

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

# 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  
Mr. Emanuel Bologna, Director of Music  
Mrs. Joann Heppt, School Principal  
Ms. Joyce Mennona, Dir. of Religious Education  
Rev. Basilio Monteiro, Weekend Presider  
Deacon Julio Murillo, Permanent Deacon

### Church

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### Rectory

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### Rectory Staff

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### Rectory Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 NOON  
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
(closed for lunch 12 NOON-1:00 PM)  
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, CLOSED SUNDAY

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM  
12:30 PM (Spanish)

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 9:00AM  
Saturday 9:00 AM

### Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM

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## RESURRECTION-ASCENSION CHURCH, REGO PARK

Today is the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).  
The Readings are found at #1176 in the Parish Hymnal.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - LABOR DAY

9:00am For the intentions of Fr. Amato

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

9:00am Fay Guatelli, req by Sister Virginia Blend

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

9:00am Ronald Levinson, req by Barbara Levinson

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

9:00am Leonardo Coppola, req by Joann Hept

#### Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00am for the Victims, Survivors, and Families of  
the World Trade Center Tragedy

#### Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00am For the People of the Parish  
-Anne and Jim Brennan, req by their daughters  
-Krystyna Oskwarek-Wyszotrawka, req by her  
daughter Malgorzata, and family  
-Anthony Neville, req by Bridie Grogan and family  
-Christian Martyrs, req by Jane Donlon  
-Vincent Sammon (birthday), req by his wife, Mary,  
and family  
-in thanksgiving for the many blessings and prayers,  
req by the Lopez family

5:00pm for the intentions of Sandra and Richard  
Arena on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary, req by Nicole, Michael, and Charlee

#### Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(131: Is 50:5-9a Ps 116:1-6, 8-9  
Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35)

7:30am Mary Minerva, req by her family

9:30am James O'Connell, req by Josephine and  
family

11:00am Frank Sciaratta, req by Edward and Lena  
Geraghty and family

12:30pm Humberto, Ricardo, Manuel, and Francisco  
Rubinos, req by Elena Rubinos and family

#### RECTORY CLOSED

The Rectory will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
in observance of Labor Day.

It will re-open on Tues., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

The Rectory staff wish all a Happy Labor Day!

#### CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to make a  
donation to The Catholic University of America. An  
envelope has been included in your regular tithing  
packet. Thank you for your consideration.

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

The Chapel will resume normal hours  
beginning on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

##### *The Sick and/or Hospitalized:*

Joseph Arigo, Stephanie Bojarski, Eileen Boyle,  
Rosaria Cali, Richard DeNardo, Agnes Finegan,  
Msgr. Vincent Fullam, Patricia Hutzal, Rita Mascarenhas,  
Rosaleen McCabe, Marcela Ortega, Victoria Payano,  
Jovina Rios, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo, Aleksa  
Santos Yaiciunas, Alicia Witherby, Roy Witherby

**Deceased:** Thomas Edward Lynch, Jr., Leo Benitez,  
Michael E. Kearns

#### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used at all the Masses this  
week in **loving memory of Dolly and Fran Colleary**,  
as requested by Virginia Moriarty and family.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week for the  
**intentions of Gerry Liberatore**, as requested by Jane  
Donlon.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will  
be lit this week in **loving memory of Kathleen Carey**,  
as requested by the Morrissey family.

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Joseph** will be lit this  
week in **loving memory of Vincent Sammon**  
(**birthday**), as requested by his wife, Mary, and family.

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

The **Flowers at the Blessed Mother** will be placed this  
week for **personal intentions**, as requested by a  
parishioner.

#### OPENING DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS APPROACHING!!

The opening of Sunday School is Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, in Fr.  
Feely Hall, following in the 9:30am Mass. Come in, meet your  
teacher, your friends, and have some refreshments. If you  
haven't already registered, you may do so on that day. You can  
also print out registration forms online at [www.rachurch.net](http://www.rachurch.net), or  
visit the rectory to pick up a form. If you have any question,  
please call our office in Father Feely Hall: (718) 533-7898.

#### 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm**, followed by a pizza  
party, coffee/tea, and cake. **Our Chair Exercise Program**  
**starts on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**, and our monthly  
holiday socials have become a popular addition.  
INTERESTED??? Come and see what it's all about!!

#### MARIAN ROSARY GROUP

*We need prayer. We need our Blessed Mother.*  
The Marian Rosary Group will open a new season on  
Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 7:30pm in the  
Garden Room of Fr. Feely Hall. We welcome all  
ladies of the parish and their friends to join us as we  
pray the rosary for our personal needs and the  
concerns of our parish community.  
Refreshments are served. We look forward  
to welcoming all in faith and friendship.



**“The Value of Listening”**

A big construction company was drawing up plans for a new building. *Five* young engineers, and architects, were working up the blueprints. They were discussing the various ways to arrange a certain part of the building. One of the engineers suddenly proposed (what he thought) was *a new way* to accomplish the task at hand. The others (in attendance) looked at him with amazement. It seems that the chairperson had to inform him that “his idea” had *already* been proposed, considered, and rejected. What had happened???? Apparently, the young engineer was *not* listening when the idea was *first suggested*. He missed it and, as a result, he was not promoted nor, did he receive an increase in salary. In this instance, one might say that: *“He paid the price of not listening!”*

The Gospel for this weekend relates how Jesus cured a man who could not listen because he was physically deaf. He is just one of millions who are physically deaf—or hard of hearing. At the same time, there are others who have good ears, but do not hear, because they do not listen. Yet, experience informs us that in most areas of life, it is extremely important that we listen. For example, family life could be much less stressful and, perhaps, even more joyful if all members would learn to listen—not only in the sense of allowing someone else to speak but, in trying to *hear what is actually being said*. Communication is a two-way street. Talking and listening helps people to share-- not only ideas and facts, but, also, their feelings. In other words, it is important that one attempts to hear what a person *feels—as well as what one says*.

Listening intelligently is extremely important, also, to us in Church. Listening in such a way so as to reflect: What does the Word of God say? What does it mean? At the same time, we need to speak to God in prayer—just as we listen to Him. Notably, those few quiet moments following our reception of Communion can be an ideal time for listening to what God is speaking.....to me.

Today’s Gospel reminds us that the same Jesus who gave the deaf man his hearing will also help us to learn the Christ-like art of sincere listening. The bottom line is that all of us are called to listen to the lonely, the troubled, and the worried. And, for many, the best medicine—the best gift—is to have someone *really listen to them* in their sorrows—as well as their joys.

A word of “Thanks” and “Appreciation” is in order for our parishioners who contributed \$4,011 to the “Maintenance Fund Collection” last weekend. In addition to recent improvements for the sound system in the auditorium, through the generous donation of a campaign associated with “Box Tops” [which covered the cost of this very much needed improvement for future programs], *your* contributions will *also* cover the costs for outlets throughout the auditorium, all of which are now in working order to facilitate their use for future social functions. At the same time, repairs and painting of the ceiling above the stage was completed last week. Finally, it was brought to our attention that the speaker system in the Church [covering the seating area with portable chairs] needs to be replaced for those who elect to worship in these areas. Therefore, please know that your weekly donations, as well as those earmarked “maintenance fund” prove to benefit our school and parish activities, as well as helping to meet any on-going expenses, and periodic calls for improvements.

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

<b>2014 Goal: \$63,130</b>	<b>2015 Goal: \$63,130</b>
<b>Registered members: 839</b>	<b>Registered members: 818</b>
<b>Number of Donors: 212</b>	<b>Number of Donors: 188 (an increase of 2)</b>
<b>Amount Pledged to Date: \$74,613</b>	<b>Amount Pledged to Date: \$70,923 (an increase of \$125)</b>
<b>Amount Paid to Date: \$61,692</b>	<b>Amount Paid to Date: \$64, 967 (an increase of \$830)</b>

**A GLIMPSE AT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.... YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON**

<b>2014 Sunday Collection for August 30/31:</b>				<b>2015 Sunday Collection for August 29/30:</b>			
	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Cash</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$ 315	\$2,412	\$2,727	Saturday 5:00pm (English)	\$ 229	\$1,695	\$1,924
Sunday 7:30am (English)	\$ 375	\$ 732	\$1,107	Sunday 7:30am (English)	\$ 452	\$ 941	\$1,393
9:30am (English)	\$ 461	\$ 755	\$1,216	9:30am (English)	\$ 449	\$ 903	\$1,352
11:00am (English)	\$ 518	\$ 693	\$1,211	11:00am (English)	\$ 365	\$ 550	\$ 915
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 603	\$ 233	\$ 836	12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 437	\$ 142	\$ 579
	<b>\$2,272</b>	<b>\$4,825</b>	<b>\$7,097</b>		<b>\$1,932</b>	<b>\$4,231</b>	<b>\$6,16</b>

**FREE ENGLISH CLASSES:** Every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm in the Pastoral Care Center of FFH.  
**FREE SPANISH CLASSES:** Tuesdays, 10am-12noon, FFH Garden Room & Saturdays, 5-6:30pm, Pastoral Care Center of FFH

## THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### School News

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#### First Days of School

We are very excited to begin a new school year! The first day of school for grades K-8 is Wednesday, September 9<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 After School that afternoon.

Nursery and Pre-Kindergarten begins on Friday, September 11<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 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

For Grade 1-8 parents, the meeting will take place in the gym on Tuesday, September 15<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, Pre-K classes, Kindergarten classes and second grade classes!
- Thanks to a friend of Resurrection Ascension School who entered us in a Box Tops contest, we were able to purchase a new sound system for the gym/auditorium.
- Thanks to a donation from our Home School Association we were able to purchase a new Science program for grades K-5.

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

#### R.A. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL'S 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

at the Pines Restaurant on October 3, 2015 at 7:00pm.  
Tickets are \$75 per person and include dinner, beer, wine, soda, dessert, coffee and tea. Raffles for prizes and a 50/50 drawing will be held. For information, contact John Polisenio at (917) 304-3460, or email [roscoe1017@verizon.net](mailto:roscoe1017@verizon.net).

#### 9/11 CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

On Friday, 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. We do so also in support of the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who face mortal danger each and every day so that we can live in freedom.

All are welcome.

#### BOOSTER WINNERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Carol Mazza, MV  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Pauline & Anthony Ruggiero, MV  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Pat & Walger Bolger, 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 7<sup>th</sup> LABOR DAY

- Rectory Closed
- Food Pantry Closed
- No Golden Age
- NA 7:30pm PCC

##### Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Spanish Classes 10am-12noon FFH Garden
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

##### Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> St. Peter Claver, Priest

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Spanish Choir 6pm Church
- English Choir 7:30pm Church
- NA 7:30pm PCC

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

- Back to School Night-Grades N, PK, & K 7pm Gym
- English Classes 6:60-8:30pm PCC

##### Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

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

##### Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Name of Mary;BVM

- OCA 10am PCC
- Instructional Basketball 9-1pm Gym
- Basketball Registration 12noon-2pm Gym
- Spanish Service 3-5pm PCC
- Spanish Classes 5-6:30pm PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

##### Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Alanon 12noon PCC
- Indonesian Apostolate Mass 2:30pm Church & Reception 4-7pm GGH
- Basketball Registration 10-2pm Gym

#### RA INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL 2015

-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

**Program dates are: Sept. 12,19 26,27; Oct. 3,10,11,17**

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 2014-2015

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

Registration will take place on:

Fri. 9/11 from 6-8pm, Sat. 9/12 from 12-2pm and Sun. 9/13 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.

