

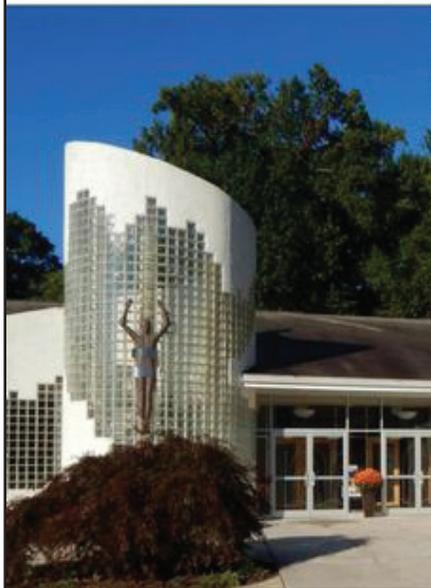
Resurrection Parish November 5, 2017 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

John Falkowski, Deacon
Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon
Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns
Bookkeeper
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

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Dick Schwer	Trustee

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

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

Monday November 13, 2017, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Evenings of Reflection, Teresa of Avila: Your Pearl of Great Price, the final program of the series-Common Threads: God and Therapy, Weaving the Wisdom of God into our Daily Lives. Retreat Leader, Dr. Christopher Hyde, PhD. will discuss techniques to help us enrich our approach to both the difficulties and joys of life. A freewill offering of \$15/evening is suggested.

Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection: Quaker Spirituality with retreat leaders Richard Bernard and Charles Jackson of Hockessin Friends Meeting. Participants should expect to gain both knowledge and experience of Quaker Faith and Practice. In the morning we will answer the questions "Who are the Quakers, what do they believe, and how do they practice their faith?" Questions and discussion will be encouraged. In the afternoon, there will provide the opportunity to experience Quaker worship and worship sharing.



Thursday, December 7 through Sunday, December 10, 2017. Advent Retreat: What are you waiting for? Led by Sr. Joan, a Franciscan sister and Fr. Nick, a Dominican priest, the presentations are Scripture based and inspiring. This is a wonderful way to enter into the Advent Spirit of Patient Waiting for the Manifestation of the Christ, the Prince of Peace, in our chaotic world. Come and be immersed in the hope and anticipation of the graces received and the gifts to give as we return to our lives in preparation for the Christmas Blessings to come!! This team gave a very successful Renewal at Resurrection Parish in 2016

Please visit the website (jesushousecenter.org) or call the office for more information or to register. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858.

INTENTIONS

Monday	Nov. 6	8:30 am	Marilyn Maliga
Tuesday	Nov. 7	7:00pm	
Wednesday	Nov. 8	8:30 am	
Thursday	Nov. 9	8:30 am	
Friday	Nov. 10	8:30 am	
Saturday	Nov. 11	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Nov. 12	8:15 am	+Antonio DeVito
		10:30am	+Thomas Gildea



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, Kevin Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera, David Heckman, Carol Strasser, Burt Strasser, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Ed Baum, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention--November 2017

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



Adults interested in joining the Resurrection Parish **Music Ministry** are most heartily welcomed! Please contact Ruth Sanders, 302-368-0146 Ext. 106, rsanders@resurrectionde.org.

During the month of November, we invite parishioners to **bring small framed pictures** of dear ones who have died – the saints of Resurrection Parish – to be displayed in the Gathering Space near the Chapel. Throughout the month of November the

Book of the Names of the Dead will be available near the baptismal font so that all may inscribe the names of their beloved dead who are especially remembered in prayer throughout the month.

BELOVED

We remember these members of our parish community who have died since the beginning of this Liturgical Year:

Margaret Brennan
 ☩
Theodora “Micki” Smith
 ☩
Edward Kennedy
 ☩
Robert Connelly
 ☩
Henry Wisniewski
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Gertrude Blackwelder
 ☩
Renee Roder
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Dolores Mudrock
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Maryann Zuka
 ☩
Dillon Scofield
 ☩
Deek DeCamillis
 ☩
Teresita McCabe Graybill
 ☩
Joan Donnelly
 ☩
Elizabeth “Bette” Duff
 ☩
Don W. Valencia
 ☩
Keith Weaver
 ☩
Joan Corridori
 ☩
Pauline Magargal

All you holy men and women, pray for us . . .

PARISH LIFE



Rectory Yard Clean Up

Join youth ministry families as we rake leaves, plant spring bulbs, and perform general yard clean up at the rectory (119 Larkspur Dr. Meadowood) on **November 11 beginning at 9:00 AM**. All are welcome. If you plan to attend or have a pickup truck we can use to haul leaves to the yard waste on Polly Drummond Hill, please contact Elaine at elittle@resurrectionde.org.

Thank You Church Clean-Up Volunteers who gladly labored on Friday and Saturday morning. Our parish building and windows are now clean and sparkling! Cleaning-up the church together gave us a chance to gather as a community, to get to know one another a bit better, and to give thanks to God through the work of our hands.

Jade August	Mary Louise Chesley-Cora
Patti Falkowski	Bill Graney
Trish Herron	Tom Kreibel
Elaine Little	Jody Maliga
Nancy Maloney	Ellen Pringle
Joe Quinn	Mike Reis
Debbie Seymour	

Maintenance List

- Clean Gutters
- Floor Machine to clean floors
- Leaf Blower
- Painting Walls
- Replace ceiling tiles

You are all welcome to attend your Next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4. The agenda will include an update on progress of Teams to Improve Pastoral Council; to Improve Parish Communications; to Develop a New Parish Model; to Attract New Parishioners; to Grow and Promote Ministries. Also on the agenda is a report from the Social Concerns Ministry as well as starting to plan Resurrection's 50th anniversary celebration to be held in 2019.



Shawl Ministry: We welcome all knitters and crocheters. The next meeting is Monday Nov. 13 at 12:30 pm. in the Library.

Holiday Hope: an afternoon of information, support, and remembrance: As a service to the community, Doherty Funeral Homes will sponsor a free program designed to help grieving families and individuals cope with the holidays. You and your guests are invited to attend on Sunday November 12, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 pm, at Deerfield Golf Club in Newark. Refreshments will be provided, for more information or to register, please call (302) 999-8277 by Friday November 10.

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate Sale: Chocolate is back! Now that the weather has cooled, it is practical to order Fair Trade Chocolate again ... a great way to fill Christmas Stockings with sweets that support small farmers around the world. Our next Fair Trade sale is the weekend of November 4/5 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of November 25/26. Thanks for your continued support for small farmers around the world.

Thank you to Tom and Kate Regan for organizing the Resurrection Parish Fair Trade Coffee Tasting Event today. Such Fun!

With your generous support, Resurrection Parish will provide a bountiful Thanksgiving meal to 50 families. Thanksgiving Food Lists (Bag A, Bag B, Gift Card) combine to go to one family. Please attach list to completed Food Boxes and return to Gathering Space by November 12.

VOCATIONS

Today's readings remind us that priests are called to serve God and His people humbly and faithfully. As we pray today for God's blessings on our priests, please pray too that God call many healthy men to serve as priests in the Diocese of Wilmington. If you think God is calling *you* to the priesthood, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome!

K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 11/5, 11/12, and 11/19 from 9:15-10:15. Drop off begins at 9:10. See you there!

Would you like more information about Christian Formation for Children (Religious Education or Sacramental Preparation)? Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org

Sacramental Preparation Classes meet 11/8 at 5:45-7:00pm.

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

CFP's FALL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Thank you for your donations to Resurrection's Pantry last month!

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

Nov 5 6:30-8:15 PM

Confirmation 2018

Current 8th and 9th graders are invited to register and prepare to be confirmed fall of 2018. We will begin with a parent meeting on December 10 at 12:00 noon in the youth room. The first gathering for the youth will be on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 12:00 noon-2:30 PM.

TAKING IT HOME

As someone who preaches to others, I am ever mindful of the possible disconnect between what I say and what I do. I cannot pretend that the words I preach are not also meant for me to hear. If I have no integrity, that is if I speak about something that others do not also see in me, then I am speaking with a false tongue. So yes, there is a burden to being a bearer of the word, for that word cuts both ways. In this vein I am reminded of what St. Francis of Assisi is supposed to have said: "Go and preach the gospel, sometimes using words if necessary." There is, indeed, power in actually living what we preach. Unfortunately, as

parents know only too well, we often fail to live up to what we say.

But why is it that people don't always make the connection between what they say and what they do? I think the problem lies in the indulgence of power and pride. There is a powerful urge in all of us that makes us believe that we are better at telling everyone else how they should act and live and we are just as ready to tell them so. And then in our pride, or maybe our arrogance, we feel compelled to think that what applies to the other does not also apply to me.

There is something very powerful in being able to dictate to others how they should act, but our challenge is to have enough humility to acknowledge that what we say to others applies to us as well. But what we ask does humility have to do with this issue? Isn't humility about humiliation; putting oneself down? If I am humble, particularly in these circumstances, then I am merely demonstrating my weakness; and that is the last thing I want to do. But humility is not about humiliation; instead humility is about understanding and realizing the truth of oneself. And when we are able to see ourselves in the truth of who we are, such humility helps us to interact with others with a sense of authenticity and sincerity. And it is this kind of humility that can set us free. Free from the ambitions that drives us, from the angers that rule us, from the greed that consumes us and the chains we have mistaken for superiority over others. And so when we act from this kind of humility we are able to realize that it makes our words, and how we speak them, all the more effective. It makes our words more effective because it demonstrates our willingness to be judged by the same standards to which we hold everyone else.

This sense of being sincere and authentic in the way a person preaches and of being willing to hold oneself accountable for what one tells others to do is at the heart of our gospel. In the gospel Jesus tells others that they should listen to what the Scribes and Pharisees say, but that they should not do as they do. Jesus recognizes the authority of the Scribes and Pharisees. He recognizes that their authority comes from being versed in the law. But their problem is that they do not hold themselves accountable to the very law they preach. They instead see themselves as above the law. They fail to connect the inner world where love of God and neighbor originates with the outer world of action. Instead they love to parade about in that outer world of externals, where they seek to glory in the privileges they think they deserve. Again we see a problem of power and pride.

The Scribes and Pharisees lack the necessary humility to be authentic witnesses. Their desire for power and their pride make them unable to acknowledge their own need to follow the same dictates of faith to which they hold everyone else; and so it is true what Jesus says of them: "They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but will not lift a finger to move them." Deacon John



**32ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 25: 1-13**

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Gospel Reflection: The gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus’ message and preparing for the end of time. This week’s gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life. The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids—five foolish and five wise—who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew’s gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus’ final words, “So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.” The timing of Jesus’ coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated.

Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent—expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

Where was the bride? It may seem a little odd that the bridegroom was travelling to the wedding hall by himself. What appears to have been the custom is that the bridesmaids escorted the bride to the hall while the groom remained behind to settle matters with the bride’s family. While the bride price, or dowry, would have been agreed well before the wedding, the family would emphasize and even haggle over the value of gifts to further reinforce the great value of the bride and the wise choice that the groom and his family had made.

The perspective of a bridesmaid: My friend, Miriam, was married yesterday. She is 14, two years older than me, and has married a fine man. As we waited to receive her husband, some of the girls ran out of oil. They asked me for some of my oil, but I knew that if I gave them my spare oil we might all run out before he arrived and then there would be no one to welcome him and light his way. What shame that would be! Miriam and her husband were so angry they didn’t allow the girls into the hall. No one will ask them to be bridesmaids again!

Living in hope: A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen *to* them while others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today’s gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we’ve prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we’ve done the proper preparation!

- Q. In what ways is this story a parable of the Kingdom of God?*
- Q. If this story were to be put in a contemporary setting, what is a modern metaphor for preparedness that might be used?*
- Q. How can we properly prepare for the coming of the Kingdom?*
- Q. In what ways are some Christians today like the foolish bridesmaids?*

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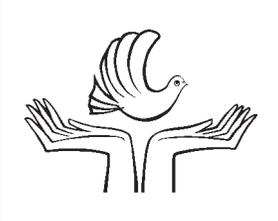
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