

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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 5, 2023

HE WHO IS GREATEST AMONG YOU SHALL BE YOUR SERVANT; WHOEVER EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLED, AND WHOEVER HUMBLES HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED. Matthew 23: 11-12

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Ascension Family,

Blessings of peace and good health!

We have entered the month of November, a quite special month for us because of our Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Instead of reflecting on the gospel

reading for this Sunday, we will reflect on our interconnectedness with all members of the Church. This we recite every Sunday, speaks of the *communion of saints*. Another way of expressing this truth is to say that the Church, as the *Mystical Body* of Christ, exists in three places: "the Church Militant" on earth, "the Church Suffering" in purgatory, and "the Church Triumphant" in heaven.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) gives expression to our Catholic belief in the "communion of saints." We believe that there is a deep spiritual communion between those who have come to the end of their earthly pilgrimage and ourselves who are still on that pilgrimage. As the funeral liturgy of the Church states: "All the ties of love and affection that knit us together in this life do not unravel with death."

Let me share with you a story. A priest was preparing a group of children for Confirmation. He was reviewing what they had learned. He asked one of the boys: "What will God say on judgment day to those who have led a very good life?" The boy replied: "Come into heaven and live with me." Then the priest asked a little girl: "How about those who have led a very bad life? What will God say to them?" The girl answered: "You cannot come into heaven. You have to go to hell." Addressing the entire group, the priest asked: "Now, what will God say to those who are not good enough for heaven and not bad enough for hell?" One of the children raised her hand and gave this answer in modern but correct words: 'God will say 'I will be seeing you.""

This story highlights some truths we need to refresh during this month of November, continue next page

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 9:00AM Saturday : 9:00 AM

: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

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

1:00 PM (Spanish)

1st Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Cebuano)

2nd Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Tagalog)

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

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Rev. Anacleto S. Asebias, Jr. Pastor

Rev. Kyrian C. Echekwu Parochial Vicar

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Yolanda De Castro Director of Stewardship set aside to commemorate all the faithful departed. The first truth is the reality of heaven. Heaven is the state of everlasting life and happiness in which we enjoy full communion with God. All those in heaven have an immediate vision of God, which is called the Beatific Vision. Heaven is the ultimate fulfillment of the desire for God, which is etched upon the human heart; it is the destination for which God made us. "You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts remain ever restless until they find rest in you," says St. Augustine. The joys of heaven are beyond what we can possibly describe. It is what scripture says: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him"(1 Corinthians 2:9).

The second truth is the reality of hell. There are references to hell in the Bible. For instance, the gospel passage where Jesus is said to declare: "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels' (Matthew 25:41). Hell is the state of eternal suffering. What is the exact nature of the suffering? To that question, the Church's teaching is this: there is pain of loss, which amounts to an eternal separation from God, "in whom alone man can have the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs" (CCC 1057). To be deprived of the sight of God for all eternity must be the most horrifying pain of all. The damned in hell dies unrepentant of mortal sin and rejected the love and mercy of God.

The other truth: some souls are not good enough for heaven and not bad enough for hell. Where do such people go when they die? Only the Catholic Church has the answer, namely, they go to purgatory. Purgatory is a state of purification for those who died free from mortal sin but who have venial sins and temporal punishments due for repented, forgiven sins. The souls in Purgatory are already assured of Heaven, but they must first undergo the process of purification (*Purgatory* comes from the Latin word for "purification, clean-sing") because no one can enter heaven with any imperfection (CCC 1030). We cannot find the word "purgatory" in the Bible, but we can find the idea. Jesus himself speaks about a certain prison where souls will be sent for certain sins. They will not be released until the last penny of their debt has been paid (Matthew 5:26).

The "communion of saints" is more powerful than we can imagine. Our prayers to God for the souls in purgatory help them much more than we know. And the saints in heaven and also those in purgatory help us by their prayers much more than we know. St. Dominic said, when dying, "Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life"(CCC956).

Let this month of November be a special moment for us to express our communion with all those who have died, and a moment to give thanks for their lives, to pray for them, and to ask them to pray for us.

Praying for you all, Fr. Anacleto

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

 2^{nd} 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

October 29, 2023 1st Collection - \$5,961.00 2nd Collection - \$2,068.00 October 29th - World Mission Sunday

Upcoming Collections

November 5th - Upkeep of Rectory & Grounds November 12th - Fuel Offering November 19th - Catholic Campaign for Human Development November 23rd - Thanksgiving Day Offering November 26th - Church Maintenance

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.

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Religious Education

Faith Formation Classes are held Sundays from 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM. Classes take place at the Ascension School, 86-37 53^{rd} Avenue, (across the street from the firehouse). The classes run from September through June. Classes are for children in grades 1 through 8^{th} . Proof of baptism is required for children who are being registered for the first time, as well as birth certificate. For further information on registration please call the Rectory Office at 718-335-2626.

Volunteers Needed: If you would be interested in volunteering for the Faith Formation Program, please call the Parish Office at 718-335-2626 or e-mail ascensionfaithformationoffice@gmail.com

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, November 4th William Boetel 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 5th

People of the Parish 8:30 AM

- 10:00 AM Ascension Parish Rosary Society (L) & (D)
- 11:30 AM In Honor of All Saints
- 1:00 PM Altamirano (L) & Perez (L) Family Jocelyn Altamirano (L), Larry Altamirano (L), Isaias Altamirano (L) Salomon Corona, Rafael Corona, Gabino Corona, Jr. Julio Palacios, Catalina Yañez Rosendo & Ernestina Palacios Rodolfa Romero, Cristian Romero (L)
- Ruben Romero (L) & Jorge Romero (L) 5:00 PM Cebuano Mass
- Monday, November 6th
- 7:00 AM Severiano & Florencia Madlambayan 9:00 AM Herbert Irving

Tuesday, November 7th

7:00 AM Fidelina Notario 9:00 AM Pauline & Sebastian Tavaris

Wednesday, November 8th

7:00 AM Antonio Abina, Sr. 9:00 AM Ferdinand Santiago (L)

- Thursday, November 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 7:00 AM Bartolome Matela 9:00 AM Alfonso Martija
- Friday, November 10th St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- 7:00 AM Bartolome Matela Michael Mare 9:00 AM
- Saturday, November 11th St. Martin of Tours, Bishop 9:00 AM Gloria, Elmira & all deceased members of the **Tanoy Family** Deceased Veterans Avelino & Trinidad Guingab Renato Go (L) Luchie Macalintal (L)

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Please pray for: Deceased members of our families





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 Kreft, Shirley Ann Gundran, Egbert Nuñez, Avelina Quilung, Dennis Anthony Calimlim, Exelito Valencia, Bonifacio Guiab, Margie Bulwag, Egbert Nuñez, Maria Dala Rosa George, Renato Go, Leticia Maranan. To add names, please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIALS

November 5 – November 11

Altar Bread and Wine has been donated In Loving Memory of Margaret Zero

Sanctuary Lamp will burn In Loving Memory of Deceased Veterans

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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 Rafael Rivera

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Memorials are available, kindly contact Rectory Office.

EUCARISTIC REVIVAL 2022-2024 Series of Short Catechesis on the Eucharist

What are the Effects of the Eucharist? Unlike physical food which becomes a part of the eater, the first and principal effect of the Eucharist is to unite the recipient to Christ, as Jesus promised: "The man who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him"(John 6:56). From this unique and intimate union with Christ in the Eucharist, other effects flow:

1) It intensifies our love for God and for neighbor.

2) There is the spiritual growth which follows upon the repeated increases in grace. That is why we must be in the state of sanctifying grace when we receive Holy Communion. Physical food cannot benefit a dead body, and the Eucharist cannot benefit a dead soul. In fact, a person who knowingly would receive Holy Communion while in the state of mortal sin, would commit the grace sin of sacrilege.

3) It remits venial sin. Material food will not restore a dead body to life, but it will restore a weak body to health. Similarly the reception of the Eucharist will not forgive mortal sin, but it will forgive venial sin - presuming of course that the communicant has sorrow for his venial sin.

4) It preserves the soul from mortal sin. Food will not restore life, but it will preserve life. It follows then that another effect of the Eucharist is to preserve the soul from spiritual death, to preserve the soul from mortal sin. One step in that direction already has been taken when venial sin has been forgiven, because venial sin is the easy slope which leads to mortal sin.

5) It weakens concupiscence. Concupiscence is that tendency to sin which is human nature's common heritage as a result of Adam's fall. It is this concupiscence, this inclination to sin, whose strength is lessened when we receive the Eucharist. It is not simply that we ourselves are stronger; but to a larger extent sin begins to lose its attractiveness.

6) As good food should, it readies us for work. A frequent communicant who receives worthily and fruitfully cannot possibly remain wrapped up in himself. As love for Christ more and more fills his horizon, he feels the urge to do things for Christ and with Christ.





United in Communion, United in Charity Summary Report as of October 30, 2023

Goal: Pledged: Received: \$51,617 \$42,655.06 \$36.302.36

To donate on-line: https://catholicfoundationbq.org/ annual-catholicappeal/Checks can be made out directly to: Annual Catholic Appeal Diocese of Brooklyn P.O. Box 310 Kensington, CT 06037-0310 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.

Clases de Educación Religiosas 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

Las 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. Las clases toman lugar en la Escuela Asunción, 86-37 53rd Avenue, (frente la estación de bomberos). Se requiere prueba de bautismo y acta de nacimiento para todo niño registrado por primer vez. Para más información en español llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Nuestra parroquia necesita catequistas y voluntarios para el programa de educación religiosa. Animamos a los que puedan a compartir su fe Católica, su tiempo y talento. Si le interesa, favor de llamar a la Oficina Parroquial, 718-335-2626.

Campaña Católica Anual Del 2023 Unidos en Comunión Unidos en Caridad

Más que nunca, necesitamos su ayuda para difundir la luz de Cristo en nuestra ciudad y vecindarios contribuyendo a la Campaña Católica Anual del 2023. Su participación lo une en la fe con otros en la iglesia para hacer buenas obras durante tiempos desafiantes con nuevas formas innovadoras:

Haga su donación hoy en Annual Catholic Appeal.org o envié un texto con las siglas ACA al 917-336-1255. Para donar en línea: https://catholicfoundationbq.org/ annual-catholic-appeal/

Recuerden que cualquier cantidad será aceptada. Gracias.

Registro Parroquial

Si asiste a esta Iglesia le sugerimos que se regístrese 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.

Día de los Veteranos

El viernes 0 de noviembre, conmemoramos el Día de los Veteranos. El horario de Misa es 7:00 y 9:00 a.m. La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada. Favor de recordar a todos los Veteranos y sus familias en sus oraciones.

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

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EVENTS / NEWS & UPDATES

Veteran's Day: In observance of Veteran's Day the Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, November 10th. The Mass schedule is 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Please remember all veterans and their families in your prayers.

Fall Open House: Molloy University will have an open house for prospective students, their families and guests on Sunday, November 12th at 1:00 pm. Please register at: www.molloy.edu/openhouse23

St. Charles Borromeo November 4

Charles was born of a wealthy family in northern Italy in 1538. At the age of 21 he graduated from the University of Pavia with a doctorate in civil and cannon law. Soon afterwards he was called to Rome by Pope Pius IV, made him Secretary of State and piled up on him many administrative responsibilities. Charles worked hard to bring about the reassembling of the Council of Trent, which had been suspended ten years earlier. In 1562 despite great difficulties the Council was convened for its third and last session. In 1563 the Council came to a successful closure and many of the most important dogmatic and disciplinary decrees of Church reform were passed. After that Charles was asked by the pope to supervise the composition of the new catechism which contained the teachings of the Council of Trent. Finally, he was ordained a priest in 1563 and two months later ordained bishop and named archbishop of Milan.

The archdiocese of Milan was an immense territory covering 15 dioceses. It had been without a resident bishop for 80 years and was in a deplorable state with priests devoid of zeal. Upon taking possession, Charles immediately held provincial councils and diocesan synods with the purpose of reforming the archdiocese by enacting the reforming decrees of the Council of Trent. For the next 19 years Charles would prove the ideal shepherd, taking care of his people, correcting abuses, establishing seminaries, founding hospitals, replacing unworthy priests. He himself set the example by living a life of prayer and austerity. Naturally he met a lot of opposition in his work of reform. At least twice his enemies tried to assassinate him.

In 1576 one of the most horrible plagues of the century broke out in Milan. Charles showed heroic self-sacrifice in the way he tried to help the sick. Exhausted by all his incredible efforts, Charles Borromeo died in 1584 at the age of 46. He was canonized in 1610 by Pope Paul V.

Charles Borromeo had everything going for him: a prestigious family, excellent education, power and money. He chose to ignore all that and instead serve the Church. He gave his life to make the Church better, and he made it better first by leading a holy life himself and then by encouraging others to live a holy life.

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

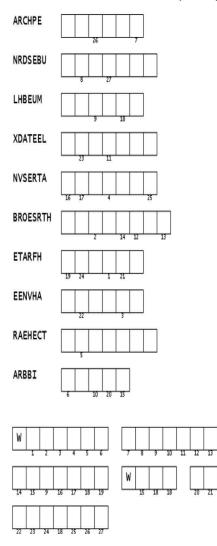
- ___I have an address change
- ____I am moving out of the Parish

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



Sunday Gospel Activities

Double Puzzle! Unscramble the words and then complete the phrase from the Gospel!



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