John Engel, req by their niece,
Helen Heptig

12:30pm For the People of the Parish

FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE

The drawing will take place **TOMORROW, September 25th**. All tickets must be returned to the rectory by 9:30am tomorrow morning to be entered in the drawing. Good luck to all!

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 at 11am.** Children need not attend. Refreshments will be served. The meeting will be slightly less than 1 hour. For questions contact: Joyce at jmennona@hotmail.com.

SVDP CLOTHING TRUCK.... The truck will be in the Woodhaven Blvd lot on Sunday, Oct. 15th from 8:30am to 1pm.

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: Eileen Moynihan-Boyle

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

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

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Yves, Yvonne, and Francis Gueguen**, as requested by the LeCam family.

2017-2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Faith formation is an ongoing, continuing process. Children need to re-register each year. Please stop by, or call our office in Father Feely Hall (718) 533-7898. Registration forms are available online at www.rachurch.net.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY AND IRMA

Bishop DiMarzio has asked all parishes within the Diocese of Brooklyn to coordinate an emergency relief collection for the victims of the recent hurricanes. 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.

This 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 assist 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 monthly socials have become a popular addition. Interested? Come and see what it is all about!

SAVE THE DATE.... HEALTH FAIR Resurrection Ascension Auditorium

October 22nd from 10am-2pm . More information to come...

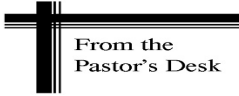
Save the Date! Our Annual Respect Life Brunch will take place Sunday, October 8, in Father Feely Hall, following the 9:30 AM Mass. Raffles, door prizes, good eats, and fun. Tickets are \$25 per person. Money raised helps mothers and children in need.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Sunday, October 1st at 2pm in the Middle School Yard. We kindly request those attending to use leashes/cages as needed, to guarantee the safety of all involved. Thank you!



From the
Pastor's Desk

"MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS....."

When the question is asked: "what is a just wage?" the expected answer is usually "one that is proportionate to the amount of work performed". However, in today's Gospel parable, we learn that God's view of a just wage is "high above our view." Generally speaking, a just wage is that which a person needs to "live on" for one day, and as the Gospel states: "the "daily wage." However, in God's view of justice, a person's worth (or pay) is not necessarily determined by industriousness, righteousness, status, or wealth; and not by anything a person has, or does. Here, human worth is based primarily on our personhood.

Notably, when the landowner, (who represents God), pays all the workers the same wage, we detect a sense of "unfairness." However, God sees mercy as one that is showered abundantly on everyone. It is noteworthy that we can never completely know the mind and heart of God—i.e., our human minds cannot think that broadly, or that generously. However, [in Christ], we can begin to share in God's mind and heart.

Apparently, what can be most comforting about this story is to remember that we are not always the early risers that are hired first. Often, we, too, can be the ones hired at noon, or 3 P.M., or even just before the day's end. Sometimes, we are the late sleepers, or the unwanted workers; and sometimes we are in great need of God's "undeserved" mercy. Still, God showers it upon us abundantly.

So, is the landowner generous? It certainly appears to be so. In God's eyes, only such indiscriminate generosity would be truly just. God's view of justice requires God—and us—to be generous. Therefore, whether we are speaking of spiritual, or material, "pay", here or hereafter; God wants to pay us not according to what we deserve, but according to *what we may need*. The bottom line is that ALL are equally worthy of a just WAGE in the eyes of God.

LORD, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR COMPASSION. HELP US TO BE EVER MORE GENEROUS IN SHARING YOUR COMPASSION WITH OTHERS.

EVALUATION OF WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

In the bulletin for this weekend, you will notice a letter which Bishop DiMarzio has asked to be shared with all parishioners regarding the need to evaluate current Mass schedules, in our respective parishes, within the Diocese. This letter has already appeared in the June 25, 2017 bulletin. However, the Diocese has requested that this same message be repeated, particularly at this time of the year, when the average number of worshippers returns to our regularly scheduled Masses. Members of our Parish Pastoral Council have had an opportunity for a brief discussion concerning the Bishop's message.

Bishop DiMarzio has clearly indicated that the *suggested criteria to be used in this review would include the following as a general norm: "if the Church capacity (for Mass attendance ratio) is less than 50%, serious consideration should be given to the reduction, or consolidation, of that Mass within the weekend schedule."* At the same time, the Bishop contends that *"language Masses also need to be evaluated based on factors such as attendance, the same language Mass at a nearby parish, and the availability of priests who can celebrate the Mass in the foreign language.*

The Bishop states further that *"our hope is to encourage more vibrant, joyful celebrations of the Eucharist, bringing LARGER NUMBERS OF THE FAITHFUL TOGETHER to give thanks and praise to God"*. Obviously, as with any discussion and proposals for change, patience and understanding is in order, as well the need for sacrifice, while we bear in mind that everything we do as a Church, is done, primarily, for the praise and glory of God.

In Christ,
Fr. Amato

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: 140

Amount Pledged to Date: \$53,170 (an increase of 125)

Amount Paid to Date: \$46,261 (an increase of \$736)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

Toddler Time

(formerly known as Mommy & Me)

Mommy and Me is back! The group meets on Thursday 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!

Welcome Back Brunch

Over 100 people attended our Welcome Back Brunch last Sunday. To see pictures of our event, please visit our website at www.racatholicacademy.org. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Gift Wrap/Yankee Candle Drive

We begin our gift wrap/Yankee Candle Drive this week. If you are interested in making a purchase, please pick up a catalog at the rectory or at the school office.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR YOUTH GROUP!

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!

A Glimpse at your contributions... September 16/17:

| | Cash | Checks | Total |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Saturday-5:00pm (English) | \$ 315 | \$1,825 | \$2,140 |
| Sunday 8:00am (English) | \$ 319 | \$ 854 | \$1,173 |
| 9:30am (English) | \$ 634 | \$1,120 | \$1,754 |
| 11:00am (English) | \$ 439 | \$ 763 | \$1,202 |
| 12:30 pm (Spanish) | \$ 729 | \$ 197 | \$ 926 |
| | \$2,436 | \$4,759 | \$7,195 |

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$738 (via 51 enrollees)

Total weekly collection: \$7,933 (this week's deficit= \$1,718)

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

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), we ask God to pray for peace in our country through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 14, 2017 at 12noon. The Rosary Rally will take place at Resurrection-Ascension Church, 85-25 61st Road, Rego Park, New York. (We will begin at the Marian Shrine, located in the middle school yard, and continue going around the block). Please contact Genevieve Schiefer at (718) 672-5935, or jenny_schiefer@yahoo.com, for more information.

BOOSTER WINNERS

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 st Prize \$100 | Miss Julieta Morales, RP |
| 2 nd Prize \$50 | Mr. & Mrs. George Anderson, RP |
| 3 rd Prize \$25 | Vahide Atlas and family, NJ |

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 25th

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Golden Age 12noon FFH, Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- No Basketball Practice; -NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, September 26th- Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- No Basketball Practice; -English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, September 27th- St. Vincent dePaul, Priest

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Regis Night 7pm Gym; -No Basketball Practice
- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, September 28th- St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

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

Friday, September 29th- Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

- Student of the Month Assembly 8:15am Gym
- CODA 10am PCC
- Twirling Registration 4:30-7pm Gym
- Basketball Practice 7:15-9:30pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden

Saturday, September 30th- St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- OCA 10am PCC; -First Holy Communion & First Confession Parent Workshop 11-12noon FFH
- 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, October 1st- Twenty-Sixth 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
- Divino Nino 1:30pm Church & Reception 2pm FFH
- Instructional Basketball 2-3:30pm Gym
- Instructional Volleyball 3:30-5pm Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC
- Blessing of the Animals 2pm Small Schoolyard

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST SEASON III

The theme "In the Footsteps of Christ" will begin Thursday, October 12th, lasting 6 weeks. 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.

