

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

# 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 Parochial Vicar  
Mr. Emanuel Bologna, Director of Music  
Mrs. Joann Heppt, Academy Principal  
Mr. Jason Velazquez, Dir. of Religious Education & Parish Outreach  
Rev. Basilio Monteiro, Weekend Presider

### Church

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### Rectory

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### Rectory Staff

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(*Tuition Officer/Rectory Receptionist*)

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



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

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

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

**9:00am** Mercedes Coral (6 month ann), req by the Chang family

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

**9:00am** Mercedes Gamez DeCoral, req by Ed and Rita Geraghty

### Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Maureen Dillane, req by Mary Shanahan and family

### Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Harold Lambert, req by Nita and Angel Almazan

### Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** –For the People of the Parish  
-Mercedes Martinez, req by her parents and family  
-for the health and intentions of Esther Sanchez, req by Joan Franco  
-Eileen McMahon, req by her sister, Mary Sammon and family  
-Thomas Dalton, req by Mary Casey and family

**5:00pm** Frank Brucale, req by Jane, Esther, Griselda, Sylvana, and Joan

### Sunday, September 16<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)

**8:00am** Mary McMahon, req by the Rahner family

**9:30am** Harold Lambert, req by Linda and Thomas Doocey

**11:00am** Beatrice Spinelli, req by her children

**12:30pm** Msgr. James J. Griffin

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION / ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON TRUST FUND COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will be accepting your donations toward Catholic Education/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Fund Collection, which benefits our parish schools. Envelopes have been provided in your tithing packets. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!!

ARISE will begin again on October 11<sup>th</sup>. LEVANTE will also begin in the Fall. More info to follow...

### FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The Food Pantry is open  
Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am-noon.

### FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

Classes begin Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, from 6-8pm in the Pastoral Care Center. There will be beginner classes.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick and/or Hospitalized:** Vahide Atlas, Josephine Bravchok, Colleen Breheny, Peggy Brennan, Stephanie Bojarski, Kurt Burger, Martha Chaves, Richard DeNardo, Eleanor Ducey, Carmine Eso, Ida Fernandes, Steve Ferrugio, Msgr. Vincent Fullam, George J. Harms, George M. Harms, Pat Holahan, Claire LaRocca, James Leung, Joe Loughnane, Mary Loughnane, Patrick McCabe, Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr., Susan Patina, Brendan Phelan, Michael Pratley, Grace Radonicic, Frank Rahill, Maureen Rahill, Barbara Ravert, Jovina Rios, Joel Rivera, Julio Rosado, Madeline Silecchia, Rose Tantillo

**Deceased:** Frances Waldron

### WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIAL CANDLES

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week in **loving memory of Ronald Levinson**, as requested by Barbara Levinson.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Steven Morelli**, as requested by Debbie Gross, and family.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit this week in **loving memory of Richard Murray**, as requested by the Faculty and Staff of RA Catholic Academy.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Opening of Sunday School is  
**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**,  
in Fr. Feely Hall, following the 9:30am Mass. Come in, meet your teacher, your friends, have some refreshments. If you haven't already registered, you may do so on that day. You can also visit the rectory to pick up a form. If you have any questions, please call Jason Velazquez 718-533-7898 or email [jvelazquezra@aol.com](mailto:jvelazquezra@aol.com).

### CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!

If you are interested in teaching the faith, and working with children, we can use help in our Sunday School Program for the upcoming school year. If interested, please call the Rectory and leave your contact info.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a parent workshop for all parents whose children will be receiving the Sacraments of Confession and First Holy Communion this year on Sunday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45am in Fr. Feely Hall. The meeting will be slightly less than one hour. Please call or email Jason Velazquez with any questions.

### ROSARY REPAIR

Jason Chang will be available to repair your chain rosaries on the first Sunday of the month, immediately following the 9:30am Mass in the auditorium, beginning on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is a free service (unless replacement parts are needed). You may schedule alternate times to meet by emailing [jchang53@fordham.edu](mailto:jchang53@fordham.edu) or call (718) 916-8343.



**“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 this engineer 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, to us, also, in our worship experience at Church. Listening in such a way so as to reflect the following: What does the Word of God say? What does it mean? How can/does the Word of God apply to my life—in the past, or present. 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.

Therefore, 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, also, to the lonely, the troubled, and the worried. And, for many, the best medicine—the very best gift—is to have someone really listen to the above in their sorrows—as well as in their joys

A word of “THANKS” is expressed to all who contributed \$1,583 toward the special “Maintenance Fund Collection,” which took place August 27/28. Please be aware that, in addition to helping meet any periodic, and unexpected repairs that often arise, this fund is also “earmarked” for service contracts to avoid any future,(and oftentimes) “prohibitive,” repair costs. Notably, in late June, it, also, became necessary to replace the “hot water heater” in the convent at the cost of \$6,762. Last week, a tree off 61<sup>st</sup> Road, that was a potential hazard, had to be removed at a cost of \$2,000. Recently, some may have noticed problems with the front door of the Church, which will now entail the replacement of new parts at the estimated cost of \$1,500 to \$2,000. Also, in the very near future, the front door of the rectory will also be replaced at the cost of \$1,850. Therefore, please be aware that whatever you contribute to our recent, and future, “maintenance fund collection” is very much needed, as well as appreciated.

In Christ,  
Fr. Amato

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE**

**2017**

**Goal: \$63,130**  
**Registered Members: 817**  
**Number of Donors: 137**  
**Amt Pledged to Date: \$53,015**  
**Amt Received to Date: \$45,431**

**2018**

**Goal: \$63,130**  
**Registered Members: 829**  
**Number of Donors: 166**  
**Amt Pledged to Date: \$63,242**  
**Amt Received to Date: \$55,935 (an increase of \$899)**

(\*note-increase notations refer to increase from last week’s figures, not a comparison to 2017 figures)

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!!! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE PLEDGES!!!**

**While we have thankfully reached our goal, pledges can still be made. Any funds over our goal will return to RA!!!** \*Pledge forms are available in Church, or at the Rectory, in both English and Spanish. You may also visit [www.annualcatholicappeal.org](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.org) and click Donate. Just be sure to mark “Resurrection-Ascension” as our parish!

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**RESURRECTION-ASCENSION  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS**



**Back to School News:** We are pleased to announce that our enrollment has increased again this year. We now have over 350 students, the largest number in many years!

**TACHS Workshop:** The Test for Admission to Catholic High School (TACHS) will be given on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents interested in Catholic high school on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the gym. All RA School parents and public school parents are welcome!

**A Glimpse at your contributions... September 1/2:**

	Checks	Cash	Total
Saturday-5:00pm (English)	\$1,590	\$ 475	\$2,065
Sunday 8:00am (English)	\$ 760	\$ 590	\$1,350
9:30am (English)	\$ 505	\$ 356	\$ 861
11:00am (English)	\$1,260	\$ 79	\$1,339
12:30 pm (Spanish)	\$ 177	\$ 594	\$ 771
	\$4,292	\$2,094	\$6,386

Contributions made via Online Giving: \$1,413. Total number of envelopes used by registered parishioners: 198

**Total weekly collection: \$7,799. Weekly goal needed to meet parish expenses: \$9,651. Deficit this week= \$1,852**

**FOUR SEASONS PARISH RAFFLE**

Our next drawing of the Four Seasons Parish Raffle will take place **on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are available at the doors of the church, and will be included in next weekend's bulletin. 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.

**TWIRLING**

Ages 4 and up. Registration will take place on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-7pm in the gym.

For more information, please contact Jessica at (646) 772-1075, or email [citytwirlers@yahoo.com](mailto:citytwirlers@yahoo.com).

**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL VIGIL**

On Tuesday, 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.

**WELCOME BACK TO OUR YOUTH GROUP!**

Our Youth Ministry Group, for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students, will resume on Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, under the direction of our Youth Minister, Jim Shearer. The group will meet each Sunday from 12noon -1:30pm in the Garden Room of FFH. New members are always welcome to attend.

**BOOSTER WINNERS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100 Stella Sullivan, RP
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50 Mr. Frank Rahill, MV
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25 Helen Heptig, RP

**Congratulations to our winners!**

*Our Booster Club will be coming to an end after this September. Thank you to all who have participated over the years. Look to future bulletins for its replacement ☺*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC, Yoga 6pm FFH Garden
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- NA 7:30pm PCC & FFH Main

**Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Children's Choir 3pm Church
- Back to School Night Grades 1-8 7pm Gym
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC
- Spanish Prayer Group 7-9:30pm FFH Chapel

**Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>- The Most Holy Name of Mary**

- Spanish Choir 6pm, English Choir 7:30pm Church
- Food Pantry 10-12noon PCC
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym,
- Yoga 6pm FFH Garden, NA 7:30pm PCC

**Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>- St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

- Diocesan Choir 7:30pm Church
- Basketball Practice 5-9pm Gym
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 8-9pm FFH Main
- English Classes 6-8pm PCC

**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

- Gym Closed, CODA 10am PCC

**Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>- Our Lady of Sorrows**

- Gym Closed, OCA 10am PCC
- Divine Mercy 4:15pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>- Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Special Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday School 10:45am in FFH Main
- Back to School Brunch 10:30-12noon Gym
- Youth Group 12-1:30pm FFH Garden
- Instructional Basketball 2-4pm Gym
- Alanon 12noon PCC

**Queensboro Chapter of UNICO National presents  
"The Class of Life", A Theatrical Experience,**

starring Paul Faila. **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open 2:30pm, Showtime at 3pm. Show is 2 hours with one 15-20 minute intermission. 21 and older please. Tickets are \$35 per person. Light refreshments will be served. For ticket info, please call Mike J. Mucaria (917) 681-6710 or Rico Boletti (917) 207-4773. Payments can be mailed to Prymas Contracting, 62-13 60<sup>th</sup> Drive, Maspeth, NY 11378. Tickets must be purchased by October 1<sup>st</sup>, no tickets sold at the door. A portion of the proceeds will go towards local outreach programs. When coming to the show, please consider bringing your gently used books/DVDs. These generous donations will be delivered to injured and disabled vets at Walter Reed Military Hospital.

