# The Parish of Resurrection-Ascension

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## Mass Schedule

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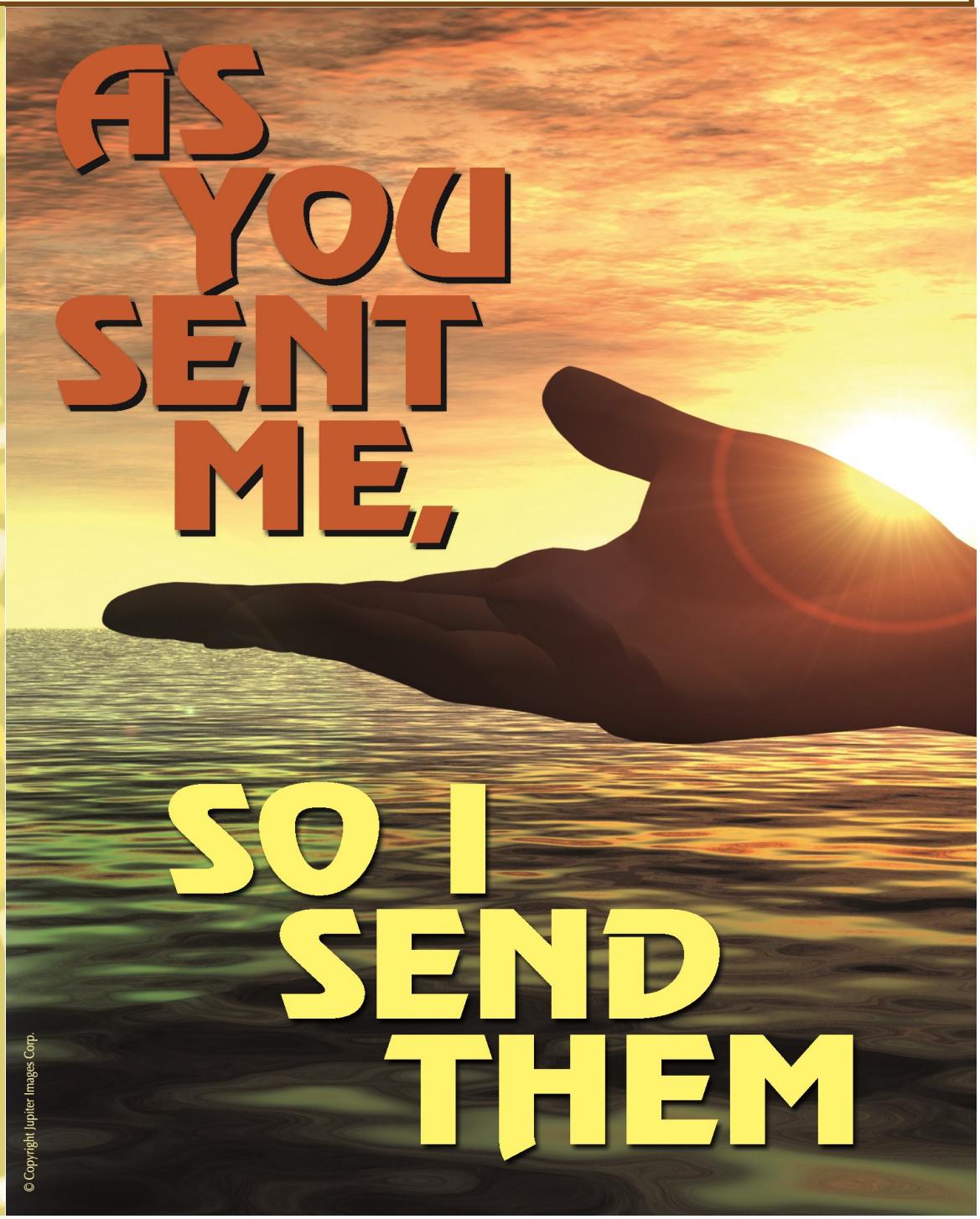
| **Monday-Saturday:** | **9 am** |
| **Saturday Vigil:** | **4 pm** |
| **Sundays:** | **9:00 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm (Spanish)** |

***Masses are also livestreamed on our website and Facebook***

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 16, 2021

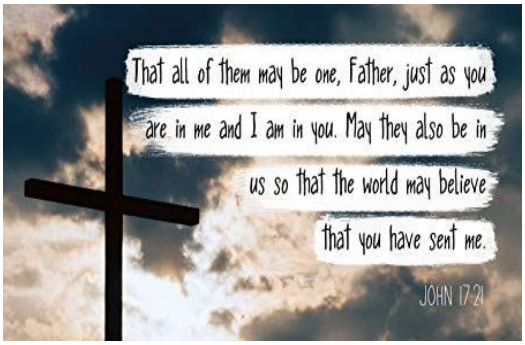


## *Letter from our Pastor —- Carta de Nuestro Párroco*

Dear Friends,

Today's first reading from Acts describes the selection of Matthias--the apostle who is chosen to replace Judas after his betrayal of Jesus. It takes place between the two great events in Acts of the Ascension and Pentecost. It is a time when the disciples are waiting and wondering how Jesus will keep his promise to send the Spirit into their midst. It is a time of expectation, a time of hope, and a time of trust in God's plan. This scene in Acts reminds us that every important decision in our life ought to be made in prayer. It is our assurance, even in times of doubt and anxiety, that God will always be near to guide us and help us. Prayer will always help us through--and it is our best way of always being united to our brothers and sisters in the community of faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus himself prays for us! He prays for our unity and our protection. He prays that we might stay close to one another in love. He prays that we might be protected from the values that the world often promotes, such as greed, pride and self-centered living. He prays for us because he has sent us into the world as his witnesses. As we pray together this week, we need to reflect on how we are responding to his call. Are we doing the mission of Jesus—in our community, within our families, in our world? When things start to open up more and pandemic restrictions ease, will we have the strength to invite and encourage our sisters and brothers to gather at church once again; will we proclaim Jesus, too?




As we prepare for the feast of Pentecost, may the Spirit touch our hearts!

Peace and blessings,

Father Tom

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Queridos amigos,

La primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos describe cómo el apóstol Matías fue electo para reemplazar a Judas después de su traición a Jesús. Su elección tiene lugar entre los dos grandes eventos de los Hechos: la Ascensión y Pentecostés. Es un momento en el que los discípulos esperan y se preguntan cómo cumplirá Jesús su promesa de enviar al Espíritu para que permanezca entre ellos. Es un momento de expectativa, de esperanza y de tener confianza en el plan de Dios. Esta escena en Hechos nos recuerda que todas las decisiones importantes en nuestra vida deben hacerse en oración. Es nuestra esperanza, que incluso en tiempos de duda y ansiedad, Dios siempre está cerca para guiarnos y para apoyarnos. La oración siempre nos ayudará a salir adelante, y estar en oración es la mejor manera de estar siempre unidos a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en nuestra comunidad de fe.

En el Evangelio, ¡Jesús mismo ora por nosotros! Ora por nuestra unidad y por nuestra protección. Ora para que podamos permanecer cerca el uno del otro en su amor. Ora para que podamos estar protegidos de los valores que el mundo promueve a menudo, como la codicia, el orgullo y la vida egocéntrica. Jesús ora por nosotros porque nos ha enviado al mundo a ser testigos suyos. Al unirnos en oración esta semana, debemos reflexionar acerca de nuestra respuesta a su llamado. ¿Estamos cumpliendo la misión de Jesús, en nuestra comunidad, dentro de nuestras familias, en nuestro mundo? Cuando las cosas comiencen a relajarse más y las restricciones pandémicas se alivien, debemos preguntarnos si tendremos el valor de invitar y alentar a nuestras hermanas y hermanos a reunirse en la iglesia una vez más; ¿Proclamaremos también el mensaje de Jesús?

Al prepararnos para la fiesta de Pentecostés, pidamos para ¡que el Espíritu toque nuestros corazones!

Paz y bendiciones,

Padre Tom

I would like to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge
to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal at our parish.

If you are still considering your donation,
please complete a donation envelope at the entrance of the church
and hand it in by June 1st.
You can also text **ACA** to 917-336-1255 or visit www.annualcatholicappeal.org

The 2021 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish
and the daily work of the Church in our diocese of Brooklyn and Queens
in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities;
Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office;
Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation;
Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy;
Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

Annual Catholic Appeal 2021
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All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal
are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.

As always thank you for your generosity. God bless you.

**Parish Goal: $72,301** **Pledged: $52,829**

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Me gustaría agradecer a todas aquellas generosas personas que se han comprometido a la Campaña Católica Anual 2021 en nuestra parroquia.

Si todavía está considerando hacer su donación, por favor complete uno de los sobres de donación que se encuentran en la entrada de la iglesia y entréguelo antes del 1 de junio.
También puede enviar un mensaje de texto con las iniciales **ACA** al 917-336-1255
o visite www.annualcatholicappeal.org

La Campaña Católica Anual Diocesana 2021 apoya la misión de nuestra parroquia
y el trabajo diario de la Iglesia en nuestra diócesis de Brooklyn y Queens
de maneras que ninguna parroquia puede lograr por sí sola apoyando los siguientes ministerios:

Iniciativa del Ministerio de la Juventud Católica, Caridades Católicas;
Capellanes de hospitales, universidades y prisiones; Oficina Diocesana de Vocaciones;
Servicios Católicos de Migración; Oficina de Formación en la Fe;
Obispo Mugavero Residencia para clérigos enfermos;
Fundación de becas Futures in Education

Todas las donaciones hechas a la ACA por encima de nuestra meta parroquial.
son devueltos directamente a nuestra parroquia para operaciones y mejoras.

Como siempre, les agradecemos su generosidad. Que Dios les bendiga

## Tools for Building a Domestic Church

As we celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our Religious Education Program and Academy, we want to provide our students and their families with some tools they can use at home to reinforce the formation they received in religion class.

According to the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: "The family, is so to speak, the domestic church." (Lumen Gentium #11) This means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is and to prayerfully seek His will for us. In the following bullet points you will find some suggestions on how to build your "domestic church" through a life of prayer that can help all the members of your family.

- Begin praying as a family and reading from Scripture daily, certainly before meals, but also first thing in the morning or before bed. Find a time that works for your family.
- Use the liturgy of the Church as a model for prayer, and try to include heartfelt unstructured prayer as well.
- Pray a Family Rosary (each member leads a decade, and everyone shares intentions).
- Have a crucifix in a prominent place in the home, and in every bedroom.
- Make the Sacraments a regular celebration – take the whole family to Confession and Mass!
- Begin family traditions based on the seasons celebrated in the liturgical calendar.
- Make your vacation a holy pilgrimage by visiting the shrines and saints of our land and the world.
- Make worshiping God a priority. Never miss Mass, even while traveling – go to: www.MassTimes.org to find a church near you!
- Teach stewardship and charity to your children, through word and example.
- Demonstrate love for your spouse, your children, your neighbors, and the world. Remind their children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
- Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of your life.
- Welcome into your home and support priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers in the Church.
- Participate in the lay ministries and activities of your parish community.
- Allow your children to witness you in private prayer. Encourage your children to pray daily on their own, to listen for God's call, and if heard, to respond.
- For more ideas on how to build your home as a Domestic Church, go to: www.domesticchurch.com
- You can also visit The Family Fully Alive website, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-fully-alive.html

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## Herramientas para edificar a la Iglesia Doméstica

Ahora que celebramos los sacramentos de la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación en nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa y Academia, queremos brindarles a nuestros estudiantes y sus familias algunas herramientas que pueden usar en casa para reforzar la formación que recibieron en la clase de religión.

Según la Constitución Dogmática sobre la Iglesia del Concilio Vaticano II: "La familia, por así decirlo, es la iglesia doméstica". (Lumen Gentium # 11) Esto significa que es en el contexto de la familia que primero aprendemos quién es Dios y buscamos en oración Su voluntad para nosotros. En los siguientes puntos encontrará algunas sugerencias sobre cómo edificar su "iglesia doméstica" a través de una vida de oración que pueda ayudar a todos los miembros de su familia.

- Comience orando en familia y leyendo todos los días la lectura de las Escrituras, no solamente antes de las comidas, sino también en la mañana al despertarse o antes de acostarse. Encuentre un tiempo que sea conveniente para su familia.
- Use la liturgia de la Iglesia como un modelo para orar y también trate de incluir oraciones sinceras que provienen del corazón y no son estructuradas.
- Rece el Rosario en familia (cada miembro ora y dice una década, todos los miembros de la familia comparten las intenciones.)
- Tenga un Crucifijo en un lugar destacado en el hogar, y uno en cada habitación.
- Haga de los Sacramentos una celebración regular, lleve a toda la familia al sacramento de Penitencia y a la celebración de la Eucaristía.
- Comience y celebre tradiciones familiares basadas en las estaciones del año litúrgico.
- Haga de sus vacaciones una peregrinación santa visitando los santuarios y los lugares de nacimiento de nuestros santos y los santos del mundo.
- Haga de la Adoración a Dios una prioridad. No pierda la oportunidad de ir a la Misa, incluso mientras viaja con su familia, visite el sitio www.MassTimes.org para encontrar una iglesia cerca de donde se encuentre.
- Enseñe a sus hijos a través de su palabra y ejemplo, el concepto de corresponsabilidad del tiempo, talento, tesoro y de las obras de caridad.
- Demuestre el amor que siente por su cónyuge, por sus hijos, sus vecinos, y el mundo. Recuerde a sus hijos que Dios los ama y que les ha dado dones para servir a los demás.
- Hable abiertamente de la presencia de Dios en las alegrías y las tristezas de su vida.
- De la bienvenida en su casa a los sacerdotes, hermanos religiosos, hermanas religiosas, diáconos y ministros laicos de la Iglesia que le ofrecen apoyo.
- Participe en los ministerios laicos y en las actividades de su comunidad parroquial.
- Permita que sus hijos sean testigos de su oración privada.
- Anime a sus hijos a orar diariamente por su cuenta, para escuchar y responder al llamado de Dios.
- Para más ideas sobre cómo edificar su hogar como Iglesia Doméstica, visite el sitio: www.domestic-church.com.

***(*Traducido por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos)**

## School News

### May Madness

Here are the most recent winners:

May 4-Mitchell Chtel

May 5-Nancy Goldbach

May 6-Kathleen Rahill

May 7-Mary Heenan

May 8-Marie Bernas

May 9-Debbie Gross

May 10-Patrick O'Dea

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### 3K Program

We were recently awarded two 3K For All classes for September. This is a free program for children who will turn 3 this year.

However, the DOE has not yet listed our school as one of the choices. You may begin your application at **MySchools.nyc.gov**, but do not submit it.
We will let you know when we are finally listed. You have until the end of May to submit your application.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 718-426-4963.

In the spirit of **Pentecost** and to symbolize unity, we invite you to wear **something red** next weekend.

Saturday evening, May 22 at 4 pm and Sunday, May 23rd at all Masses

***Come Holy Spirit, enkindle in our hearts the fire of your love***

## Resurrection Ascension Roman Catholic Church

**Rectory:**
**61-11 85th Street, Rego Park, NY 11374**
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**Rectory Hours:**
Monday-Friday: 9 am-noon & 1-5 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

**Inquiries can also be submitted through our website https://rachurch.net/contact-us or via email at rarectory@gmail.com**

**Pastoral Staff**
Rev. Thomas G. Pettei, *Pastor*
Rev. Richard Conlon, *Parochial Vicar*
Msgr. Robert J. Thelen, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Basilio Monteiro, *Weekend Presider*
Msgr. Denis Herron, *In Residence*
Mr. Emanuel Bologna, *Director of Music*
Mrs. Joann Heppt, *Academy Principal*
Mrs. Ana Puente, *Business Manager/Pastoral Associate*
Sr. Xaveriana Ngene, SSpS, *Religious Education*
Mr. James Shearer, *Youth Minister*

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**Confessions:** 11-11:30 am Saturdays in the rectory

**The Sacrament of Baptism** takes place once a month in English or Spanish. Please call the Rectory for schedules and information on registration.

**The Sacrament of Marriage**- please call the Rectory for scheduling and registration information.

**Religious Education/Faith Formation** please call 718-533-7898 or email rareled238@gmail.com.

## Thank You

**Your contributions for 5/8 & 9**
Sunday Collection: $5,029.00
On-line contributions: $2,455.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, May 15th**
4:00 pm Carmen Cordani, req by Rene Pappalardo and family

**Sunday, May 16th - The Ascension of the Lord**
**Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20**
9:00am Mariana Wilczewski, req by her family
11:00am Raymond E. Goldbach, Sr., req by Bridie Grogan and family
12:30pm health and intentions of Victoria Osorio (birthday),req by her son Mark Osorio

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**Monday, May 17th**
9:00am Donald Lewitt, req by Liz Sedlack

**Tuesday, May 18th**
9:00am Tadeusz Wilczewski, req by his family

**Wednesday, May 19th**
9:00am Rose Sedlack, req by Liz Sedlack

**Thursday, May 20th—**
9:00am Gerard Clark, req by Ann Ruebenacker

**Friday, May 21st**
9:00am Charles Javuerek, req by Fred Ruebenacker

**Saturday, May 22nd**
9:00am for the people of the parish
-Rita Silecchia, req by her daughter Madeline Silecchia
-Jose Martinez, req by his family
-Mercedes Martinez, req by Mom and Dad
-Grace Ditrapani, req by Mary Fullam and family
-Joseph Carl, req by Dena Tobin
-Martha Bologna, req by Bridie Grogan
-in thanksgiving of Edelmira Noguera's birthday, req by the Charris family
-in thanksgiving to God, req by Hui Chen
-health and intentions of Joan Darby, req by Bridie Grogan

4:00 pm Geraldine Liberatore, req by Rita and Ed Geraghty

**Sunday, May 23rd - Pentecost Sunday**
**Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13**

9:00am Gerry Liberatore, req by Sister Virginia

11:00am Nick and Anna Albaneze, req by their daughter Catherine Albaneze

12:30pm Tibisay Sandoval, req by her mother and family

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:**

*Vahide Atlas*
*Kurt Burger*
*Richard DeNardo*
*Jorge Fahardo*
*Ida Fernandes*
*Msgr. Vincent Fullam*
*George J. Harms*
*George M. Harms*
*James Leung*
*Mary Loughnane*
*Florence Oliveri*
*Mary Ellen Lustberg*
*Nora Lydon*
*Paula Narva*
*Grace Radonicic*
*Barbara Ravert*
*Mary Sammon*
*Madeline Silecchia*
*Rose Tantillo*
*William Vogts*
*Aurea Amanda Pimentel*

***Deceased:*** Martha Bologna, Anthony P. Caruso, Sheila McDaniel, Barbara Schmidt

## WINE & HOSTS AND MEMORIALS

The **Wine and Hosts** will be used this week **in thanksgiving to Genevieve Schiefer,** requested by Rita and Ed Geraghty.

The **Altar Candles** will be lit this week **in loving memory of Marth Bologna,** requested by Donald and Maureen Kelly.

The **Candle at the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will be lit this week **for the intentions of Bridie Grogan,** requested by Mary Sammon and family .

The **Candle at the Statue of St. Joseph** will be lit this week **in loving memory of Robert Kraupner,** requested by Julie Infranco.

## 2022 Mass Book Opening
**January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022**

The Mass Book will be open for your Mass intentions beginning on Tuesday, May 25th at 10 am in the rectory. You may come to the rectory during regular business hours to make your requests. ***Please remember the rectory closes from 12 noon to 1 pm.***

If you can be flexible with the DATE & TIME, we will take requests by mail. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation of your mail-in requests.

Please note—Saturday 4pm and Sunday Masses are $20 per Mass, weekday Masses are $15 and the Saturday 9 am. collective intentions are $10 each for a maximum of 10 intentions. Thank you.