

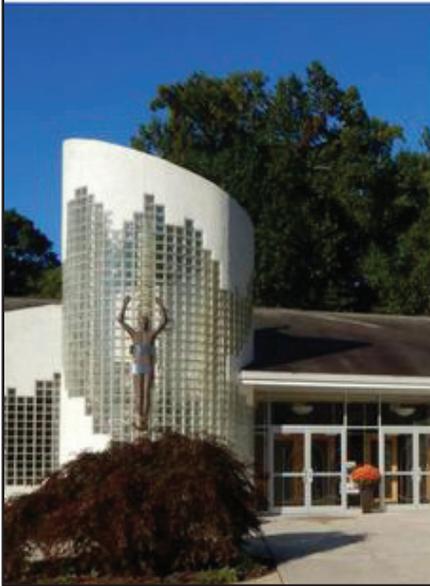
# Resurrection Parish July 9, 2017 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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  
Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon  
Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music  
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation  
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry  
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns  
Keri Allen, Bookkeeper  
Debbie Seymour, Admin. Asst.  
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

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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**

**“Our Lady of Sanctuary”** The Resurrection statue of Mary in our Worship Space was sculpted of fiberglass by local artist Charles Parks in 1986. Charles Parks sought to do a Madonna and child in the Christian tradition that speaks to today’s world. The image of Mary is a modern woman. She is of our era. She is a refugee mother who comes from Central America, or Ethiopia, or Vietnam, who has been forced to leave her home and make a new home in a strange land. Her features and carriage show hesitation and determination at the same time. She comforts her child and He comforts her. She is called “Our Lady of Sanctuary”. She also represents women who have worked with the refugees and homeless of our time. The statue is dedicated to Ita Ford, Maura Clark, Jean Donovan, and Dorothy Keitzel, who became martyrs in El Salvador in December 1980, because they would not give up their work with the refugees.



## INTENTIONS

Monday	July 10	8:30 am	+Jill Irwin
Tuesday	July 11	7:00pm	
Wednesday	July 12	8:30 am	
Friday	July 14	8:30 am	+Peggy Collins
Saturday	July 15	5:30pm	+Bea Decembrino
Sunday	July 16	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30am	+Phyllis Richey



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:** Check out PRAY AS YOU GO through the link on our website! Find it on the Liturgy Keeping the Seasons page in the list of resources on the left hand side: <http://www.resurrectionde.org/keeping-seasons>. From Pray as You Go: *“Our aim through our work with Pray-as-you-go is to encourage you the listener into a conversation and deeper relationship with God. As well as our daily downloadable prayer, we also endeavor to provide you with further prayer resources and special retreats as a way of developing your personal prayer life.”*

## **Ministry Needs**

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

**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!

**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.

**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.

**Anointing of the Sick**  
**All Masses**  
**July 22 and July 23**

## PARISH LIFE

### **2017 Annual Catholic Appeal – *Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him***

All Annual Catholic Appeal participants who pledged to the campaign will receive a monthly payment reminder mailed directly from the diocesan development office. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your pledge reminder. Do not make payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

**YNIA Update!** Please join us on **Sunday July 9** after the 10:30 AM Mass to hear about our experience. 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

**New Parishioners:** We welcome you! Please register with the parish. Registration forms are always available after Masses by the main entrance or in the Parish Office. Please complete one today and return it this week to join our community. For more information, call (302) 368-0146 x0.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Social Concerns: Fair Trade Sale:** Our next Fair Trade Coffee/Tea sale is the weekend of July 15/16 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of August 5/6. Thanks for supporting struggling farmers around the world.

## 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](http://cdow.org/vocations). Registration deadline is July 9<sup>th</sup>.

[www.resurrectionde.org](http://www.resurrectionde.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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support!

Contact Nancy Maloney for additional information [nmaloney@resurrectionde.org](mailto: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

Because we live in a 24/7 techno world, there is constant pressure on the human person to keep in touch, to stay awake and to stay in control of things. The pace of life demands that we must constantly stay ahead of the game, stay in contact and plan out our days. We plan out our lives and even the lives of others, like our children. We must not lose control of things. We fear that if we

lose control, our lives will fall apart. So we try to measure out every waking hour, every activity and every aspect of our lives that life itself becomes just one big to-do list.

Unfortunately, trying to live at this pace becomes a burden and only leads to exhaustion. But what is the alternative? If we don't continue to do what needs doing, if we take the time to rest or relax, how will others see us? Will we be responsible adults? After all didn't St. Ignatius of Loyola supposedly said that, we "must pray as if everything depended on God but work as if everything depended on me." And so if everything depends on me then I must constantly work to do what it is necessary; right?

In our gospel for this weekend, instead of living at this quickened pace of life, Jesus invites us to let go; to let go of this overzealous, all consuming mentality to try to control our lives and instead to place our lives under Jesus' gentle "yoke." Jesus wants us to place our burdens before him and to let him give us rest. But Jesus you don't know my life. Will you take the heat if I fail to get done what needs to be done? Simply trusting that things will turn out all right is a failure of my responsibility for getting things right in the first place. So I must do what I must do; I must work as though everything depends on me. But where is the truth in this conundrum? If I must work beyond the point of exhaustion, will I truly be able to be so responsible? Life is more than just a to-do project.

The burden of trying to be so responsible and in control leads instead to excessive worry; and not only that, it presumes that we even have control. When we have the weight of the world on our shoulders life can become a burden and we can feel oppressed by its overarching yoke. So what are we to do?

Yes, life is important and we must be responsible in handling this gift we have been given. But part of that responsibility is also recognizing that life is a "gift;" a gift that is ours to have and ours to not try to control. This really is what Jesus is trying to tell us this weekend; to put away our high anxiety, our heightened sense of responsibility and to accept and to live in the joy in which the gift is given. To let the mind rest and to trust that God knows our needs, knows our desires and will be true to the promises that God has made with us.

If we believe that God is the center of all things, then all we can do is trust that God will bring about what God intends; God will help complete the good work already begun in us. We must act responsibly and use the talents and gifts that God bestows to help effect God's plan, but we can never with absolute certainty control the outcome of that plan. All we can do is trust the movement of God's Spirit to bring about its completion.

William Barry, S.J. in his book "Contemplatives in Action," notes that the above quote attributed to Ignatius is not found in any of his writings. But if he did have such a quote, it would probably sound like this: "Pray as if everything depended on you: work as if everything depended on God." So "come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." Deacon John

## OTHER NEWS

### 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

**Pilgrimage:** The Legion of Mary, Wilmington Curia invites you to attend their Pilgrimage to the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802 on Saturday, July 29, 2017. The bus will be leaving at 8 AM from St. John the Beloved Church, 907 Milltown Road, Wilmington, and return approximately 6:30 PM. The event will include talks, Mass, Rosary, Adoration, etc. The cost will be \$30.00 per person. To reserve a bus seat contact: Sally Rogers at 302-563-1490 or Kay Malone at 302-239-2259 by Sunday, July 16, 2017. Make check payable to Wilmington Curia and mail to: Sally Rogers, 107 Loretta Lane, Bear, DE 19701.

### **God and Therapy Evening Series with Chris Hyde, PhD.: Integrate Your Personal Narrative with Spiritual Wisdom**



Monday, July 10, 2017,  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Cost:** A free will offering of \$15 is suggested. You may

make a free will offering online - click on the Donate button, or at the door. All offerings go to support the programs of the Jesus House. Light refreshments.

**Catholic Mass, Every Tuesday, 12:15 pm**

**Healing Mass, every 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm**

**Afternoon Bereavement Support Group, Second Wednesday at 11 am, Jun 14, 2017 – Jan 17, 2018**

Please visit our website ([jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)) or call our office at (302) 995-6859 for more information or to register.



**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME**  
**GOSPEL – MATTHEW 13: 1-23**

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around them that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

The disciples approached him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?”

He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they

*will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them. But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.*

“Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But it has no root and lasts only for a time. When tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

**Gospel Reflection** The teaching of Jesus is grounded firmly in the Jewish world of the 1st Century. For most of his listeners, that world was an agricultural one and so the stories Jesus told were about the everyday realities of peoples’ lives. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, building houses, planting seeds and reaping harvests. The imagery he used was drawn from the lived experience of those he taught. Jesus used a style of storytelling that

was popular at the time: parable. A Parable is a story with a moral or a Lesson. A parable usually involves an extended metaphor and, at its heart, is teaching the listener about how to live or how to behave.

Another feature of parables is that they can be understood at different levels. At one level, there is the literal meaning of a parable – what it says is what it is about. In today’s gospel, the parable of the sower can be read or heard as a literal story about sowing seed and the lesson one might take from it is to be careful where you throw the seed when sowing. At another level, parables have a metaphoric meaning. In this instance, Jesus actually explains the symbolism of the parable to his disciples. There is a further, interpretive level of a parable where a modern reader asks, ‘What has that story got to say to me here and now?’

In his conversation with the disciples, Jesus makes clear that only some people are open to understanding the depth of the message contained within his parables. Some people will only ever hear the story and never hear the message. Mind you, he still has to explain the parable to the disciples! He has just chastised those who fail to understand and yet walks the disciples through the parable step by step!

**Scatter that seed!** The teaching of the parable of the sower is as true for us today as it was in its original context. The word of the kingdom continues to fall on people who are at various stages of readiness to receive it. What Jesus suggests to his disciples – and to us – is that the ‘good soil’ can’t always be predicted. Jesus doesn’t tell his disciples to only sow the word in people who are receptive. Rather, he wants them – and us – to scatter the word everywhere and to rejoice when it does find good soil and yields a rich harvest.

- Q. What is suggested by the final line of the parable, ‘Listen, anyone who has ears’?*
- Q. What experiences of pathways, rocky ground, thorns and rich soil were in your life?*
- Q. What might it mean to receive the word and produce a rich harvest?*
- Q. What opportunities exist in your life to be the sower who scatters the seed?*

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