



ASCENSION

Roman Catholic Church
86-13 55th Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373

Parish Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Ascension, strive to be united in Christ through worship and prayer, grow in Christ through God's word and the sacraments, and serve Christ in one another by sharing time, talent and treasure.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5, 2024



From the Pastor's Desk

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
John 15:9-17

Dear Ascension Family,

Blessings of peace and good health! I hope everything is going well with all of you. On May 12 at 4:00 PM we have a special Mass to celebrate the feast of our parish - Ascension of the Lord. The main celebrant of the Mass is Most Reverend Raymond F. Chappetto, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Within the Mass Bishop Chappetto will bless a new tabernacle replacing what we have now which is no longer safe. He will also give a special blessing on Mothers to celebrate Mothers' Day. The celebration is preceded by a nine-day novena from May 3 to May 11 with novena prayer at 6:30PM and Holy Mass at 7:00PM. Bring your family and friends to the celebration. This is a great opportunity for us as a community to be with one another and revitalize our involvement in the parish life. Let us pray together, deepen our faith together, and celebrate together the gift of faith.

We are in the 6th Sunday of Easter. The gospel reading reminds us of our call to a life of mission serving one another in love in imitation of Jesus.

When a child hurts himself at home, to whom does he run crying? More often than not, to his mother. And what does the mother do? She lovingly blows into and kisses the painful part and tells the child that the pain is gone. And, like magic, the child feels relieved thereafter. A mother's love is even more evident when her child gets sick. She attends to all his needs - day and night. She only sleeps when she feels that the child is already sleeping. Perhaps we can say that
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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 8:00AM

Saturday : 9:00 AM

: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 8:30 | 10:00 | 11:30AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

1st Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Cebuano)

2nd Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Tagalog)

**3rd Saturday @ 5:00 PM (God the
Father of all Mankind)**

4th Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Divine Mercy)



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Rectory Office Hours: Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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one of the closest approximation of God's love for us is that of a mother for her child.

In the gospel reading today, Jesus tells his disciples that his love for them is the same as his Father's love for him. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Jesus passes on to his disciples the love which he has received from the Father. The words Jesus spoke to the disciples then, are spoken to us today. We are loved by God, no less.

After telling us that he loves us as he has been loved by the Father, Jesus practically pleads with us to remain in his love: "Remain in my love." He says this after making the flat statement: "I love you." Thus he does not ask us to reciprocate his love for us by loving him in turn. He simply asks us to let his love envelope us and to abide in it.

Jesus gives us a sign that will tell us whether we are abiding in his love. It is our obedience to his commandment. That commandment does not relate to him directly at all; it relates to our fellow men. We are to love others in turn, even as he has loved us. Rather than having his love returned to him, he wants it to be shared with others. Like the waters of a river, it is to flow outward and spread to others rather than return to its source. As Jesus puts it: "There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Love gives of itself; it does not look for a return.

The Lord wants us not only to remain in God's love. He wants us to pass on God's love to one another. "Love one another as I have loved you." We have been loved with an undeserved love. We should love others even though they do not deserve our love. We have been loved with a love faithful to the end. We must also love one another with a love faithful until death. We have been loved with a self-sacrificing love. We ought also to love others with a love willing to sacrifice even our own lives.

Although this love does not seek any return, it is a joyous love nevertheless. It is not the joy of satisfaction which a person feels when he is aware that he is performing an important job well. It is not the joy of success that flows from serious and even generous-hearted effort. It does not come from the self.

The joy that Jesus promises to those who abide in his love is of a wholly different character. The context of Jesus' words in the gospel reading today gives us some insight into this character. Jesus has just washed the feet of his apostles and instituted the Eucharist. In a few minutes he will head out to the garden of Gethsemane where he will be arrested. Yet it is at this moment that Jesus speaks of his joy, the joy that he wishes to share with his apostles. It is the joy of total abandonment to the love of his Father. It is a joy that comes from the realization that there is nothing lacking in the security of the Father's loving embrace.

When Jesus talks about "love," he is not just talking about warm fuzzy feelings, which come and go, but he is talking about love which transcends the emotions that attract us to each other. Love is a decision, and you can make that decision regardless of the temperature of your heart. It is not a matter of emotions. It is a free decision of the will.

Praying for you all,
Fr. Anacleto

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

2nd Saturday of the month @ 11:00 AM, Baptism Class is the last Saturday of the month preceding the baptism @ 9:00 AM, pre-registration is needed, available in English & Spanish instruction. Please call the rectory to schedule, at least one month ahead of desired date. For further information and for the requirements of the godparents, please call the Rectory office.

Confession

Saturday @ 4:00 – 4:40 PM and by appointment

Marriage

Couple should contact the rectory office for information and registration at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the rectory to arrange for a Priest's visit



CHURCH OFFERING

April 28, 2024

1st Collection - \$4,302.00

2nd Collection - \$1,810.00 (Fuel Offering)

Upcoming Collections

May 5th - Church Maintenance

May 9th - Ascension of the Lord

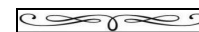
May 12th - Youth Ministry

May 19th - Catholic Communications

May 26th - Upkeep of Rectory & Grounds

Online Giving

If you are interested in donating online, please visit the parish website. Parishioners can schedule their contribution to be made weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.



Religious Education Classes for Children

Faith Formation Classes are held Sundays from 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM. The classes run from September through June. Registrations for Faith Formation are presently being accepted at the Rectory Office for classes from: 1st - 8th Grades. Proof of baptism is required for children who are being registered for the first time. For further information on registration please call the Rectory Office at 718-335-2626.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you an unbaptized adult but want to be baptized in the Catholic church? Or, are you baptized non-Catholic who desires to be a Catholic? Or, are you baptized Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the place for you.

For further information please call the Rectory office at 718-335-2626.



Saturday, May 4th

5:00 PM Estrella G. Talavera (L)

Sunday, May 5th

8:30 AM John Mele (L)

10:00 AM Ascension Rosary Society

11:30 AM Victoria T. Lo

1:00 PM Cresenciana Xochimilt
Candida Flores
Jaime Flores

7:00 PM Mass

Monday, May 6th

7:00 AM Robert & George Tavaris

8:00 AM Adelaida Midel

7:00 PM Mass

Tuesday, May 7th

7:00 AM Errol & Juliet Fern

8:00 AM Lydia Aguila

7:00 PM Mass

Wednesday, May 8th

7:00 AM Michael Mare

8:00 AM Eduardo Montana (L) Thanksgiving

7:00 PM Mass

Thursday, May 9th - The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 AM Bonaventure & Mary Family

8:00 AM Reverend Bob Romeo (L)

7:00 PM Mass

Friday, May 10th - St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

7:00 AM Lisa Marie Queening Hoyt

8:00 AM John Gomes & Kiran Rozario

7:00 PM Mass

Saturday, May 11th

9:00 AM Gloria, Elmira & all deceased members of the Tanoy Family
Elisa & Amparo Melindo
Calixtrato Duero, Jr.
Saturnino Melecio
Amelia Galvez (L)
Tracy Huber (L)
Lo Chin
Rustico Castellano
John Wright

Please pray for:
Rustico Castellano



MEMORIALS

May 5 – May 11



**Altar Bread and Wine has been donated
In Loving Memory of
Adelaida Midel**

**Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Loving Memory of
Philomena O'Connor**



**Altar Flowers has been donated
In Loving Memory of**
(please contact the Rectory Office to request a flower memorial)

**Altar Candles will burn
In Loving Memory of
Emil Sokol**



**Paschal Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of
Joventino and Angeles Maranan**
Requested by Maranan Family

Memorials are available, kindly contact Rectory Office.



Pray for the Sick:



Rosa Tan, Carmen Moredo, Sandra P. Carvajal. Julissa Martinez, Luis Arnulfo, Elizabeth Yee, Elie Fornilda, Jose Reynel Vigoya, Joel Rivera, Sursatti Shaw, Gloria Patricia Rios, Harold, Diego y Kennedy Gomez, Elisa Marquina, Maria Daulo, Jose M. Rosado, Karla Nicole Paredes, Romelia Arenas, Rubiela Arenas, Enrique Soto, Eduardo D. Soto, Teresita Danseco, Evangeline & Victoria Danseco, Nazarette Serion, Greta Tasayco, Nerissa Infante, Laura Krefit, Shirley Ann Gundran, Egbert Nuñez, Avelina Quilung, Dennis Anthony Calimlim, Exelito Valencia, Bonifacio Guingab, Margie Bulwag, Egbert Nuñez, Maria Dala Rosa George, Leticia Maranan, Denise Giglio, Beth Bagnol Enriquez, Cely DeBorja, Vanessa Velasquez, Maggie Riego de Dios, Teresa Reale, John Castaneda, Lizzette Sanchez, Janet P. Cordi. To add names, please call the Parish Office.

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Called to Communion, Participation & Mission



The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish for operations and improvements. Donations for this year are being accepted. Donate at Annual Catholic Appeal.org or text ACA to 917-336-1255.

Summary Report as of April 29, 2024

Goal: \$51,617

Pledged: \$21,401.00

Received: \$12,323.00

To donate on-line: <https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/>
Checks can be made out directly to:

Annual Catholic Appeal
Diocese of Brooklyn P.O. Box 310
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Remember, that no gift is too small. Thank you.

Spanish Corner:

El Sacramento del Bautismo

Tenemos Bautismo en español el tercer sábado del mes a las 11:00 AM La clase pre-bautismal será el sábado antes del bautismo a las 9:00 AM. Se requiere inscripción previa para la clase y el Bautismo, lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Llamar a la oficina parroquial para más información y para los requisitos de los padrinos.

Registro Parroquial

Si asiste a esta Iglesia le sugerimos que se registre como miembro de nuestra parroquia. Formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. Los sobres de donación vienen con registro y utilizándolos nos permiten darle un informe de sus contribuciones para fines impositivos. Tener su nombre en nuestros registros es la única manera que tenemos de certificar que usted es un católico practicante, ya que tenemos que hacer para personas que se les pide que sirvan de patrocinadores (padrinos) de bautismo o confirmación.

Clases de Educación Religiosa Para Adultos

La Orden de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OICA) son clases para adultos necesitados de recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación. Las clases de OICA también son para adultos que no son Católicos, pero están interesados en ser Católico.

Para información sobre el programa y atención en español, llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Clases De Educación Religiosa Para Niños/Jóvenes

La clases de Educación Religiosa para los niños/jóvenes del primero a octavo grado toman lugar los domingos de 8:45 AM a 11:00 AM de septiembre a junio. Inscripciones para el programa del próximo año escolar se están actualizando al presente. Se requiere prueba de bautismo para todo niño/a registrado por primer vez. Para mas información en español llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Vigilia de Pentecostés

Sábado 18 de mayo en el sótano de la Iglesia
de 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
Todos están invitados.

Campaña Católica Anual Del 2024

Unidos en Comunión Unidos en Caridad

La meta de nuestra Iglesia Asunción es \$51,617. Después de sobrepasar nuestra meta, recibiremos 100% de los fondos recaudados por encima de esta cifra directamente para nuestra parroquia. Estamos aceptando donaciones para este año.

Oremos por el éxito de la Campaña Católica Anual en nuestra parroquia y diócesis este año, para que el Espíritu Santo nos mueva en la fe a unir nuestras oraciones con nuestro apoyo financiero para hacer las buenas obras de Cristo, incluyendo el apoyo a la vida y la vida familiar.

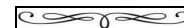
Haga su donación hoy en [Annual Catholic Appeal.org](http://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) o envíe un texto con las siglas ACA al 917-336-1255.

Para donar en línea: <https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/> Envíe su cheque directamente a: Annual Catholic Appeal, Diocese of Brooklyn P.O. Box 310 Kensington, CT 06037-0310.

Recuerden que cualquier cantidad será aceptada. Gracias.

PRAYER GROUPS & DEVOTIONS

- Monday:** **Miraculous Medal Novena**
Mondays @ 8:30 AM
- Tuesday:** **Spanish Prayer Group @ 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday:** **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
Novena @ 8:30 AM | Novena Mass
- Friday:** **Holy Hour / Exposition & Benediction**
1st Friday @ 8:30 AM Mass
- Our Lady of Fatima | Most Sacred Heart of Jesus & Black Nazarene**
1st Friday – Angelus | Rosary | Novena to Our Lady of Fatima @ 6:00 PM & Mass @ 7:00 PM
- Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group & Choir**
4th Friday 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM (Lower Church)
- Saturday:** **2000 Hail Mary**
1st Saturday @ 9:30 AM
- Lady of Mary Mediatrix of all Grace**
2nd Saturday @ 9:30 AM
- God the Father of All Mankind Devotion Prayer Group**
3rd Saturday @ 4:00 PM Novena (Church)
followed by the 5:00 PM Mass
- Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group**
4th Saturday @ 4:00 PM Novena (Church)
followed by the 5:00 PM Mass
- El Shaddai**
2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Lower Church)
- Sunday:** **Ascension Parish Rosary Society**
1st Sunday @ 10:00 AM
- Religious Education Children's Choir**
2nd, 3rd, 4th and if applicable 5th Sunday @ 11:15 AM-12:30 PM
- CFC Christian Life Program***
1st, 2nd, 3rd, and if applicable 5th Sunday
@ 2:00 to 5:00 PM (Lower Church)
- 4th Sunday of the month @ 3:00 to 6:00 PM (Lower Church)
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- Rosary Making Ministry**
To request supplies and/or pick up rosaries,
please email: marie_panas@msn.com



EVENTS / NEWS & UPDATES

Ascension of the Lord Feast Day: In preparation for our feast day of The Ascension of the Lord, we have a nine-day Novena at 6:30 PM and Mass at 7:00 PM which started on Friday, May 3rd continuing every day until Saturday, May 11th. Our feast day celebration will be on Sunday, May 12th with a procession at 3:00 PM followed by a concelebrated Mass at 4:00 PM. The Main Celebrant will be the Most Reverend Raymond F. Chappetto. After the Mass there is fellowship in the lower church.

Donate Your Car: Running or not you can donate your car to the Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn. Money will come back to Ascension Church | IRS Tax Deduction | Free Towing | Any Condition | Any Model | 718-491-2525 | or visit: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

Saint's Corner:

St. Philip Neri
May 26

Philip Neri, the saint of a joyful heart, was born in 1515 in Florence, Italy. At age 17, his family sent him to his uncle, Romolo, a merchant of San Germano, who was willing to take Philip into his business and eventually make him his heir. But during his stay with his uncle, Philip experienced some kind of spiritual awakening, an experience of God which in later years he spoke of as his "conversion," and after which he lost all interest in a commercial career. This experience was the initial spark which triggered his ensuing quest for holiness.

Philip left for Rome at 18 years old and worked as a part-time tutor to earn a living. For the next two years he spent most of his non-tutoring hours in prayer and fasting. After that, for the following three years he took courses of philosophy and theology and proved a brilliant student. However, in 1538 he dropped out of his studies and, for the next 13 years, devoted himself in a vocation unusual at the time - that of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and apostolate.

Rome was then in a sorry condition, both economically and spiritually. Philip dedicated his energies to helping the poor and the sick for one part, and for the other part to reevangelizing the paganized Rome. His main method of evangelization was **conversation**. He would stand on street-corners and smilingly greet passersby with the words: "Well, brother, when shall we begin to do good." Then he would engage them in conversation about the faith. After 13 years of this life, upon the insistence of his confessor he was ordained a priest at the age of 36.

Philip Neri wanted to become a missionary but he was persuaded that the city of Rome was very needful of missionary work. Many people came to him for spiritual direction and confession. Through his engaging personality marked by charm, humor and intelligence, he rapidly gathered around himself followers. Initially they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served the sick and the poor in Rome. When several of his followers became priests, he encouraged them to live as a community. This was the beginning of a new religious family, later called the Congregation of the Oratory.

Philip's advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation. His characteristic virtues were humility and cheerfulness. Philip Neri prayed, "Let me get through today, and I shall not fear tomorrow." He died at the age of 80. Barely 27 years later he was canonized by Gregory XV in 1622.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?
WELCOME! PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

New parishioners are to register in the Parish. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in address or phone number.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

I wish to receive a registration form

I have an address change

I am moving out of the Parish

Please cut out and return to Parish office or drop in the collection basket. Thank you.

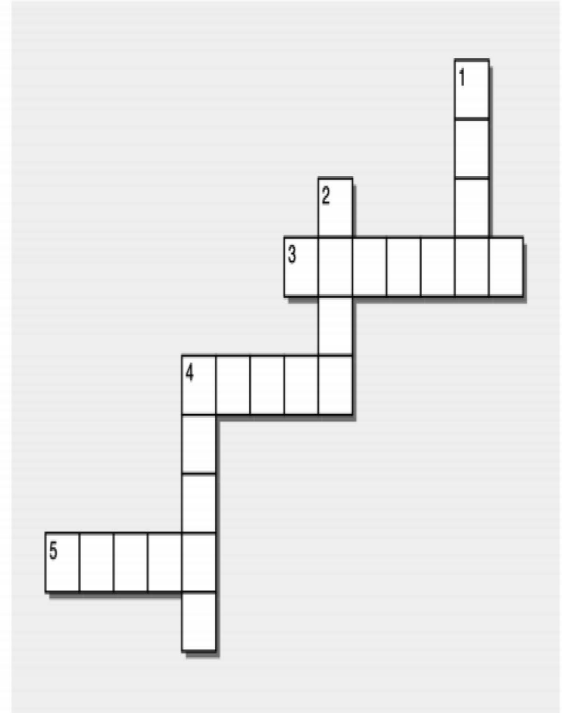


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Sunday Gospel Activities

Sixth Sunday of Easter
John 15:9-17

NAME: _____



Across

- 3. When someone tells you to do something.
- 4. The opposite of a free person; a _____ is owned by someone else or not able to make free choices.
- 5. A food we eat.

Down

- 1. Today's Gospel is from the Gospel according to _____.
- 2. Jesus says that this is what we are called to do.
- 4. Today we celebrate the _____ Sunday of Easter.

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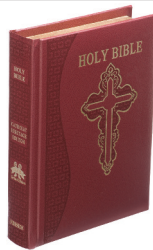
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