

# Resurrection Parish August 20, 2017 20<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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6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

## Pastoral Council

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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

Ronald Rolheiser in his book "Sacred Fire," where he talks about a spirituality of deeper Christian maturity leading to a deeper generativity (a deeper giving over of one's life to others), lays out ten commands for living this kind of spirituality. One of these commands is to "be wide in your embrace." What does he mean by a wide embrace?

The gist of what Fr. Rolheiser is getting at is that we need to live our lives with a deeper sense of mystery. We need to know that there are some things that we cannot truly know perfectly, and we need to be okay with that. But this deeper sense of mystery also means that we have to be okay with what is foreign to us, in what is other, strange, and different. Unfortunately, for many of us this is not something that is easy to do.

Many claim openness to multiculturalism, ethnic diversity, global community, gender equality, wide religious tolerance, alternative lifestyles and befriending our shadow, but the reality is not as easy as the rhetoric. Otherness for the most part frightens us. We are uneasy with what is different and apart from us; look at our recent election as an example; difference became the problem that needed fixing. And we continue to see this throughout the world today in things like the rise of

fundamentalism and the growing paranoia of things like our need to have greater border security. For all the talk about accepting difference there is a growing obsession with boundaries and with protecting one's own kind. If we are like this, intolerant of anyone not of our kind, perhaps the initial way that the disciples and even Jesus acts in the gospel this weekend may be of some consolation. But that consolation should eventually give way to a deeper understanding.

In the gospel a gentile woman approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her daughter. But because she is gentile and not a member of the chosen people of Israel, Jesus' disciples try to dismiss her. And not only have the disciples dismissed her, in a corresponding exchange, Jesus too implies that the woman has no right to ask him for anything. Jesus says that his mission is only "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman persists, persists so much so in fact that when Jesus makes a reference to "the dogs," a negative term some Jews applied to non-Jews, she responds by saying that "even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." Jesus is overwhelmed by her response and it awakens in him the thought that God's embrace should not be confined, but should be made available to all; God

is the God of all people! And so Jesus acknowledges the woman's faith and heals her daughter.

Ultimately, the deeper understanding from this for us is that we too must move on to face and accept otherness, strangeness, difference and what is foreign. We can no longer live just among our own. What is strange to us will soon enough be part of our neighborhood, our homes, our churches and our way of looking at life. And not only that, but what is other and different is also a key biblical idea. God, in fact, is often defined as other. God is the God who is beyond the realm of our imaginations. And particularly for those of us who call ourselves Catholic, we need to be mindful of what that word "Catholic" means. The word "Catholic" means universal, wide, embracing everyone. Jesus himself defines the word when he says: "In my Father's house there are many rooms." Deacon John

## INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug. 21	8:30 am	+Dillon Scofield
Tuesday	Aug. 22	7:00pm	Parish Community
Wednesday	Aug. 23	8:30 am	Ruth Ann Keilman
Friday	Aug. 25	8:30 am	+Leo Karolewski
Saturday	Aug. 26	5:30pm	+Karen Nauman
Sunday	Aug. 27	8:15 am	+Jill Irwin
		10:30am	Parish Community



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 Ciabattini, 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

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

### **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

### **World Refugees & Migration Day August 20, 2017**

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me" (Mk 9:37; cf. Mt 18:5; Lk 9:48; Jn 13:20): The Holy See sets aside Sunday 8/20 as a special commemoration for Refugees and Migrants. You can view Pope Francis' message for the 103<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees -- "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless" – here:

[https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160908\\_world-migrants-day-2017.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20160908_world-migrants-day-2017.html)

## PARISH LIFE

**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 ☺ and completed Form A (Annual Consent and Release) for each participant.

### **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>.

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## 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 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)

**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 [Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.](#)

**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.

**Abbeyfest is a one day faith centered music festival for youth, young adults and the whole family** on September 16th in Paoli, PA, just about 45min from Wilmington. The day will be filled with Catholic/Christian contemporary music, a key note speaker, Mass, Confession, Adoration along with an abundant of food, games for the kids and fun for the family. More information can be found on their website, <http://www.theabbeyfest.com>.

**St. John/Holy Angels' Parish will host their 7<sup>th</sup> annual International Food Festival** in Fremont Hall at Holy Angels, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711, **Sunday, August 27, from 11am to 4pm.** Entry tickets are \$10 and entitle you to 10 tickets valued at \$1.00 each. A wide variety of cultural tasting opportunities from various countries will be available to purchase using these tickets. [www.stjohn-holyangels.com](http://www.stjohn-holyangels.com).

**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 7:00-8:30 pm. For the location, call Judy Miller at 302-234-1519 or email: [snapdelaware@yahoo.com](mailto:snapdelaware@yahoo.com). We hope that you will join us for this informal and confidential meeting.



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

**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.

## VOCATIONS

**Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a free “Come and See” Discernment Retreat** designed to explore contemporary Dominican life for women. The retreat begins at 5:30pm Friday, September 8 and concludes at 1pm, Sunday, September 10 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Rosary Manor, 1 Rosary Drive, Watertown, Massachusetts 02472. For more information, call or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email [jfitzgerald@opeace.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@opeace.org). Participants may register online for using the registration form here. (We can offer some travel assistance on a need basis.)

**For many of us, life slows down a little in the summer months. What a great opportunity to take stock of where we're going in life! What am I doing to nurture my relationship with the Lord?** In practical terms, how do I try to listen for His voice as He reveals to me His plan for my life? Am I trying to become what He's trying to make of me? Or am I following my own agenda – or the plan of someone else? If you think God might be calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, religious brother or religious sister, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations!)



**THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 16: 13-20**

*Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”*

*They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”*

*He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”*

*Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

*Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

*Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.*

**Gospel Reflection:** This gospel story takes place in a region that was outside predominantly Jewish territory. Caesarea Philippi (north of Galilee and in the region of modern day Syria) had long been a center of pagan worship. It was used originally by the Canaanites as a site of worship; the Greeks built a temple to one of their gods there; in 20 BCE Herod the Great built a temple to Caesar Augustus; and after his death, Herod’s son, Phillip, renamed the city Caesarea Philippi after Tiberius Caesar and himself. It is intriguing that Matthew’s gospel chooses such a site as the location for such a significant revelation of faith.

Jesus asks the disciples who people say he is. They report that people associate Jesus with one of the great prophets of Jewish tradition. By people identifying Jesus with other great prophets they were projecting Jesus into the same mold as that prophet. What they were saying was that Jesus will be a great leader in the style of John the Baptist, or Elijah, or even Jeremiah. The expectation of a messiah was running very high at the time of Jesus and everyone had their own idea about what that messiah would be like—usually aligned with some previous leader. They didn’t seem to understand that Jesus was breaking the mold and was not going to fit in with any of those expectations. To see him as one of the great prophets come again is always going to be an inadequate understanding of Jesus as messiah.

When Jesus pushes the disciples for their own ideas, it is Simon Peter who speaks up and identifies Jesus as being the Son of the living God. Making a play on Peter’s name (in Greek, petros = Peter and petra = rock), Jesus states that hereafter, Simon Peter will be known as Peter and upon the rock of his profession of faith the church will be built.

**What’s in a name?** On many occasions in the Bible a character is given, or takes on, a new name when they take on a new role or move to a new level in their faith and relationship with God. Abram became Abraham; Sarai became Sarah; Jacob became Israel; and Saul became Paul. In all these circumstances the person took on a new name to reflect their new relationship with God. This tradition has continued right to this day. Men and women entering religious life have traditionally taken on a new name to indicate the new life they are entering. When Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became pope he took on the name Benedict to indicate the new role and the new life he was beginning.

**Who do YOU say I am?** The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us. How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus. But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? **Gospel**

**Focus:** Jesus’ words to Peter, “on this rock I will build my church,” are obviously the gospel writers’ words and not the words of Jesus himself. (Jesus did not set out to build a church community; that did not emerge until later.) In fact they appear only in this particular gospel. The other synoptic gospels have Peter’s confession of faith, but not these words attributed to Jesus. The words are sometimes understood as asserting that Peter himself is the rock on whom the church will be built, rather than his declaration of faith being the rock. This has then sometimes become confused with the line of popes beginning with Peter.

- Q. Why was it significant that Peter’s profession of faith took place outside Jewish territory?*  
*Q. How would you answer Jesus’ question, “Who do you say I am?”*  
*Q. How would Jesus’ confirmation of Peter’s declaration have made a difference to the way the disciples saw Jesus?*

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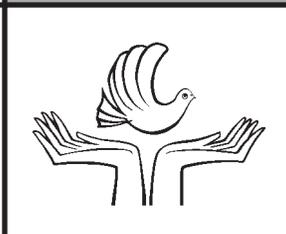
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