

Resurrection Parish July 23, 2017 16th 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

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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

Chalices

At times seminarians of my day would be less than sacred (perhaps as a change of pace from being surrounded with the sacred). For example, the craftsman for chalices was called, "Louie the pipefitter." A note found on the internet "Out of a cluttered, dusty workshop near downtown Baltimore come cups made of gold, silver and jewels that find their way to altars throughout the world. 'Christ said, 'Do this in memory of me forever,' said Louis D. Hupfeld, quoting from the liturgy used in communion services. What the 82-year-old craftsman does is fashion chalices from precious metals and stones, pewter, brass, bronze, enamel, clay and even black walnut. Grimy paper boxes jammed with 67 years of receipts attest to the sales of more than 1,000 of his communion vessels. They have found their way to altars throughout North America, Europe and Africa." I recall a trip to this cluttered, grimy, "studio." A friend ordered his chalice from Louie.

The sacred cups designed after Vatican II featured a deeper cup to help with Holy Communion received under both kinds or species.

Here at Res, we use two pre-Vatican II chalices, one (silver) made for Frank Herron and the other (gold) made for George Cora. The deeper golden cup was given in memory of John Kostic, a beloved member who died in 1995. The pewter cups are used since there is a matching set. The usual daily Mass cup is gold with a wooden base. It seems not too large nor small for the need.

As an elementary student I would occasionally help Sister in the sacristy. At that time, the safe would be open and I could see the parish had an ample supply of chalices. By today's standards of use those would be dated in design and usefulness. We are happy that the church has moved away from what was called "private Masses" although of its very nature a Mass cannot be private no more than a baptism or other sacraments can be private. Thank God that Vatican II stated clearly what we now take for granted: "The Church is the people of God."

Bill Graney

INTENTIONS

Monday	July 24	8:30 am	+Jill Irwin
Tuesday	July 25	7:00pm	
Wednesday	July 26	8:30 am	+Jill Irwin
Friday	July 28	8:30 am	
Saturday	July 29	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	July 30	8:15 am	+Palma Leister
		10:30am	+Dillon Scofield



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** 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, Alice Weaver, Courtney Corridori, Bev Roberts, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Renew and Refresh: Have you noticed the new, but not so new, saints icons that grace the wall and icon stand in our Gathering Space? Take a look and you'll see St. Kateri Tekakwitha (July 14), St. Vincent DePaul (September 27), St. Mary Magdalene (July 22), and the Martins of Lisieux, including St. Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin (July 12), the first spouses in the church's history to be canonized as a couple! In a General Audience on October 30, 2013 Pope Francis said, *"...the communion of saints goes beyond earthly life, beyond death and endures forever. This union among us goes beyond and continues in the next life; it is a spiritual communion born in Baptism and not broken by death, but, thanks to the Risen Christ, is destined to find its fullness in eternal life."*

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:

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.

Anointing of the Sick

All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are welcome to participate. The whole parish will join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.



On Tuesday August 15 we will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** with Mass at 7:00 pm.

PARISH LIFE

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. To help keep you better informed, please complete one today and return it this week to join our community. For more information, call (302) 368-0146 x0.

Centering Prayer is held every Thursday in the chapel from 7:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

11th Annual Benefit Concert to Fight Human Trafficking is happening on Monday, Aug. 14, at 7:00pm at Skyline Methodist Church, 3100 Skyline Dr. Please come support all of the performers as they share their talents in many genres of music. Free Will donations benefit Shared Hope International, an organization that works to Prevent trafficking and Rescue and Restore victims. This year donations will also support Zoe Ministries of Delaware. Yolanda Schlabach of Zoe Ministries DE will speak briefly about the Fight against Human Trafficking. For more info Kate Regan at 302-738-9989.

Social Concerns: Fair Trade Sale: Our next Fair Trade Coffee/Tea sale is the weekend of July 22/23. Delivery will be the weekend of August 5/6. Thanks for supporting struggling farmers around the world.

ZINGO GENEROSITY: The cash register tapes for past sixth months totaled \$75,307.84. ZINGO will be sending a check to our outreach program for \$753.08. Thanks to ZINGO for having this program to support our outreach and thanks to the parishioners who shop at ZINGO and save their cash register tapes. Please put them in the ZINGO box which is on the table in the hall by the nursery.

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 have two locations for collecting the donations; outside the youth room (green totes) and outside the Worship Area (white wicker baskets). 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

Earlier in Matthew's gospel, chapter 5:48 to be exact, Matthew has Jesus proclaiming, "Be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect." Now when we hear this phrase, our first inclination is to be dismissive of this command. At least I was. How can we be perfect as God; after all God is God and we are not God's equal? But I think what happens with this phrase is that we read it from the perspective of a rational mindset, where perfection is the height of flawlessness. Perfection is to be perfect. But Jesus is not speaking with a purely rational voice; instead he speaks from his Hebrew mindset, where perfection does not necessarily mean flawless. Rather in the Hebrew mindset, perfection is associated with the word compassion. So if we reread the earlier proclamation of Jesus perhaps it should read: "Be compassionate as your heavenly father is compassionate." Compassion in this instance makes the goal of Jesus' command certainly more attainable. But perhaps even here we are still a little bothered; what exactly does it mean that God is compassionate and how can we still be as compassionate as God?

In the parable of the wheat and weeds from our gospel this weekend, Jesus gives us the ideal definition of God's compassion. God, Jesus says in this parable, lets God's sun shine on the bad as well as the good. God's love does not discriminate; it simply embraces everything. Like the sun, God's love shines on everything. It does not choose to shine only on some simply because they are good and not on the others because they are bad. God's love is equally available to all regardless of whether we see ourselves as the wheat or as the weeds.

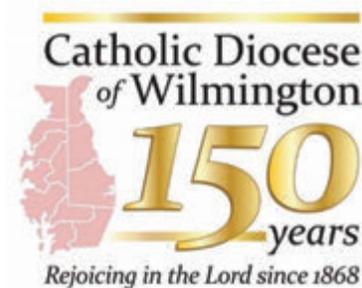
This is a stunning truth; God loves us either when we are good or when we are not so good. God loves the saints in heaven and God loves the sinners in hell (if there are any such sinners). God is the God of both the prodigal son and the older brother, one in his weakness and one in his bitterness. God's embrace of love is not dependent on the conversion of the sinner. God loves the sinner from the inside and we are asked to love in the same way. This is what it means to be compassionate as God is as compassionate. But just how is that possible?

Like God, being compassionate means that we too embrace everyone with that same love; our love must shine on the good, the wheat, as well the bad, the weeds. This embrace of love, which demonstrates God's compassion and understanding even when holding to our own moral ground, is what we are called to demonstrate not just in our families and friendships, but in all areas of our life; with Catholics as well as Protestants, Evangelicals as well as Jews, Muslims as well as prolife or prochoice, liberals as well as conservatives. We must all find the way to embrace everyone with a love that expresses understanding even though we may not agree in that which makes us different. This kind of compassion feels messy, but it leads us to a compassion that like the sun shines on the good as well as the bad and leads us to a humility that is able to demonstrate a gentle heart and an understanding spirit even with those we have trouble loving. We must be open then to the God who "searches hearts and knows what is the intention of the Spirit."
Deacon John

As part of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th anniversary celebration, a pilgrimage to Annecy, Rome and Assisi will take place April 16 – 26, 2018. And you are invited!

Annecy, the birthplace of Saint Francis de Sales, patron saint of the Diocese of Wilmington, is an alpine town in southeastern France, where Lake Annecy feeds into the Thiou River. It's known for its cobbled streets, winding canals, and pastel-colored houses.

Rome, Italy's capital, is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display, including ancient ruins such as the Forum and the Colosseum. It is the



home of Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, as well as the burial place of Blessed Pope Pius IX, the diocese's founder. Assisi is a

hill town in central Italy's Umbria region. It was the birthplace of St. Francis, one of Italy's patron saints.

For more information about this affordable, once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, including a day-to-day itinerary, exclusive features, and pricing, go to www.cdow.org/anniversary-pilgrimage.



Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) or call our office at (302) 995-6859 for more information.
Mass: Tuesday at 12:15pm

The Cathedral of St Peter (Downtown) is in need of our help. On Aug 19 & 20, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more info about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. For a video tour of the Cathedral, special video message from Fr. Klein the Cathedral's Administrator, and a tour of the Cathedral's 99 year-old organ, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org.

Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.



**17TH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 13: 44-52**

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?”

They answered, “Yes.”

And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

Gospel Reflection: The twin parables of today’s gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as ‘now but not yet’; as ‘present but future’. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered. By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom.

For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

The Kingdom is like...: Jesus consistently uses simile and metaphor to describe the kingdom. He never directly describes the kingdom. It is always described as being like some situation or person, or as if... This figurative use of language means that we have no single clear picture of what the kingdom is like, but we do have a multitude of metaphors and descriptions. This style of description adds to the paradoxical nature of the kingdom. It is like many things, yet we don’t really know what it is like at all.

Matthew Ch. 13: Over the weeks of July we have heard Matthew Chapter 13 almost in its entirety. We heard first the parable of the sower; then the three short parables about weeds amongst the wheat, the mustard seed growing into a great tree and leaven in the flour. Finally, in this gospel we hear these additional pithy parables. The entire chapter seeks to paint metaphoric images of the kingdom. Woven through these images is a suggestion that the kingdom is open to all. All are presented with the invitation, but not everyone will accept that invitation or respond to it in the same way.

Interpretation: In today’s passage the gospel writer appears to describe himself: ‘Then every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’ It is a fantastic description of what it means to be an interpreter of the gospel. To interpret scripture, one must draw on what is old; applying understandings of the text in its original context and its original audience. But one must also draw on what is new; making connections between that original setting and the context in which it is being read today.

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