

**MEMBERS PRAYER MEETING:** Join us the third Sunday of each month at 10 am to pray for our country, our church, and personal needs. Email Sibernie Morrison at [morrison sibernie@yahoo.com](mailto:morrison sibernie@yahoo.com) or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

**ASCENSION COMMUNITY WHATSAPP CHAT:** Join the Ascension Community WhatsApp Group Chat. Indicate interest on the Connection Card, or email [beth.connor@ascensionforesthills.org](mailto:beth.connor@ascensionforesthills.org)

**ASCENSION WOMEN'S GROUP WHATSAPP CHAT:** Join the women of Ascension on WhatsApp! Indicate interest on the Connection Card, or email [roseannkytka@gmail.com](mailto:roseannkytka@gmail.com).

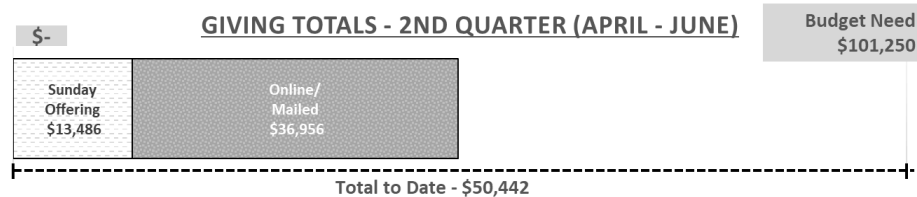
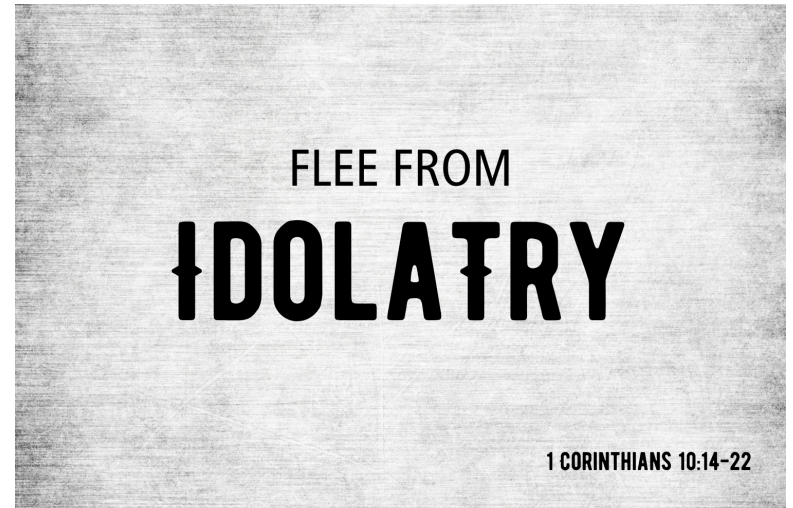
**YOUNG ADULTS AND PROFESSIONALS (YAP):** We're a community that aims to bring together young individuals (ages 18 - early 30s) who are curious about, exploring, or are believers in the Christian faith. Email [lizmoy@ascensionforesthills.org](mailto:lizmoy@ascensionforesthills.org) to learn more!



ASCENSION CHURCH

Sunday, May 31

First Sunday After Pentecost



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*The human heart is a perpetual idol factory.*  
 – John Calvin

*Whatever controls us is our lord. The person who seeks power is controlled by power. The person who seeks acceptance is controlled by the people he or she wants to please. We do not control ourselves. We are controlled by the lord of our lives.*  
 – Rebecca Pippert

**Mission of Ascension Church**

Ascension Church is a faith community in the Forest Hills area of Queens and seeks to be an intellectually-engaging and spiritually-edifying resource to connect individuals and families to God through the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ. We wish to be the church for believers, seekers, skeptics, strugglers, and those who rarely or occasionally attend church.

## Call to Worship

*Scripture:* Psalm 95:1-5  
*Songs:* Love Divine All Loves Excelling  
 Ancient of Days

## Call to Confession

*Scripture:* Colossians 3:1-5  
*Songs:* I Stand In Awe

## Community News

See pages 3-4

## Sermon

*Message:* Flee from Idolatry  
*Scripture:* 1 Corinthians 10:14-22  
*Speaker:* Rev. Vincent Tauriello

## Commitment & Connection

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.  
*2 Corinthians 8:9*

You may place your offering in the basket, mail-in checks, or visit our online giving options. You can also send a prayer request or indicate your interest in any of our events via the Connection Card.

## Sending

*Song:* Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

### Benediction and Charge

Let us go forth in peace, to love and serve our city in Jesus' name!  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

*The pastors and other church leaders are available to pray with you or to answer questions about the Christian faith or Ascension Church. Bible verses from the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.*

## Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen. *If you prayed this or if you have questions about it, please indicate this on the Connection Card.*

## Church Wide Community News & Events

**MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER:** Rev. Vincent Tauriello is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) with twenty five years of experience pastoring churches in MA, NY, MD and PA. Since 2018 he has been serving leaders in the church and the workplace as a professional coach and coach trainer. He is the founder of By Design Coaching and the author of Drawing Out the Heart: Theological Foundations for Sound Coaching Practice. He resides in Philadelphia with his wife and family.

**PASTOR MICHAEL SABBATICAL:** Pastor Michael is currently taking a sabbatical and will return on August 11, 2026.

**PARENTS and KIDS:** Join other young Ascension families on Sunday, June 7th after service for a BBQ gathering at Ruosi and Junye's apartment! We'll have classic burgers, hot dogs, snacks, and drinks, along with games and activities for the kids. Please indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

**MEN'S GROUP:** The Men's Group will meet on Saturday, June 20 at 7:00 PM for a night of pool and fellowship. Be sure to mark your calendars! Please indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

**GROWTH GROUP:** Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at the Wofseys' home or 7:15 pm at the Lus' home. Please indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Meets on the second Sunday of every month in person and over Zoom unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact Suzanne Muench at [munchkinny@gmail.com](mailto:munchkinny@gmail.com) or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.