

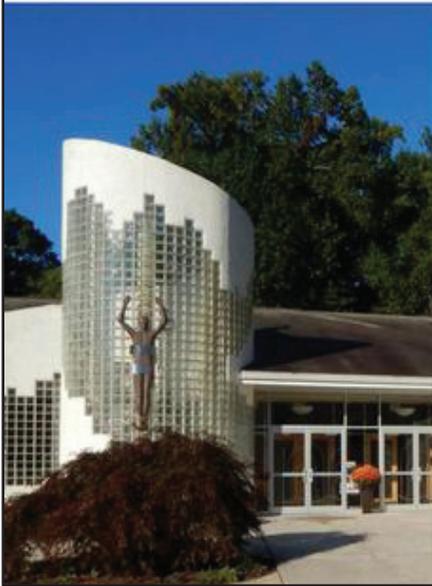
# Resurrection Parish August 13, 2017 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music  
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation  
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry  
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns  
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Debbie Seymour, Admin. Asst.  
Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

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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**

**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.



## INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug. 14	8:30 am	+Dillon Scofield
Tuesday	Aug. 15	7:00pm	+Dillon Scofield
Wednesday	Aug. 16	8:30 am	Kathy Keilman
Friday	Aug. 18	8:30 am	+Jill Irwin
Saturday	Aug. 19	5:30pm	Ron & Jody LeJeune
Sunday	Aug. 20	8:15 am	+Joan Donnelly
		10:30am	+Dillon Scofield

Wed. 8/16 and Friday 8/18 will be a prayer service.



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, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Beth Callahan, Priscilla Callahan, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

### **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday August 15 -- Mass at 7:00 pm**

Mary belongs to the long line of great women of her race. She is also the crown of all women. Mary blesses God, but on this day, we call Mary blessed.



We celebrate her as the Mother of God and at the same time the one who belongs to God—fully and at long last. The Church has specially honored Mary, and in the West, she “belonged to him” from the beginning of

her life to its end without end. The feast of the Immaculate Conception in dark winter considers the beginning. As the new Church year begins, we celebrate Mary. It is fitting that one conceived without sin should bear the sinless one. Now, in

high summer’s season of abundant fruits, we pause to celebrate the reflected glory of Christ—first Christ, and “then ... those who belong to Christ.”

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56

From SCRIPTURE SOUNDINGS YEAR A

### **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

## PARISH LIFE

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

**THANK YOU** for supporting CFP’s Summer Community Service Project – Adopt A Student! The Adopt A Student Program Coordinator expressed her appreciation of your kindness and generosity. Thank you for a successful Back to School Supplies Drive for the Adopt A Student Program.

**LOST AND FOUND** If you have a missing item, come to the lost and found green tote located on the lower shelf of the credenza table in the CFP/Youth Ministry hallway.

## Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Marian

Pilgrimage with Bishop W. Francis Malooly at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. connect with a friend and enjoy the day.

**September 30, 2017, 10AM-4PM**

- Take a guided tour of the Basilica
  - Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - Pray through Our Lady at over 40 chapels dedicated to her many titles
  - Visit the recently-dedicated Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Walk and Garden
  - Participate in the Sacred Mass with Bishop Malooly
- Consult the parish office for more details including transportation to and from the Basilica.

## CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



### **FUN NIGHT!**

*Friday September 8  
6:00-10:30 PM.*

**Who:** Middle School and High School students and friends.

**What:** We will have food, fun, prayer, activities, and outdoor play.

Pizza provided. Bring a snack to share ☺

### **PARENT MEETING**

**for Middle and High School parents**

*Friday September 8, 6:00-7:00 PM Room 4*

Bring registration Form A please if you haven't already done so.

### **SUMMER SERVICE 2018**

If you are a high school student interested in participating in our service trip next summer, grab a parent and come to our information meeting on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 PM in the youth room. Young Neighbors in Action offers teens a week of participating in mission, growing in faith, joining in prayer and serving those in need. Learn more at [www.cmdnet.org/ynia-home](http://www.cmdnet.org/ynia-home). Photos of recent trips are on the parish website <http://resurrectionde.org/young-neighbors-in-action>.

## 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.

## PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

**The Good News of our Catholic Faith!** This September, over 60 children, Kindergarten through grade 5 will be enrolled to learn more about our religion. **You can help them by sharing your talents, compassion, and your faith as substitute assistants, substitute catechists, assistants, and catechists for CFP.** We provide you with training, materials, and support. **Classes begin September 10<sup>th</sup>.** If interested or for more information contact Nancy Maloney at [nmaloney@resurrectionde.org](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org) or (302) 368-0146 x104.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

**On Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Resurrection Parish will host a Peace Week Delaware event called Pathways to Peace: Broadening our Understanding of American Muslims.** The event will present a panel of local Muslim experts to help us replace common, erroneous assumptions about Islam with accurate information about its tenets and beliefs and to increase our appreciation of its value and contribution to our shared world. The panel discussion will be followed by a break-out session during which participants will discuss what they learned, share stories to promote human connection, and brainstorm ways to continue making actionable progress. During the discussion, we will serve a light meal, consisting of a sampling of Middle Eastern appetizers, often called a "meze". Advance Registration Suggested: Debbie Seymour, 302-368-0146 or [dseymour@resurrectionde.org](mailto:dseymour@resurrectionde.org) Questions: Peggy Smith, 302-737-8927 [pegsmith@comcast.net](mailto:pegsmith@comcast.net)

## TAKING IT HOME

**Our belief in God is built on faith.** Faith is not belief. Belief is trusting in the truth of certain propositions, e.g. creeds, doctrines, etc. Faith on the other hand cannot simply be reduced to such beliefs. Faith welcomes unknowing and mystery. Faith is our acceptance of that which cannot be fully comprehended; it is part of the path that leads to transformation. This is what we might say faith is academically. But from an academic standpoint faith is not something easily grasped. We can express that we either have faith or do not have faith, but we are often at pains to say why. Faith really is an opening of the heart and mind to something bigger than ourselves.

Usually faith, as a system, is not something we can describe, although we try to do just that. Faith is something we experience. We become aware of the mysterious presence of God in the world through the way we experience life. And the way we experience life can make for a lively and challenging faith, but it can also lead to a troubling diminishment of the nature and presence of God.

In other words, when we experience danger or threat, God becomes the machine by which we escape that danger or threat. So we call on God and if God is true to who God is all becomes well, then God is our rescuer and all is well with our faith. But on the other hand, if God fails to come to our rescue, then our faith in God diminishes. This is the way our experience can affect the way we view our relationship with God and hence our sense of faith. In other words, we can become so full of faith when we experience things like, the birth of a child, falling in love or some other high emotional moment. While on the other hand, when we experience moments of despair, loss or disappointment our faith can grow weak because we believe that God has abandoned us. But if our faith in God and in God's ways is to become a steadying influence in our lives, how do we keep our experience from simply allowing our faith to become an emotional rollercoaster? I think our readings today can give us two good examples.

In our first reading we hear the story of Elijah. After defending God from the prophets of Baal, and after defeating those prophets, Elijah must run for his life. In doing so, Elijah is experiencing a moment of fear and doubt so he takes comfort by hiding in a cave. In the gospel, Peter appears to be so full of faith that he believes that he can walk on water. But just as Peter takes his first several steps, the wind reminds him of what he is about to do, so he waivers and falls back into the sea.

And just like that too our faith is affected by the many ways we experience daily life, but in all these situations God neither succumbs to nor allows these

feelings to affect the relationship that God wants to have with us. God's love is always steady and steadfast never allowing our feelings and emotions to affect the relationship that God wants to have with us. And if we can understand the true nature of God, we can see that despite the high times or the low times, God's presence



is forever with us. It's just that this presence may come in unexpected ways. In the tiny whispering sound of the wind, God lets Elijah know that God has not abandoned him.

Despite Elijah's fear, God still believes in Elijah and God will give Elijah the strength he needs to face the struggle ahead. And for Peter, in his moment of doubt when he falters and falls, Jesus is there with a steady hand to help Peter out of the sea.

### **Saturday, August 26, 2017, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection: Art and Spirituality with Jane Hanson.**

Have you ever thought it might be fun to "hang out" with the likes of Andrew Wyeth, Simon and Garfunkel, Pope Francis or the Dali Lama? And how 'bout Jim Henson

and a couple of Muppets, namely Kermit and Elmo; Singers and Dancers and Cellists . . . oh my! And of course, and most importantly Jesus and St. Paul and Mary . . . Amen! If hanging out with these folks and some old and

new friends sounds interesting and inspiring to you, please join us.

**SAVE THE DATE – Thursday, December 7 – Sunday, December 10, 2017 Sr. Joan, a Franciscan Sister and Fr. Nick, a Dominican priest from the Thomas More Center for Preaching and Prayer in Wisconsin are leading an Advent Retreat.** Their presentations are scripture based and inspiring.

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858.

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

**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.** For more info about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at [www.cathedralofstpeter.org](http://www.cathedralofstpeter.org). Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.



**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 15: 21-28**

*At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.”*

*But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.*

*Jesus’ disciples came and asked him, “Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.”*

*He said in reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”*

*But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, “Lord, help me.”*

*He said in reply, “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.”*

*She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.”*

*Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”*

*And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour.*

**Gospel Reflection:** This gospel passage provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus’ response to those in need. Jesus has traveled to the area of Tyre and Sidon—part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel—the Jews—and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans—sometimes referred to as “dogs” to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus’ metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table. The woman’s persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman’s daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman’s request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew’s gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

**A DISCIPLE’S PERSPECTIVE:** As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to

help her out as usual, but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!

**Who were the Canaanites?** When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the “Promised Land” they sought was the land of Canaan (the area of modern Israel, TransJordan, Syria, and Lebanon). Though commanded to utterly destroy the Canaanites and to subdue the land (Exodus 23:23-24), the Israelites never successfully removed all the Canaanites from the Palestine region. By Jesus’ time, the Israelites had established themselves in the region between Judea in the south and Galilee in the north, while the original inhabitants of the area had been “squeezed out”. The Canaanites were dispossessed of their land by the Israelites, so it is easy to see why there was tension between them.

**Scriptural Context:** This passage sits in the middle of a group of three stories that make up Chapter 15 of Matthew’s Gospel. The first story deals Jesus challenging traditional views of cleanliness and uncleanness—one of the great separators between Jews and Gentiles. This gospel follows with its account of the Canaanite woman’s great faith being recognized. Finally, Matthew’s gospel relates the story of the feeding of the 4,000—a dramatic sign by Jesus of the open invitation to receive his message and ministry. The three stories, taken together, form a powerful chapter that makes clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the Jews.

- Q. Who are the “dogs” (the unworthy) in today’s society?*
- Q. What motivated this Canaanite woman to approach Jesus, a Jew?*
- Q. In what ways have you ever turned to an unlikely source for help?*
- Q. The woman risked herself on her daughter’s behalf. Who would you risk your reputation for?*
- O. In what way/s does this story challenge you?*

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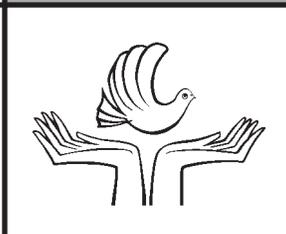
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