

Resurrection Parish **May 20, 2018**

A Catholic Christian Community Pentecost

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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
Tina Donald, 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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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.

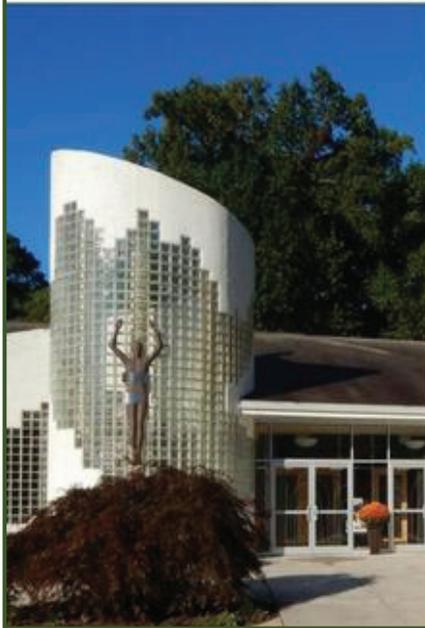
Becoming Catholic

Learn more by contacting
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

Pastoral Council

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Pentecost

Pentecost comes from the number 50. The original feast was a Jewish feast celebrating the first fruits of the new growing season. In the Jewish tradition these first fruits were to be offered to God as a gift of thanksgiving for the harvest. The number 50 comes from the fact that this feast was celebrated 50 days after the feast of Jewish Passover.

Besides Pentecost, this harvest feast was also known as "Shavuot." Probably during Jesus' time this feast celebrated the covenant and the giving of the law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Shavuot means weeks because the feast was celebrated seven weeks and a day after Passover. Seven we know too is a number that means fullness, e.g. seven sacraments symbolize the fullness of God's grace.

For us Catholic Christians, Pentecost is a celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is now the lifeblood of the Church and the energy, which fills us as disciples, enabling us to go out into the world to proclaim the "Good News" of Jesus the Christ. At Pentecost, the Spirit descended on the disciples as tongues of fire. Fire is a symbol of the Spirit hence the wearing of red vestments this day.



INTENTIONS

Monday	May 21	8:30am	
Tuesday	May 22	7:00pm	+Gary Mionske
Wednesday	May 23	8:30 am	+Joseph Coté
Friday	May 25	8:30 am	
Saturday	May 26	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	May 27	8:15 am	+Kyle Rzucidlo
		10:30am	+Rev. Robert Langdon



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** Richard McCracken, Eva Skripchuk, Linda Scarola, Bill Maloney, Burt & Carol Strasser, Ed Baum, Rachel Rose Boucher, Megan Morton Lawless, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, 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, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Genita Vandell, Brian Duda, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-May 2018

-Evangelization – The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Environment Preparation: On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, after the 10:30 am Mass we will prepare our Worship Space for the liturgies of Ordinary Time. Please set aside time to help if you are able! Thank you!

PARISH LIFE



Pastoral Council Elections

May 19/20.

Please vote.

Our next Pastoral Council meeting

is Sunday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4. Please join us to be a part of pastoral visioning and planning for Resurrection Parish. All parishioners are welcome to attend and participate.

Annual Volunteer of the Year, St. Timothy Award and Rev. David A. Baumgartel Award

Autumn and Danielle were honored at the Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry Annual Recognition Dinner on May 9, 2018. In addition to them we honor Heather today. Check out the bulletin insert to learn why they are being honored.

In conjunction with the St. Timothy Award and Rev. David A. Baumgartel Award, Danielle and Heather will also receive the Brian J. Pierse Memorial Scholarship.

The Pierse family has established a college scholarship fund in memory of their son, Brian. The scholarship is a fitting way to honor Brian who was particularly enriched by summer work projects.



Today we celebrate our Graduates with a special blessing during the 10:30 Mass

The second collection today will benefit the retired priests of our diocese.

Please pray for our retired and aging priests, and please be generous.

Visit cdow.org to view a video about retired priests.





Join us for a Friendly's Fundraiser **THIS TUESDAY MAY 22ND** from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the Lantana Square Friendly's. Ten percent of all dine in and carry out purchases during this time will benefit the Ebenezer United Methodist's and Resurrection Parish's VBS 2018. So that we get credit for your purchase, please show your server a flyer. Grab a flyer from the table when you grab a Dialog. Thank you.

New Parishioners: We welcome you! Please register with the parish. Registration forms are always available after Masses on the table by the main entrance or in the Parish Office. For more information, call (302) 368-0146 x0



Parish Picnic
Sunday, May 20th
after the 10:30am Mass

Join us to celebrate our faith community.

Community Weekend May 19-20

Do you ever wonder about the names of those people who worship with you every week? This weekend you will have an opportunity to learn who they are. When you enter the Gathering Space, you will be invited to prepare a nametag. We encourage you to include your last name on the tag and wear it during Mass and the parish picnic. Thank you.

Annual Catholic Appeal

- Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith

Participants in the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about May 31. Additional reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

THANK YOU RESURRECTION PARISH!

Thank you for your support and donations to CFP's Community Project. The children made 40 comfort bags to Children's Choice during Spring Fling! This is ten more bags than last year. I delivered the comfort bags to the foster care agency last week. The foster care staff were overwhelmed by your generosity!

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ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome! K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 5/20 for CFP's Closing Ceremony in the Worship Space. Would you like more information about Christian Formation for Children (Religious Education or Sacramental Preparation)? Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

Good luck to our youth completing final projects and preparing for final exams. Remember- God is always there for you for guidance, focus and peace.

Keep an eye out for e-mails from me. Hoping to have a cookout later in the summer! Blessings, Elaine

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

Thursday, May 24, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection: Mary, Maternal Mother of Mercy and Oasis of Peace: Art, Stories and Reflections with Bro. Mickey McGrath. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Please visit our website jesushousecenter.org or call our office at 302-995-6858 to register.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Speak with one voice. Share the journey.

Meet Kemal. He breaks the language barrier. In the spirit of Pentecost, we celebrate the translators who smooth the transition of migrants to new lands, helping newcomers overcome barriers to employment, receive legal assistance, and gain access to services.



At Pentecost, we reconcile with our Father as we reconcile with our sister and brother, finding a one-ness that transcends language, color, nationality, even creed. We are a reconciliation people. When we share our journeys, finding a way to talk to each other, we find a single voice. Together, we find a way forward.

Learn more at <https://www.sharejourney.org/meet-your-neighbors/>.

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Emmanuel Dining Room: With a small group of volunteers, 191 hungry people were fed a hot meal. The very busy volunteers were: Mike Mayer, Jim Sherlock, Mike Rzucidlo, & Judy Ward. We thank Cannon's Bakery and Bachetti's market for their support. We are need of volunteers to help prepare Shepherd's Pie. Please consider volunteering for this wonderful ministry on the 12th of any month by signing up in the Gathering Space or on the parish sign up genius.

VOCATIONS

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes the first Pentecost: "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." There are many gifts, and there are many vocations. What are you doing to find yours?

If you think God might be calling you to religious life or to priesthood, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/Vocations

TAKING IT HOME

When we know that something is good, when it seeps into our bones, we instinctively know that this is something that is important. And when something is important, we want to make sure that others know about it. We want to hand on what we believe to be true and right. This is what tradition is all about; it is what we do when we know that something good is happening and we want to give it to others, particularly from one family to the next. But you say tradition? Haven't we had and heard enough about tradition? Yes, tradition which some say is doing the same thing over and over again is not what we need. In the deeper sense of the word, a true tradition is much more pervasive and long-lasting than those traditions. The word tradition comes from the Latin, tradere, which means to hand over.

A culture is a tradition in this deep sense of the word and Catholicism is a tradition in that deeper cultural sense. It is a whole way of thinking and feeling about life and God and oneself, and a way of behaving and responding to people and situations. Catholicism is even part of a much broader and longer tradition, the Judeo-Christian tradition. Our tradition is like a great tree with Eastern roots, transplanted into Western soil and fertilized by European nutrients. As an Eastern tradition, Christianity is a wisdom tradition. It is a way of life, a way of relating to God and others in a manner which embodies the wisdom of the ancient world. It is a

spiritual tradition of personal growth and interpersonal relationships whose greatest expression is the Bible. Both the Old and New Testaments are primarily concerned with how people should live in relationship with God and one another in order to find true fulfillment and ultimate happiness.

This is why too that the Catholic tradition is fundamentally sacramental. A sacrament is a sign of God's goodness to us. The Catholic wisdom says that the world and everything in it is a gift from God and a sign of God. Catholics see God shining through all of creation. This is why we say that Catholic theology is incarnational. Jesus is the revelation of God and because Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God, Jesus is the fundamental sacrament of God.

And just as Jesus is a sacrament of God, we can say that the Church is basically a sacrament of God in the world. This is why we emphasize the sacraments so much. We believe that just as people 2000 years ago came into contact with God when they allowed themselves to be touched by Jesus, people today come into contact with God when they are touched by water and oil and human hands. The Eucharist too is the Catholic way of saying that the way to God is not primarily through private meditation but through sharing food with one another. Our worship is not so much verbal and intellectual, but physical and relational. The liturgy is a communal celebration of a down-to-earth reality; our sharing the life of Christ with one another.

The Catholic tradition, which is reflected both in its theology and in its worship, is incarnational and sacramental. It takes the world seriously and encourages us to find God in the world. It takes human activity seriously and encourages us to be like Jesus in the world. Catholic wisdom appreciates the goodness not just in God's creation but also in human activity.

See our Catholic faith tradition is about a living faith, which is a messy faith because it is grounded not merely in doctrines and dogmas, but in people and action. We become faithful by how we live and by what we do. This is our Catholic faith tradition. It is a rich harvest of past cultures filled with the lives of people who lived what they believed and handed on what they knew to be true and right. And this is the way we have access to the Jesus who lived and died so that we might have life and have it to full. So will you also be responsible for handing to the next generation what you too have received? Deacon John



**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
GOSPEL—MATTHEW 28: 16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Gospel Reflection: The Easter season celebrates some of the most important events and beliefs in Christian tradition. In the last seven weeks, we have remembered Jesus’ Last Supper with his friends (regarded as the institution or establishment of the Eucharist); Jesus’ death on the cross; the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday; the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples; the Ascension into heaven; and finally, the Holy Spirit filling the disciples at Pentecost. They are events that have shaped Christian belief for nearly 2,000 years. They provide the basis of beliefs and teachings such as: Christ present in the Eucharist; the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of resurrection for all people; the divinity of Jesus; and the ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in the world. The period of Easter-Pentecost celebrates these truly momentous events, beliefs, and teachings.

Almost to round off this extraordinary focus on Christian beliefs and teachings, the Church this week celebrates the central doctrine of Christian faith: the Trinity. The belief in the Trinity is the belief that there are three “persons” in the one Godhead: Father; Son; and Holy Spirit. The understanding and articulation of this doctrine occurred over time and was not until well after the writing of the gospels and other New Testament letters. Consequently, there are no specific scriptural passages that identify explicitly the doctrine of the Trinity. This week’s gospel passage, the commissioning of the disciples from the Gospel of Matthew is perhaps the closest any New Testament writer comes to an expression of the Trinity when Jesus instructs the disciples to baptize “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

I believe: The word “Trinity” does not appear anywhere in the New Testament although one can certainly see the beginnings of ideas about a Trinitarian God. It was not until 325, at the Council of Nicea, that the doctrine of the trinity was established as being orthodox teaching. This council sought to officially define the relationship between the Father and the Son as a response to the arguments of Arius (later known as Arian heresy). The statement of beliefs developed by this council in 325 is the Creed (credo = I believe) that is used in Catholic churches around the world today.

Mystery: I always thought that to describe the Trinity as a “mystery” was a bit of a “cop out” for not offering a decent explanation. However, a theological “mystery” is defined as something that not only are we incapable of discovering except through divine revelation, but that even when its truth has been fully revealed, we are incapable of fully grasping it. Our understanding can never be any more than partial, even when we fully accept it. This is a concept with which our world struggles—that there is something that is not fully able to be known but it’s OK not to fully understand it.

The Sign of the Cross: Jesus’ instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptize them “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross—whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.

- Q. What is the belief about God that is expressed as “Trinity”?*
- Q. In what ways is this Sunday good “timing” for a celebration of Trinity Sunday?*
- Q. How might Christianity be changed if we did not accept the three-fold nature of God?*

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