

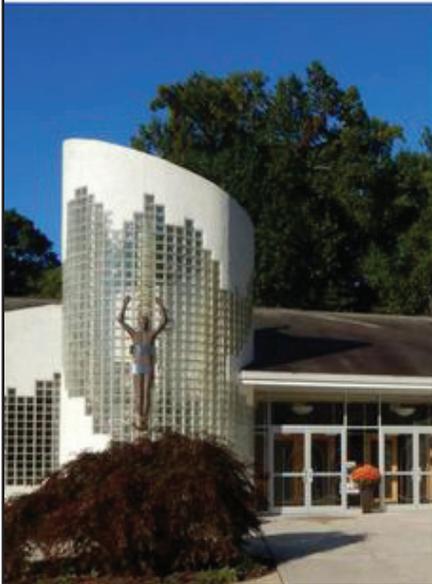
Resurrection Parish June 25, 2017 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



Rev. William Graney, Pastor

John Falkowski, Deacon ext 102
Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon ext. 110
Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music ext. 106
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation ext. 104
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry ext. 107
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns ext. 103
John Werner, Business Manager ext. 105
Debbie Seymour, Parish Secretary ext. 0
Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

Pastoral Council

Mike Rzucidlo Executive Officer
Sharon Gidumal Asst. Executive
JoAnn Hedrick Secretary
Maritza Poza-Grise Trustee
Dick Schwer Trustee

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.

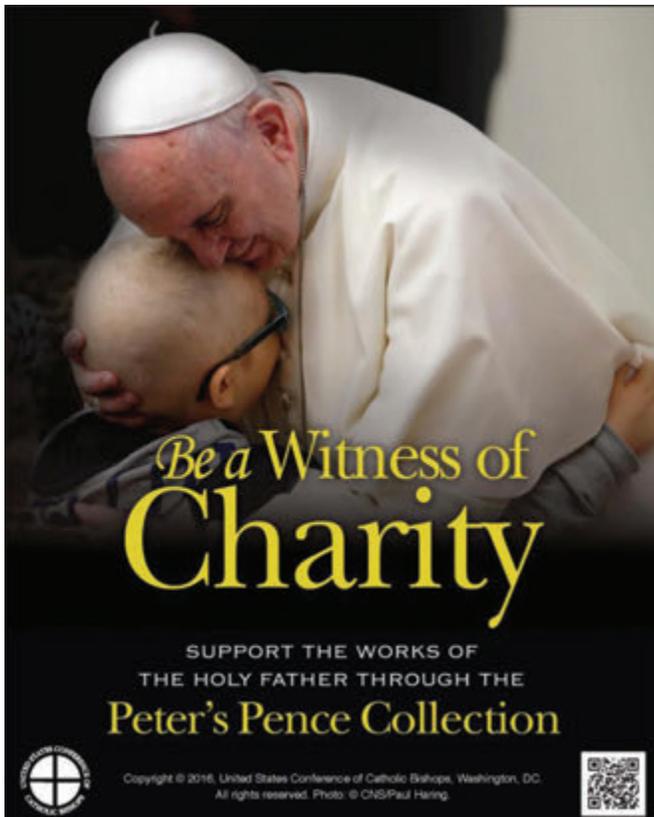
Pastoral Care of the Sick

For hospital and home visits
contact clergy or the office.

Becoming Catholic

Learn more by contacting
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship



Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

How You Can Help

PRAY Pray for the Holy Father as he reaches out compassionately to make the world less cold and more just, and for those around the world who are suffering and will benefit from this collection.

SHARE As a way to spread the message of mercy and peace, share this bulletin with someone who might be interested and tell others how Pope Francis supports the marginalized

GIVE Please give generously to this collection, as a witness of charity, and give hope to those who suffer around the globe.

For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

INTENTIONS

Monday	June 26	8:30 am	+Dillon Scofield
Tuesday	June 27	7:00pm	+Adam Gussen
Wednesday	June 28	8:30 am	Parish Community
Friday	June 30	8:30 am	+Jesse Ricafort
Saturday	July 1	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	July 2	8:15 am	Spring Davidson Jeff Milford
		10:30am	+Edward DePietropaola



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, Priscilla Callahan, Carol Strasser, Alice Weaver, Courtney Corridori, Bev Roberts, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Renew and Refresh: Playing now on our parish website homepage from Bishop Robert Barron: The *Pivotal Players* video on St. Francis of Assisi AND a *Word on Fire* segment on Silence and the Meaning of the Mass. ENJOY! Find these at <http://www.resurrectionde.org/>.

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:

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

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!

Centering Prayer is held every Thursday in the chapel from 7:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. The practice of Centering Prayer allows us to open to the presence and action of God not only during the prayer period, but also during the activities of everyday life. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

The **Liturgy Ministers Schedule** is available on our website at: <http://www.resurrectionde.org/liturgical-ministry-schedules>. Printed copies are also available in the sacristy.

PARISH LIFE

Mission Trips: We have been hearing buzz about parishioners taking mission trips this summer. How wonderful! We would love to feature a story about you and your trip in the parish bulletin. The front page article is about 375 words. Photos are great too. You may submit an article to Debbie at office@resurrectionde.org. May God bless your servant heart!

Fr. Greg occasionally writes a piece for the parish website. Take a glance at: <http://resurrectionde.org/fr-greg-notes>.

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

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.

Stock Sale Update! Thanks to the generosity of Resurrection Parishioners we have raised all the funds needed for our trip to Boston! Please join us on Sunday July 9 after the 10:30 AM Mass to hear about our experience. Please keep us in prayer June 25-July 1 while we are in Boston. Thank you again for all your support these past 9 months.

God Bless,
Rachel, Lauren, Danielle, Heather, Bria, Sean, Joey, Aiden, Kim, Joe, Andy, and Elaine

Thank you to the following people who helped with lawn care at the rectory on June 11 in the blazing heat: Mark Oliver, Al Mercantante, Mike Reis, Fr. Bill, Joe Quinn, Elaine Little, and Nancy and Trish Maloney. Thank you for sharing your time and muscle.

Commissioning service for members of Pastoral Council will take place at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, June 25.

The Pastoral Council works with the Pastor to establish and administer pastoral goals for the Parish and foster a spirit of faith, hope, and love throughout the community.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Family Promise - The next hosting week for homeless children and adults of Family Promise is the week of July 9. Your help is needed to help provide dinners for 2 nights, to-go items for breakfasts, serve as overnight host (2 adults needed per night) and to help drive the Family Promise van to/from the Family Promise Day Center off Kirkwood Hwy to Ebenezer Church. If you can help in any way, that would be most appreciated! Visit the parish website <http://resurrectionde.org/volunteer> regarding food items to sign up for. The sign up genius link is on the left column. Contact Deb Buckels, dbuckels@verizon.net or 302-239-2275 if you are able to be an overnight host or van driver. Thank you again for your generosity!

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM: Many hungry people were fed a nourishing meal this June 12, 2017. Mike Mayer, Mike Rzucidlo, and Judy Ward fed 225 people. Since school is out, many children also enjoyed a good meal, big enough to be a dinner. We are delighted to accommodate so many people. Please consider volunteering on the 12th of any month by signing up on the parish website or on the list next to the computer in the Gathering Space. Please leave your telephone number we can contact you to remind you of this ministry. Teens can earn community hours if they are 16 or older.

Website(s) of the Week: Learn something June is World Refugee month. We talk a lot about helping refugees. A simple way is to give or participate in Jesuit Relief Services USA. Learn more. <http://www.jrsusa.org/>

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Growing Disciples: Helping the children of Resurrection Parish to know, love and serve the Lord.

Registration Forms and calendars for our 2017-2018 K to 12 Christian Formation Programs have been mailed. They are also available in the Gathering Space and on our website under Christian Formation.

Your prayers for our children and families are appreciated!

CFP's Summer Community Service Project Adopt a Student

Adopt a Student is a division of the Adopt a Family state service centers. The program benefits low income families in need of school supplies. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. I will have three green totes outside the youth room for the collection of the school supplies. Please bring your donation in before August 2nd. Thank you in advance for your support!

Contact Nancy Maloney for additional information nmaloney@resurrectionde.org.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Sunday night youth group gatherings have ended for the summer. Please continue to check your e-mail inbox for information on 2017-2018

registration and the calendar for next year. Have a fun and safe summer!

TAKING IT HOME

Does anyone live passionately anymore? That is, do any of us really commit ourselves to living our lives fully and completely, where we may experience incredible joy, but also understand that such joy may come at the risk of considerable pain and suffering, sorrow and disappointment and even the fear of death? Maybe there are a few daredevils out there who might be willing to risk their lives for the sake of a thrill, but this is not passionate living. Passionate living is a willingness to love life in all its fullness. It is a willingness to submit to a life of vulnerability in which we risk pain and disappointment for the sake of a life of loving with care and compassion. To love with compassion will mean disappointment and sorrow; it will mean that there will be hurts and loss, but at the same time such a life will be full of moments of joy, delight and gratitude for a life well lived. This truly is passionate living.

Despite the frenetic pace of our lives, most of us do not live our lives passionately. In fact, more often than not we avoid living with any sense of passion. We avoid passionate living because we live in a culture where being vulnerable is a no-no. Instead, ours is a culture of avoidance. We may want to experience vulnerability at some point, but we want to do it without the risk. So we create islands of "virtual reality." Virtual reality gives us the experience of the real thing, but it does so at a distance where we can avoid any unwanted risks. This is because the real thing, like a commitment to a friendship or a relationship, or a commitment to integrity, justice or to service, is too demanding, too time consuming and eventually just too risky. And so we slip easily into a life of avoidance. Unfortunately, such a life has its own deadening effect on the way we live. Life is not really something we live at all, but instead life

becomes something we avoid, even to the point of death itself.

Why talk about living passionately? Because this is what Jesus instructs us to do in our gospel. In the gospel, Jesus is commissioning his disciples to do the following: to not fear preaching the good news, to live faith with passion, to fear no one and to not be afraid to speak the truth of what they have heard on the housetops all the while trusting in the love of God. And just as Jesus instructs his disciples, so he instructs us. By our baptism we too are now disciples of Jesus and as disciples, living in the image of Jesus, we need to live our faith and give witness to the good news with the same passion, even preaching it to the housetops! We need to do this because it is what Jesus taught us by his own life when he willingly risked loving even to the point of his death. Such was Jesus' passionate way of life that caused the Father to raise him up. And this pattern of living, the pattern we call the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, is the distinct pattern of our Christian living that should embrace life in all its fullness. We too should freely choose to live our lives to the full and not be afraid of the consequences. And we can do this because what God has done for Jesus, God will do for us.



Saturday, July 1, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection: Contemplative Dialog with Sr. Liz Sweeney, SSJ. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Contemplative dialog

is a method by which a group can engage in contemplative practices as means of prayer, discernment, and discussion without being affected if not divided by our different viewpoints, interests and needs. Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) or call our office for more information or to register.

VOCATIONS

2017 Quo Vadis Days for High School and College students will be **Thursday, July 27 to Saturday, July 29** in Malvern, PA. This event offers a time of prayer, fraternity, sports, and recreation focused on the life and ministry of the Priesthood. You will spend three days with other young men who have the same interest and aspiration in life. Is God calling me to be a Priest? For more info and to register online: cdow.org/vocations. Registration deadline is July 9th.

13TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL – MATT. 10: 37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, they will surely not lose their reward.”

Gospel Reflection: The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

This passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to “proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, and drive out demons.” (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to “work the harvest” through proclamation, healing, and exorcism. At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded. It’s also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfillment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

- Q. What was your immediate reaction to hearing or reading this passage?*
- Q. When have you had to choose between conflicting priorities in your life?*
- Q. How might you “offer a cup of water” and welcome a disciple who comes in an unlikely form?*
- Q. How might you discuss these “hard teachings” of Jesus with a modern audience?*

From the perspective of ... What must it have been like to be one of those disciples of Jesus? Having followed their Rabbi, or teacher, for some time, he sends them out to “have a go” at doing what he has been doing: preaching; proclaiming the good news; healing; curing lepers and casting out demons. The focus of a disciple is to be like their Rabbi. This is their first real test of being a disciple ... seeking to go out into the world without Jesus and do the things that they’ve seen their Rabbi do; to be like their Rabbi!

A cup of cold water: Jesus says, “If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water” to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give “a cup of cold water” or “a cold drink” to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognizes the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that “practical loving kindness” is both the test and the result of discipleship.

Anyone who welcomes: Having spelled out the difficulties of discipleship throughout Ch. 10, the gospel writer has Jesus reassuring the disciples that anyone who welcomes them welcomes him. There are echoes here of other parts of the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes, with its blessings on the poor and humble of heart; the welcome of children, the “little ones” of the kingdom; and the Last Judgment (Mt 24), that reminds us that whatever we do for the least in the world we do for Jesus. Jesus even describes the disciples as “little ones”—a reminder both to them and to those who welcome them.

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