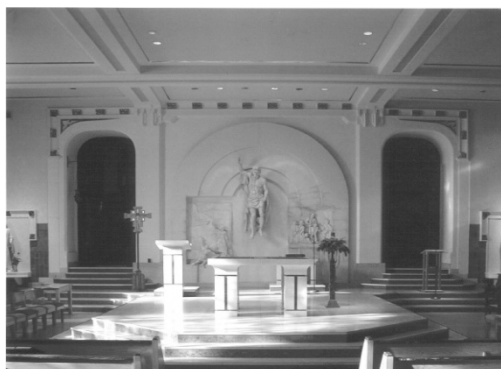


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

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

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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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.
The Readings are found at #1172 in the Parish Hymnal.



Monday, September 4th - Labor Day

9:00am Eileen Gibbons (bday), req by her mom and family

Tuesday, September 5th

9:00am John H. Muller, req by Harry and Joan Lambert

Wednesday, September 6th

9:00am Dawn Colleary, req by Jane Donlon

Thursday, September 7th

9:00am Mary O'Connor, req by John and Nellie Mulreany

Friday, September 8th

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

Saturday, September 9th

9:00am- For the People of the Parish
-Ronald Levinson, req by Barbara Levinson
-Anne and Jim Brennan, and Arline, req by Carol Scacalossi
-Dennis O'Connell, req by Carol Scacalossi
-for the health and intentions of Mary Sammon, req by Mary Gibbons
5:00pm Danell, Halton, and Rahill families, req by the Rahill family

Sunday, September 10th – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (127: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20)

8:00am Mary Minerva, req by her family
9:30am Dennis O'Connell, req by Patricia Shannon and John Shannon
11:00am John Gonoud
12:30pm Pedro and Maria Giraldo, req by their daughter

FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE

Our next drawing of the Four Seasons Parish Raffle will take place **on Monday, September 25th**. Tickets are available at the doors of the church. 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.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the **Catholic University of America Collection**. An envelope is included in your regular tithing packet. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD PANTRY RESUMES NORMAL HOURS...

The Food Pantry will re-open on Wednesday, September 6th.

SVDP CLOTHING TRUCK

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

The Rectory will be CLOSED on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.

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: Frederick W. Ott, Anthony Calenda

WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week for the intentions of **Nancy Canfarotta, on the occasion of her birthday**, as requested by Barbara Levinson.

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL HOURS

Normal hours (closes at 3:30) resume on Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

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 18th 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!!

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES... Classes begin Thursday, September 7th, and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter, from 6-8pm, in the Past. Care Center.

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST SEASON III

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

A Glimpse at your contributions... August 26/27:

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 316	\$1,575	\$1,891
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 365	\$ 643	\$1,008
9:30am (English)	\$ 561	\$ 475	\$1,036
11:00am (English)	\$ 357	\$ 310	\$ 667
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 552	\$ 145	\$ 697
	\$2,151	\$3,148	\$5,299

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$733 (via 50 enrollees)
Total weekly collection: \$6,032 (this week's deficit= \$3,619)
Weekly goal needed to meet parish expenses: \$9,651
Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!!



THE HARDEST BLESSING—"TAKE UP YOUR CROSS....."

Today's readings capture what is often referred to as "the cost of discipleship." The words of Jesus in today's Gospel hardly seem "warm and fuzzy." In fact, the startling prediction of His suffering and death leads Peter to fervently object. However, Jesus was really trying to **prepare** His disciples for His Passion. In today's first reading, Jeremiah, the prophet, shared an experience similar to that of Jesus. With the difficult task of proclaiming God's judgment to the people of Judah, Jeremiah was regularly "mocked and derided." He tried to resist announcing God's Word but found himself, at the same time, unable to do so. In fact, he was called to do [exactly] what he *did not want to do*—despite the fact that God's Word became "like fire burning in [his] heart."

The above situations remind us that no one likes a "naysayer." As Abraham Heschel once commented: "*a prophet is someone you would not invite to your home a second time*". Jeremiah would certainly fit that bill—especially with his incessant talk of death and destruction. Similarly, Jesus tells His disciples, in today's Gospel, that He must endure suffering and death in Jerusalem. Not surprisingly, Peter's response mirrors that of most of us. A classic example of both instances may occur when a beloved family member, or friend, speaks frankly of dire things that **we really do not want to hear**. Perhaps he/she may have been diagnosed with a terminal disease, or another individual may feel called to take on a job that will place him/her in physical danger, or at risk for public ridicule. Therefore, like Peter, we would want to (emphatically) react with words such as: "God forbid!" Here, it is apparent that it is only natural for us to *want the best* for those *we love*.

Today's Scripture readings remind us that it is often through pain and hardship that we, too, can grow in compassion and love. Surprisingly, we hear God's call, (more clearly), when we are in the midst of a loss that would seem to be unbearable--were it not for our faith that helps to realize that God may have some *greater purpose* in store. [Sounds like the familiar "no pain, no gain"]. A memorable example took place when someone gave a striking witness to the fact that when another close family member was terminally ill, that same person (in retrospect) gifted the family by recognizing that this could be my "last Christmas". Although difficult to hear, and to anticipate such an imminent loss, those close to the future deceased person may be able to testify about what was considered to be a (surprisingly) "special blessing that enabled family members, and friends, to better love and care for their loved one in the months that would remain....."

PERSPECTIVES ON THE PERIODIC MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

Upon completion of the new sidewalks, within our parish property, parishioners, and passersby, have been very much impressed with the finished project. Please be informed that during this past winter, we were notified by the City that some of our sidewalks presented a hazard for pedestrians, and needed to be replaced in the near future, or else risk a "hefty" fine. Arrangements were made to postpone the project **until the completion of the school year** in order to avoid any inconveniences for students, parents, and those needing access to our school.

The initial cost was estimated to be, approximately, \$40,000. However, it was soon discovered that additional repairs would be needed, and that it would be in our best interest to address such replacements--prior to any additional notices from the city--, which would incur increased costs for permits, and the machinery needed to complete the additional sidewalks. Please know that the total cost for the sidewalks (\$54,200) will **not** come from the "Generations of Faith" Campaign that has been earmarked, strictly, for: 1) the recently installed air-conditioning system, 2) a new boiler in Father Feely Hall, and 3) future repaving of the Woodhaven parking lot.

In order to cover such an unforeseen expense, payment for the repairs were borrowed from our parish reserves, (which will also impact on future parish income). This sheds light on the importance of our periodic maintenance collection, as well as our regular Sunday collection. Therefore, a word of "THANKS" and APPRECIATION is in order for our parishioners who contributed \$1,898 to the "Maintenance Fund Collection" last weekend. Please know that your weekly contributions—as well as those that are, [periodically], earmarked" maintenance fund" benefit our school and parish plant, by helping us to meet any on-going expenses, and periodic calls for needed repairs and/or improvements.

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: \$64,967

2017

Goal: \$63,130
Registered Members: 817
Number of Donors: 137
Amount Pledged to Date: \$53,015
Amount Paid to Date: \$45,431 (an increase of \$164)

SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL VIGIL, JUNIPER VALLEY PARK... Monday, September 11th at 7:30pm.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

First Days of School

We are very excited to welcome our students and teachers back to school! **The first day of school for grades K-8 is Wednesday, September 6th.** All students should line up in the schoolyard on Eliot Avenue by 7:55am. Students must be in complete uniform. Dismissal for the day will be at 12:00pm. There will be Before and After School that afternoon.

Pre-K begins on Thursday, September 7th with a Parent-Student Orientation. Parents or guardians may join their children in the classroom from 9:00am-10:00am. Come to the church entrance on 61st Road. Go right to the door with the banner on it, and ring the bell.

Nursery begins on Friday, September 8th with a Parent-Student Orientation. Parents or guardians may join their children in the classroom from 9:00am-10:00am. Come to the church entrance on 61st Road. Go right to the door with the banner on it, and ring the bell.

Parent Meetings

Back to School Night allows parents to learn important information about the upcoming school year and to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers.

For **Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten** parents, the meeting will take place in the gym on **Thursday, September 7th at 7:00pm.**

For **Grade 1-8 parents**, the meeting will take place in the gym on **Tuesday, September 12th at 7:30pm.**

What's New

We are pleased to announce the following for our upcoming school year:

- We have **TWO**: Nursery classes, Pre-K for All classes, first grade classes and fourth grades classes!
- Thanks to Generations of Faith donations, our new air conditioning system allows us to cool the church and the gym at the same time.
- Thanks to a donation from our Home Academy Association we were able to purchase beautiful new curtains for our stage.

Registration

There is still limited seating available in some classes. Please contact the school office for an appointment and a tour— 718-426-4963. For more information about our school, please visit our website, www.racatholicacademy.org.

RA Sports & Youth Basketball Program is looking for a person to coach the 4th grade boys CYO team. Must be available 1 evening during the week for practice, and weekends for games. If interested, please call our program coordinator Lou at (347) 563-7202, or email him at loulou22@nyc.rr.com.

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.

BOOSTER WINNERS

1st Prize \$100 Michelle Eichorst, MV
2nd Prize \$50 Elsa Rivera, RP
3rd Prize \$25 Joseph & Eleanor Greene, Lynbrook

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 4th – Labor Day

- Rectory Closed, Food Pantry Closed
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Tuesday, September 5th- St. Teresa of Calcutta

- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9pm FFH Chapel

Wednesday, September 6th

- First Day of School
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- NA 7:30pm PCC

Thursday, September 7th

- Back to School Night for Grades N-K Gym
- English Classed 6-8pm PCC

Friday, September 8th – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- CODA 10am PCC
- Basketball & Volleyball Registration 6-8pm Gym
- Spanish Bible Study 7-9:30pm FFH Garden

Saturday, September 9th – Saint Peter Claver, Priest

- OCA 10am PCC
- Basketball & Volleyball Registration 12-3pm Gym
- Spanish Classes 3-5pm, Spanish Service 5-7pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sunday, September 10th - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Indonesian Apos. Mass 2:30pm-Reception.3-7pm FFH
- Basketball & Volleyball Registration 10-2pm Gym
- Instructional Basketball 2-3:30pm
- Instructional Volleyball 3:30-5pm Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

RA INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL 2017

Classes for Pre-K through 2nd grade will take place on Saturdays and Sundays. **Program dates are:**

Sept. 10, 23, 24, 30; Oct. 1, 7, 8, 14

This is an 8 week program. The cost is \$60 for the entire course, and includes a t-shirt.

CYO BASKETBALL 2016-2017

Grades 3-8. \$115 registration fee, \$70 uniform fee.

Practice starts the third week of September.

RA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC FOR GRADES 3-6

Classes will take place on Saturdays and Sundays.

The program dates are: **September 10, 23, 24, 30; October 1, 7, 8, 14. Registration for all three programs above will take place on: Fri. 9/8 from 6-8pm, Sat. 9/9 from 12noon-3pm, and Sun. 9/10 from 10-2pm in the Gym.**

Please stop by the rectory for a registration form, or email Lou at loulou22@nyc.rr.com with any questions.

