

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 &  
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

### Church

85-25 61<sup>st</sup> Road, Rego Park, New York 11374

### Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 11:00am to 11:30am

### Rectory

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### Faith Formation Office & Pastoral Care Center

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### Rectory Staff

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### Music Office

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### Rectory Hours

Monday through Friday: 9am - 12noon, and 1pm - 5pm  
(closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm)  
Saturday: 9am – 1pm, CLOSED SUNDAY

### Youth Ministry

Jim Shearer Phone (917) 597-8807  
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## RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
The Readings are found at #1177 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Vincent Sammon (bday), req by his wife, Mary, and family

#### Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Ronald Levinson (anniv), req by Barbara Levinson

#### Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** -For the People of the Parish  
-for the intentions of Andrzej Jablonka, req by his wife  
-blessing and intentions of Chang-Range family, req by parents  
-Maureen Coston, req by Gail Cunningham  
-Humberto Rubinos, req by the Rubinos family

**5:00pm** Mary Minerva, req by her family

#### Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(132: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19  
1Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32)

**8:00am** for the Victims, Survivors and Families of the World Trade Center Tragedy

**9:30am** for the Victims, Survivors and Families of the World Trade Center Tragedy

**11:00am** for the Victims, Survivors and Families of the World Trade Center Tragedy

**12:30pm** for the Victims, Survivors and Families of the World Trade Center Tragedy

#### **ST. VINCENT PARISH OUTREACH COLLECTION**

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the **R.A. St. Vincent Parish Outreach Program**. Your contributions help us reach out to our parish family and neighbors experiencing difficult times. Thank you for your consideration.

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The **Summer Drawing of our Four Seasons 50/50** will take place on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. 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!!!**

#### **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, 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:** Aura M. Mena, Raymond N. Sackman, Alma Furletti

#### **WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES**

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this week **in loving memory of Tom Donovan, Sr. (25<sup>th</sup> anniversary)**, as requested by his wife, Catherine.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother**, will be lit this week **in loving memory of Frank F. Fazio (anniversary)**, as requested by Frank Fazio family.

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

The **Flowers at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be placed this week **in thanksgiving and for the intentions of Sandra and Richard Arena, on the occasion of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary**, requested by Nicole, Michael, and Charlee.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Opening of Sunday School is **Sunday, September 18th**. We will have the blessing of the Catechists during the 9:30 Mass, and then we will meet in Father Feely Hall. This year we invite you to first gather as one big group at 10:45 for a brief information session, and then we will break out to meet the teachers. Looking forward to seeing you all! For more info or to register online visit: [www.rachurch.net](http://www.rachurch.net).

**RCIA....** Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Would you like to be Baptized? Have you been Baptized and wish to receive Communion and Confirmation? Please contact [jmennona@hotmail.com](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com) or call: 718-533-7898 for more information

**FOOD PANTRY...** The Food Pantry is CLOSED on Monday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ATTENTION SENIORS**

The Golden Age Group welcomes you to join us every Monday for a pleasant afternoon in Fr. Feely Hall. Our start date is September 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Save the Date! Health Fair!** October 23, 2016  
from 9am-3pm. More details to follow ☺



**A SPECIAL CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

All of us are familiar with the Christmas carol, “Good King Wenceslaus, who is revered as the patron Saint of Czechoslovakia, and who lived over a thousand years ago. His father, a Christian, and Duke of Bohemia, was killed in battle while Wenceslaus was still very young. His mother had become a Christian “in name only.” However, his saintly grandmother, Ludmilla, reared the young prince to be a true follower of Christ. Her influence was the object of envy on the part of the prince’s mother. At the same time, the brother of Wenceslaus, Boleslas, schemed to take over the throne. In fact, one night Wenceslaus went as usual to pray before the tabernacle, at which time his own brother stabbed Wenceslaus to death.

In the Gospel of Luke, for this weekend, Jesus tells us that unless we “hate” our father and mother..... we cannot be His disciples”. It is important to note that in the language of that day, if one wanted to say, “I prefer this and not that,” the actual expression would be stated as, “I like this, and hate that.” Therefore, in that time and culture, “hate” meant to like something *less than something else*. For further clarification, St. Matthew records Christ’s meaning more directly by stating, “the one who loves father, or mother, more than me is not worthy of me.” (Mt. 10:37). In other words, Jesus declares that everyone who wants to follow Him must love Him more than anything else—even more than our parents and family. Fortunately, most Christian parents—unlike the mother, and brother, of Wenceslaus-- are the very ones to inspire us to love our Lord in the way intended by Him.

This Gospel challenges us to ask ourselves: “Are we willing to be true followers of Christ?” “Who, or what, comes first in our lives?” To the proud, for example, honors and praise may be sought beyond anyone, or anything else! Notably, St. Wenceslaus had a special, personal, love for Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, as witnessed by his daily visits. He even planted with his own hands the wheat and grapes for the bread and wine to be consecrated at Mass. Although Wenceslaus reached out to Christ in prayer, he also reached out to the needy with help—“for the sake of Christ.” That is what Christ is asking of us in the “Good News” of the Gospel.

In the closing lines of today’s Gospel, Jesus states: “Renounce your possessions” (Luke 14:33). Perhaps we cannot say that we always have. On the contrary, it may very well be that we have often done *more accumulating* than renouncing. However, from a broader perspective, each *accumulation may, [surprisingly], have made room for that **one more way of being made new*** as the “disciples” we all are called to become.

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH UPDATE**

<b>Parish Target: \$650,000</b>	<b>Total Pledged: \$1,120,667</b>	<b>Pledged Percent of Goal: 177%</b>
<b>Number of Pledges: 227</b>	<b>Amount Received: \$198,667</b>	
<i>\$198,667-\$63,130 (ACA goal) \$135,537      \$135,537 / 2 = \$67,768.50 we will receive in October</i>		

**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**

**Pray - Reflect - Imagine - Create**

Join us for a pottery retreat, led by Ray Boswell, who will merge creativity, and spirituality, as we reflect on our faith. We will end by molding a tea light. We will meet in Church at 11am on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$12 per tea light. Buy one or one for each family member! For more information and to register online visit: [www.rachurch.net](http://www.rachurch.net).

**ARISE!** RA will be joining over 70 parishes in 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](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com)

**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.

**15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 9/11 CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, our Community will gather at Juniper Valley Park for a Candlelight Service to remember the loss we suffered on 9/11 as a Nation, as a City, and as a Community. All are welcome.

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RESURRECTION - ASCENSION

### ☺ CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS ☺

#### First Days of School

We are very excited to begin a new school year with our new name—Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy! The first day of school for grades K-8 is Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 61<sup>st</sup> Road. Go right to the door with the banner on it, and ring the bell.

Nursery begins on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 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 61<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

For Grade 1-8 parents, the meeting will take place in the gym on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

#### What's New

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

-We have **two** Nursery classes, **two** Pre-K for All classes, **two** Kindergarten classes, and **two** third grade classes!

-Thanks to funding from the federal E-rate program and a grant from DeSales Media, we have a managed WiFi system throughout the building.

-DeSales Media also created our new website at

**[www.racatholicacademy.org](http://www.racatholicacademy.org)**

-Thanks to a donation from our Home School Association we were able to purchase Chromebooks for our 1:1 program for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### 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](http://www.racatholicacademy.org).

#### PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

Before this year of Mercy comes to a close, join us on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> on 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](mailto:jmennona@hotmail.com) or call 718-533-7898.

#### FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

Every Tuesday and Thursday (beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>) from 6:30-8:30pm in the Pastoral Care Center of FFH.

#### BOOSTER WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Mr. & Mrs. Javier Gallardo, RP  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Barbara Stoddard, RP  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Eileen Hirschfeld, RP

***Congratulations to all of our winners!***

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day – Bl. Theresa of Calcutta, Religious**

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

**Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

-Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30m FFH Chapel  
 -English Classes 6:30-8:30pm PCC

**Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

-Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC  
 -NA 7:30pm PCC

**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

-Back to School Night-Grades N, PK & K 7pm Gym  
 -Knights of Columbus Meeting 8-9pm FFH Main  
 -English Classes 6:30-8:30pm PCC

**Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter Claver, Priest**

-CODA 10am PCC  
 -Basketball Registration 10-1pm Gym

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - BVM**

-OCA 10am PCC  
 -Basketball Registration 10-1pm Gym  
 -Instructional Basketball 1-3pm Gym  
 -Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

-Alanon 12noon  
 -Indonesian Apost. Mass 2:30pm-Recep. 3:30-7pm FHH  
 -Basketball Registration 10-2pm Gym  
 -Instructional Basketball 2-4pm Gym

#### RA INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL 2016

*Classes for PreK-Kindergarten take place on Saturdays from 9-10am and Sundays from 2-3pm. Classes for 1st - 2nd grade take place on Saturdays from 10-11am and Sundays from 3-4pm. **The program dates are: Sept. 10, 11, 24, 25; Oct. 1, 8, 9, 15.** This is an 8 week program. The cost is \$60 for the entire course, and includes a t-shirt. Please stop by the rectory for a registration form or email Lou at [loulou22@nyc.rr.com](mailto:loulou22@nyc.rr.com) with any questions.*

#### CYO BASKETBALL 2016-2017

*Grades 3-8. \$115 registration fee, \$70 uniform fee. Registration will take place on: Fri. 9/9 from 5-8pm, Sat. 9/10 from 1-3pm and Sun. 9/11 from 10-2pm in the Gym. Practice starts the third week of September. Please stop by the rectory for a registration form or email Lou at [loulou22@nyc.rr.com](mailto:loulou22@nyc.rr.com) with any questions*

#### **A Glimpse at your contributions... August 27/28:**

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday- 5pm (English)	\$585	\$1,332	\$1,917
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$226	\$ 657	\$ 883
9:30am (English)	\$693	\$ 591	\$1,284
11:00am (English)	\$435	\$ 663	\$1,098
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 86	\$ 587	\$ 673
	\$2,025	\$3,830	\$5,855

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

