

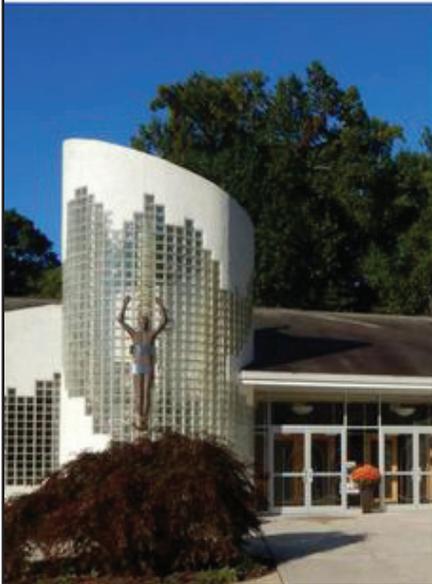
# Resurrection Parish September 24, 2017 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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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

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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**

## Pathways to Peace: Broadening our Understanding of American Muslims September 24, 4-6 PM at Resurrection Parish

A panel discussion, breakout sessions, and Middle Eastern Appetizers

### Panelists:

- Dr. Muqtedar Kahn, Professor of Islamic Studies, U of DE
- Shiekj Abdel Hadi, Iman, Ibrahim Mosque
- Dr. Naveed Baqir, Delaware of Global and Muslim Affairs,
- Iram Shaukat, member of Islamic Society of Delaware

This event is part of Peace Week Delaware, over 40 events state wide to promote peace and justice  
peaceweekdelaware.org.

## Doug Keilman receives award

The annual presentation of the Diocesan Medal of Merit Award will take place on Oct 8, 2017, at 3 pm at St. Joseph's Middletown church.

Parishioners are welcome to attend.

We thank Doug for his faithful service in many untold ways throughout the years. His most obvious help is coordinating the Coffee and Doughnuts.

## INTENTIONS

Monday	Sept. 25	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Sept. 26	7:00pm	Anna & Charity Alinda and baby
Wednesday	Sept. 27	8:30 am	+Maryanne Griscavage
Friday	Sept. 29	8:30 am	
Saturday	Sept. 30	5:30pm	+Dillon Scofield
Sunday	Oct. 1	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30am	+Beth Callahan

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



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, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Kyle Rzcudlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Priscilla Callahan, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera, David Heckman, Carol Strasser, Burt Strasser, Patty Calhoun, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention--September 2017**

*That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.*

### **Calling all Youth Musicians**

to join the **Youth Music Group** at the 10:30 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month.

Anyone in the **6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade** is enthusiastically invited!

If you like to sing or play an instrument, we would love for you to join in. The Youth Music Group rehearses at 9:15 am right before the 10:30 Mass on the second Sunday of the month. The Group is next scheduled to serve on October 8.

Please contact Kate Regan at [reganfamily6@verizon.net](mailto:reganfamily6@verizon.net) or 302-738-9989.



## **GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR**

We invite all children in **grades 1 through 5** to join **Children's Choir!** Children's Choir serves at the 10:30 am Mass the first CFP Sunday of the month, beginning October 1. The children rehearse at 8:40 am, before attending CFP at 9:15. They then meet again in the Worship Space at 10:20 for final preparations before singing at Mass. Please contact Ruth Sanders, [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org), 368-0146 Ext. 106.

**T**wice each month beginning September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the 10:30 am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word follows the structure of the Liturgy of the Word being celebrated in the main assembly, allowing the power of the liturgy to act on children, encouraging their growing relationship with the Lord and allowing them to share their own experiences of God's presence. The children are dismissed to Room 4 after the Opening Prayer. They listen to the same scripture heard in the main assembly, but from the Children's Lectionary. They are then lead in an interactive reflection that connects the Word to their life experiences. They pray the Creed and then, in their own words, the Prayer of the Faithful. The children return to the main assembly during the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts.

Is there someone in your family who can help with this ministry? Please contact Ruth Sanders, [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org), 302-368-0146 x106.

**Volunteers are Needed** to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word:

- **Individuals and family helpers set up Room 4** before Mass and put everything back in place after Mass.
- **Candle bearers** lead the procession to Room 4.
- Some older children and teens may serve as **lectors**.
- **Adult prayer leaders** lead the reflection & prayers.
- **Cantors** lead the children in song.

## PARISH LIFE

**SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS:** We are at that time of your when the pace of things begins to quicken; school begins, vacation season ends and the calendar looks forward to fall and winter activities. One

activity that takes place at Resurrection during the fall is Small Faith Sharing. Groups are beginning to organize now. Look for sign-up announcements in the upcoming weeks. Please consider signing up for a Small Faith Sharing Group. It is one way to meet new members of our faith community and to find support for your faith journey. Contact Deacon John at 368-0146 x 110 if you have questions.



A service of  
**PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS  
 AND STUDENTS,**

sponsored by over twenty churches in the Red Clay Consolidated School District will be held at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, 2503 Centreville Road near Price Corner, on Sunday, **October 8 at 6:00 p.m.**



*All are invited,  
 especially students, families and educators.*

The Diocese of Wilmington is having a **pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception** in Washington, DC on Saturday, September 30, 2017. **You are invited to ride the bus from St. Mary of the Assumption parking lot.** The bus will depart at 7:30am, and will return by 6:30pm. Seats are \$33/person, by reservation, and non-parishioners are welcome. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call Ann Courtney 302-494-4138 or [amc13pa@aol.com](mailto:amc13pa@aol.com) or Kay Malone 302-239-2259.



We offer our parishioners the opportunity to receive emails with special announcements and parish information. Sign up on our parish website under the Welcome drop down menu. <http://www.resurrectionde.org/join-our-email-list>. Or opt in by giving permission to us via email at [dseymour@resurrectionde.org](mailto:dseymour@resurrectionde.org).

**Families Hurt Families Heal**

This free event is presented Rebecca Tillemans of Ashley Addiction Treatment Center and Limen House on Wednesday September 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Salesianum High School. Addiction is a family disease. This talk will clarify what addiction is, how it progresses, and how it affects families. Just as there are common, predictable, detrimental family patterns associated with addiction. Recovery is possible and so very worthwhile. This will be an interactive hour, so please bring your questions.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Stuff the Pantry Food Drive  
 September 30/October 1**

Please bring one of these items to help restock the pantry.

- canned meats: chicken, ham, tuna, stew
- canned soup
- canned fruit
- canned vegetables
- chic peas, black beans, kidney beans
- cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup
- coffee (one pound cans preferred)
- cooking oil, flour, sugar
- crackers
- desserts: snack packs (pudding), brownie mix, cookies
- hot chocolate, tea, dry milk, boxed milk, juice
- macaroni & cheese
- pasta sauce
- potatoes (boxed or canned)
- rice (smaller bags or boxes preferred)

Thanks to your stocking the pantry with groceries, we are able to feed families. Monetary donations are accepted also and our food pantry team coordinated by Ellen Pringle will gladly do the shopping. Our food bags go to folks of all ages - children, young adults, midlife, and elderly. Here are some names of those we served this week: Kamika, John, Wilbert, Carolyn, Sue. Please hold them and all who are hungry in your prayers.



Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information, visit the diocesan website at [www.cdw.org/sharespirit.html](http://www.cdw.org/sharespirit.html).

**National Life Chain Sunday in ALL Three Counties Sunday, October 1, 1-3 p.m.** Join hundreds of thousands of people who stand in silent, peaceful witness to the sanctity of life at public locations throughout the nation. (Signs provided.) New Castle County: Concord Pike across from Fairfax Shopping Center

**Emmanuel Dining Room:** Many thanks to our great volunteers, Andre Dagenais, Linda Duffy, Charlie Maguire, Henrietta Werner, and Mike Rzucidlo for preparing and serving 200 people this September 12. We need volunteers for the October 12 commitment. Please consider signing up for this great ministry in the Gathering Space both in the book and in the computer with telephone numbers so we can contact you before the appropriate date. No experience needed!

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Sept 24 Oct 1 - CFP

See our website or gathering space for a full calendar and other registration forms.

## CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



### **Middle and High School Youth Group**

**October 1 6:30-8:15 PM**

We will be discussing Catholic Social Justice: Action and Advocacy

## TAKING IT HOME

Although we usually imagine, as our first reading suggests, that God's ways are not our ways, we still often make assumptions about God's ways. And when we make these assumptions, we usually assume that God pretty much works according to the way that we work. We assume for instance that the way God works is in accord with our sense of fairness. And our sense of fairness is that those who deserve to get something because they have made the effort and done the work should justifiably get what they deserve. On the other hand, those who fail to make the effort should also get what they deserve, which is nothing. This idea of "just deserts" is essentially our sense of fairness; our way of saying what is right and just. And because we think this

way, we assume that God also thinks this way, after all isn't God about being fair and just?

So in our system of "just deserts," we believe that God should treat us appropriately. If I do everything that I think God wants me to do, like attend mass, keep the commandments, pray and obey then God should reward me with entrance into the kingdom of heaven. And not only should God reward me with entrance into the kingdom of heaven, God should protect and bless me for the good life that I lead. But if I fail to do what God wants of me then I truly should not deserve to expect God's favor. But does God really act the way we do according to our sense of "just deserts?"

The gospel parable that we hear this weekend of the last hired servants just might blow away our sense of God acting according to our ways; our ways of "just deserts." What we think of as fair and just, just might not be the ways of God. Instead this gospel should give us a whole new perspective on the ways in which God acts with us. What Jesus is really trying to tell us is about our relationship with God. And what Jesus is saying about that relationship is that entry into the kingdom is not about "just deserts," did I deserve it. No one and that is absolutely no one, is owed eternal life in union with God. To think otherwise is to suppose that you can work your way to heaven. And you can't. Instead the kingdom is a matter of ascent. When given the opportunity, did I accept God's offer to do the work of the kingdom, which is helping God in the building up of that kingdom now here on earth.

The whole point of the parable is not to look at it from our perspective, the perspective of what we think is just and fair, but from God's perspective. Because when we can see it from God's perspective, we just might be able to see that God, as the owner of the vineyard wants us, regardless of the hour, to do the work of the vineyard. And the work of the vineyard is the building up of creation. Therefore, the wages we receive are not the reward, but the work itself, which is our joy in being able to contribute to the completion of creation. Deacon John

## VOCATIONS

In today's first reading, the Lord reminds us through the prophet Isaiah "my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." One of the hallmarks in Christian growth is realizing that God's plan for me might be different from what I'd like to choose as a career. Sorting it all out involves discernment, and that's never easy to do by oneself. If you think God might be calling you to priesthood, diaconate or religious life, and if you'd like some help as you seek clarity, 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!)



**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 21: 28-32**

*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: “What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went.*

*The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?”*

*They answered, “The first.”*

*Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”*

**Gospel Reflection:** This gospel passage is one of many within Matthew’s gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew’s gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticizing the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week’s passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says “No” but later does his father’s bidding. The second says “Yes” but doesn’t follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticizing the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said “Yes” to God but by their actions said “No”. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. While these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as “sinners” beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said “No” to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying “Yes” to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said “Yes” to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a “religious profile” but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said “Yes!”

**A Tax Collector:** Hey, Jesus is talking about me again! I love it when he says that I’m better than some of those stuck up chief priests. All my life they’ve looked down on me; pretending they’re better than me. I’ve seen the way some of them behave when they think no-one’s watching! They’re no better than me! And Jesus says that people like me will enter the kingdom before people like them! Yes! I know I’ve done the wrong thing plenty of times—Jesus has helped me to see that. Maybe that’s what makes me different from those priests; I don’t pretend that I’ve never done anything wrong.

**Chief Priests and Tax Collectors:** Only men of the Israelite tribe of Levi could become Priests and Levites. Men from the other eleven tribes were prohibited. It was not a religious “call” but rather a fact of birth that led men to be priests. The chief priests and high priest performed all the rituals in the Temple in Jerusalem—it was they who performed sacrifices on behalf of others. They were very important and influential. Tax collectors were regarded poorly because they acted on behalf of the Romans—collecting revenue for an occupying and pagan force. They made their living by collecting extra amounts. They were looked down upon by most people. **Saying “Yes!”** In many ways, it is easy to say “Yes” and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say “Yes” when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It’s easy to say “Yes” and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It’s pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the “right” thing. But if our faith doesn’t change the way we live, then maybe we’re really saying “No” to God.

- Q. Which character in the gospel story do you relate to? Why?*
- Q. In what ways have you ever said “Yes” with your words but “No” with your actions?*
- Q. In what ways do people say “Yes” to God but fail to follow through on their commitment?*
- Q. What message for your life do you take from this week’s gospel?*

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