

A Catholic Christian Community

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.
Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:30 a.m.
Tues. 7 p.m.



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Pastoral Council

Mike Rzucidlo Executive Officer
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Reconciliation

Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sat. 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please contact Deacon John.

Marriage

Contact clergy one year prior.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

For hospital and home visits
contact clergy or the office.

Becoming Catholic

Learn more by contacting
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

Midwives for Haiti

At the **Carrie Wortham Birth Center**, 8 babies were born safely last month, 16 mothers were referred or transported, and the team provided 183 prenatal and postnatal visits. **Skilled birth attendant, Eclide Michele, tells us this story:**

"People come very far to reach the birth center. Sometimes they walk 4 hours on foot and where they live there are no roads for motos. Or sometimes they come on a wooden boat across the river. Recently, we heard a patient was coming to us but was in trouble. She had walked down a mountain and there was one more mountain for her to climb and she just couldn't do it. She was in active labor. So went in our car to find her. By the time we found her, she had already given birth under some trees. A matwòn (traditional birth attendant) was walking with her and she helped deliver the baby. We brought them all back to the birth center and she delivered the placenta here.

The mother and baby were given treatment and they were ok!"



Resurrection Parish supports Midwives for Haiti through the parish charitable giving program. Learn more at midwivesforhaiti.org.



INTENTIONS

Monday	June 5	8:30 am	+Victoria Maliga
Tuesday	June 6	7:00pm	
Wednesday	June 7	8:30 am	Parish Community
Friday	June 9	8:30 am	+Janice Yerby
Saturday	June 10	5:30pm	+Dillon Scofield
Sunday	June 11	8:15 am	+Janice Panichell
		10:30am	+Dee Mudrock



God is the source of all healing and hope, to whom we lift up in prayer the needs of the sick and those who care for them.

Pray for all the needs in our Book of Intentions and for

those in our Parish Family who are sick: **Lord, allow your healing hand to assist** Joan Donnelly, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Kat Edwards, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Beth Callahan, Carol Strasser, Alice Weaver, Courtney Corridori, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Today we close Easter Time with the celebration of Pentecost. In our prayer together, we recognize that the Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. One manifestation of responding to these promptings is the generosity with which people at Resurrection offer their time and talent in so many ways to support the assembly at prayer. To our altar servers, bread bakers, ministers of all kinds for Children’s Liturgy of the Word, EMs, environment designers and helpers, greeters, lectors, musicians of all ages, linen and Mass sacristans, RCIA team and ushers: Thank you, thank you, thank you! Resurrection Parish is so blessed by your ministry and I am so grateful and humbled by your awesome gifts. Parishioners, please take time to thank a minister you know -- or one you don’t know! AND consider joining them in offering your own time and talent. “Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Kindle in our hearts the flame of your love ...” Ruth Sanders

Ministry Needs

If you are interested in learning about or helping with any liturgical ministry, please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 Ext 106. The following ministries are currently most in need:

Bread Bakers needed to prepare Eucharist bread for Sunday liturgies. It takes approximately two hours to prepare the bread. We use a recipe that includes only wheat and water. We provide specific instructions and a mentor for those new to this ministry. This could be a great “family” ministry.

Mass Sacristans needed at all Masses. The sacristan works in the sacristy 15 minutes before and after the Mass preparing the vessels, bread, and wine to be shared at our “Eucharistic Meal”. Men, women, families are all welcome!

Altar Servers needed: Young people (fourth grade and up), teens and adults assist priest and deacon – and so the assembly – at Mass and other liturgies. This can be a *great parent/child* ministry! Some of our best servers are teens and young adults. Adults are very welcome.

EM Chiefs: Current EMs, you know the importance of having a person to organize our EMs for each Mass! Throughout the year, and especially in the summertime, we have far fewer EM Chiefs than we need. Will you help? An experienced EM Chief will train you to take on this important role!

Environment Prep JUNE 4: On Pentecost, after the 10:30 am Mass, we’ll prepare our Worship Space for the liturgies of Ordinary Time. There will be plenty to do for all ages and stages! Please help if you are able. Thank you.

PARISH LIFE

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider supporting the 1000s of people helped by the Appeal. If you decide not, it is beneficial to save administrative costs of follow up, by putting your name on the pledge form and write “no gift”. THANKS. Fr. Bill Graney



Parish Rectory yard clean up!

All are welcome to join the youth (we are a very inclusive group) Sunday June 11 from 2PM-5PM at the parish rectory. We will be weeding, and planting. If you are thinning your flower beds and have any spare perennial flowers bring them and we will plant them. Please let Elaine know if you are able to join us. Call 302-368-0146 ext. 107 or email elittle@resurrectionde.org.

Baptismal Font Maintenance:



One or two volunteers are requested to learn the process and take over the

maintenance of the Baptismal pool. Please contact John Werner at manager@resurrectionde.org, 302-368-0146 ext.105, or the parish office to learn more.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

As a result of Pastoral Council elections, the following parishioners have been elected as Stewards: Jerry Abrams, JoAnn Hedrick, Al Mercatante, and Mike Mitchell.

. In addition, Maritza Poza-Grise and Dick Schwer will serve as Trustees when the new Council meets on June 11 at 6:30 p.m. We thank all of the candidates who stepped forward to serve and those who helped with the election process.

PASCHAL SEASON:

Pentecost comes from the number 50. The original feast was a Jewish feast celebrating the first fruits of the new growing season. In the Jewish tradition these first fruits were to be offered to God as a gift of thanksgiving for the harvest. The number 50 comes from the fact that this feast was celebrated 50 days after the feast of Jewish Passover.

Beside Pentecost, this harvest feast was also known as “Shavuot.” Probably during Jesus’ time this feast celebrated the covenant and the giving of the law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Shavuot means weeks because the feast was celebrated seven weeks and a day after Passover. Seven we know too is a number that means fullness, e.g. seven sacraments symbolize the fullness of God’s grace.

For us Catholic Christians, Pentecost is a celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is now the lifeblood of the Church and the energy, which fills us as disciples, enabling us to go out to the world to proclaim the “Good News” of Jesus the Christ. At Pentecost, the Spirit descended on the disciples as tongues of fire. Fire is a symbol of the Spirit hence the wearing of red vestments this day.

STOCK SALE-This Weekend FOLLOWING ALL MASSES!

Help our youth participants raise the final amount needed for our trip to Boston, MA this June. You can purchase a stock certificate in any sum the weekend of June 3-4 after all Masses. Thank you in advance for your support.

SNAP Support Group: A support group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families sponsored by Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) meets in Wilmington on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. For the location, call Judy Miller at 302-234-1519 or email: snapedelaware@yahoo.com. We hope that you will join us for this informal and confidential meeting.

THANK YOU PARISH PICNIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALL THE PARISH PICNIC VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you all for a successful Resurrection Parish Picnic 2017. I could not have done it without you! Thank you, Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



A great big THANK YOU to all the children, parents, catechists, and volunteers who made our 2016-2017 K-5th CFP year GREAT!

“The GLORY of the LORD is shining on YOU!”



**Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017-
Hero Central:**

Discover Your Strength in God

Monday – Friday, June 19 – June 23
9 a.m. to 12 noon at Ebenezer United
Methodist Church, 525 Polly Drummond Hill
Road, Newark. For children ages 4—11 (or
completed 5th grade) Registration closes Thurs.,
June 8, 2017 at 4 p.m. **Please make checks
payable to Ebenezer.**

We are also looking for adult & youth volunteers.
All forms are available in the Gathering Space and
on the bulletin board outside the nursery.
Contact Elaine with any questions. 302-368-0146
ext. 107 or elittle@resurrectionde.org

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Sunday night youth group
gatherings have ended for the
school year. Please continue to
check your e-mail inbox for
information on 2017-2018
registration and the calendar for next year.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Thanks to all for your generosity and participation
in the book sale from the library of Fr. John Hynes.**
We raised \$360 to benefit medical needs projects in
San Marcos! There are also some new additions to the
Resurrection Parish library. Check them out!"

TAKING IT HOME

Our Catholic faith tradition tells us that though
we have not seen Jesus nor touched him, Jesus is still
alive in Spirit through the hearts and minds of people
like you and me who believe. And through the
inspiration of the Spirit, we live the memory of Jesus
and make that memory a living and real presence to our
lives now.

Unfortunately, our spirits now appear listless.
The old ways of identifying with our Catholic faith
tradition have grown tired and tried. It is getting harder
to experience the Jesus who lived so long ago because
so few seem to know how to make that presence come
alive. We live such individualized lives that the
experience of community is seldom felt. As we
celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost this weekend, the

celebration which recalls the sending of the Holy Spirit
upon the church, how do we revive that Spirit?

We begin to revive that Spirit when we truly
experience what it means to be loved. Unfortunately,
we do not always see ourselves as loved, particularly by
a good and loving God. The Catholic faith tradition that
most of us have experienced is that of a God who
judges between good and bad and, mostly we are bad.
We see ourselves as flawed and broken. This is not to
say that we aren't flawed and broken, but the thing is
that God loves anyway and such love is greater than our
sin and subsequent separation from God. The Easter joy
that we have celebrated these past fifty days is that God
has given us the gift of new life and this is the life that
connects us to God and to each other. We are a chosen
and holy people made into living stones who are now
God's people, living in the original grace which God
freely bestows.

Another way to revive our spirits is to see that
for us, faith is not just about individual salvation. In our
Catholic faith tradition salvation is available to all and
is possible to achieve in and through the Church, in and
through the community and in and through our
relationships with others. In other words, salvation is a
reality that is possible in the here and now of our lives
and not as some distant hope. Dorothy Day a convert to
the faith, who throughout her life identified with the
poor and disadvantaged, chose to become a Catholic
Christian because it is a church of the masses, a church
that embraces the nobodies and tells them that together
they are somebody. The wisdom of our Catholic faith
tradition is that Christ has and always will be present in
all people, but most especially in the least of our sisters
and brothers. In the new age, Christ offers all people
salvation through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In
this age of the Spirit-filled Church, all human beings
are invited into communion with the Lord and with
each other. Human beings can be trusted with unity
when they are incorporated into the one body of Christ.



Reviving spirits then, is
not a matter of the head, but of
the heart. It is not just about
ideas, but relationships. It is not a
matter of growing in knowledge
as it is in growing in love. And it
is not just a matter of thinking
religious thoughts as it is about
living like Jesus. See our
Catholic faith is about a living
faith, which is a messy faith
because it is grounded not merely in doctrines and
dogmas, but in people and action. We become faithful
by how we live and by what we do.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
GOSPEL – JOHN 3: 16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Gospel Reflection

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost—both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son, and Spirit. Today’s gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, the celebration of the Most Holy Trinity reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love.

This gospel passage reminds us that “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.” Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son, and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God’s Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, this day is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God’s love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

- Q. How would the earliest Jewish-Christians have reacted to the idea of God as Trinity?*
- Q. What images or characteristics do you ascribe to the three different experiences of God?*
- Q. In what ways do your prayers to Father, Son, or Spirit differ?*
- Q. Which images or symbols of Trinity do you find helpful and which ones are unhelpful for you?*

We believe: The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Nicene Creed used now in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus, and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!

Trinity: At no point in the New Testament is the term “Trinity” used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognized or active in the gospels. The second reading for The Most Holy Trinity shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

Sign of the Cross: Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God—three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen, and shoulders became the common practice.

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