

# Resurrection Parish May 27, 2018

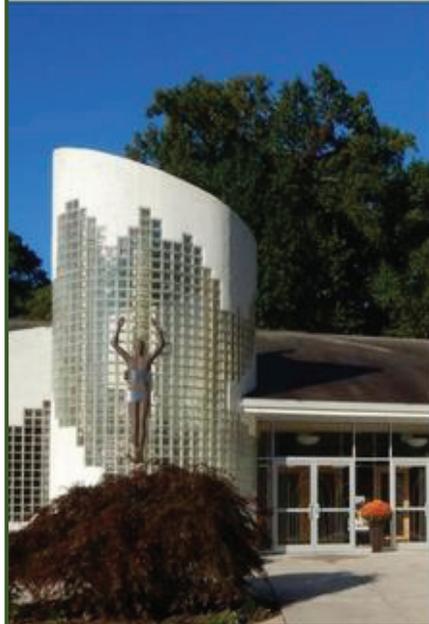
A Catholic Christian Community

The Most Holy Trinity

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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

Al Mercatante	Executive Officer
Sharon Gidumal	Asst. Executive
Mike Mitchell	Secretary
Maritza Poza-Grise	Trustee
Dick Schwer	Trustee

## Spirituality Outreach Stewardship



59<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Field Mass  
All Saints Cemetery  
Mon May 28, 2018  
10:00 a.m.

Bishop Malooly is principal celebrant. Music and liturgical ministers are from St. Mark's High School. Seating and protection from the weather are provided. Mass is held rain or shine.

There will be NO morning Mass at Resurrection on Memorial Day, May 28.

**INTENTIONS**

Monday	May 28		No Mass
Tuesday	May 29	7:00pm	
Wednesday	May 30	8:30 am	Lazarus Mass
Friday	June 1	8:30 am	+Arthur Brown
Saturday	June 2	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	June 3	8:15 am	+Rodger Swain
		10:30am	+Joan Bernsee



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**



**SAVE THE DATE  
June 23, 9-11:30 am**

**Environment Enrichment Day**  
Come and enjoy a morning learning how we prepare our worship environment – and why we do what we do! The session will include hands on flower arranging, hopefully using

flowers from our own garden. It'll be a morning sprinkled liberally with prayer and humor, facilitated by Resurrection's own Jane Hanson. Please let us know you'll be there by emailing [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org).

**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.

**PARISH LIFE**

Dear Resurrection Parishioners,

When we started our parish conversation about a future model for Resurrection, we committed to update you as things evolve. Since our meeting with the Bishop in February to discuss future models, we've come to believe that a decision on how Resurrection will be led in the future is unlikely prior to Bishop Malooly's expected retirement in 2019. With that uncertainty, we see the need to provide Fr. Bill additional support until his retirement. Through discussion and prayer, we've come to believe that filling a Parish Administrator position will benefit our community and Fr. Bill whether the future model for Res is a new pastor, linkage with another parish or a Parish Life Coordinator.

We are excited to update that Pastoral Council has unanimously voted to search for and hire a Parish Administrator, who, under Fr. Bill's mentoring and supervision, would take on many of the administrative and leadership duties that he currently carries. Staff attrition in the last year or so, coupled with frugal managing, should allow us to fund this position for some time.

We've talked about a Parish Life Coordinator, but how is that similar or different to a Parish Administrator? A Parish Administrator can be hired by the parish and does not need the bishop's authorization. A Parish Life Coordinator position needs to be appointed by the bishop. The roles however are similar in more ways than not. The key difference is that Fr. Bill will continue his pastoral and sacramental roles. When Fr. Bill retires, the Bishop can assign Resurrection a full-time pastor, link us with another parish or assign a Parish Life Coordinator.

We have formed a Parish Administrator search committee made up of Peggy Smith, Cory Zolandz, Bill Reynolds, Chip Schussler, Mary Louise Chesley-Cora, Dick Schwer Al Mercatante, and Maritza Poza-Grise, and have also engaged Diocesan resources to help us in this search. We want to fill the position around July of this year. You can expect to see a job posting for this position in the coming days through the Diocesan job board and networks, various Universities with relevant master's programs and Catholicjobs.org.

In the meantime, we will continue to update you *AND* please continue to pray for our community during this exciting time.

*Almighty and everlasting God, let your Holy Spirit, source of wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we engage in this work, and in the months ahead. Bless us Lord, enlighten our minds.*

*Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive Your will in our efforts, grant us the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, in unity with the Holy Spirit. Amen*

**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

## 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.

## Vacation Bible School

June 18-22, 2018 9 a.m. - 12 noon

at Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Volunteer opportunities for youth who have completed grades 6 - college. **Volunteer materials** are available on the parish website. Volunteer registration closes Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 4 p.m. Youth volunteer orientation on Friday June 15 6:30-8:00 PM

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### New Life: Meet Fatima



Fatima and her family fled the siege and destruction of Homs, Syria back in 2013, left stateless and destitute with their two children, their long

journey began, until finally they were granted residency in Bulgaria. But with the help of Catholic agencies, they put down new roots, wrote a new beginning to their tale, integrating into Bulgarian society and opening a new bakery. Vulnerable and rejected for years, they are now part of a community, a new hope for others, and a blessing to their new neighbors. “We are at the beginning of our lives,” Fatima says.

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

**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 Rzuclidlo, & Judy Ward. We thank Cannon’s [www.resurrectionde.org](http://www.resurrectionde.org)

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 12<sup>th</sup> of any month by signing up in the Gathering Space or on the parish sign up genius.

## Pantry Request

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, potatoes (boxed or canned) cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, crackers, macaroni & cheese, pasta sauce, rice or rice mix, coffee (one pound cans 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. Please hold all who are hungry in your prayers.

## 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](mailto: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.

We are transitioning to using Flocknotes for group e-mails. If you see something from Youth Ministry it is from me.

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

## Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

**Jesus House Employment Opportunities.** Jesus House has immediate openings in Meal Service. Part-time roles that perform a host of duties, which focus on serving the retreatants who attend Jesus House Renewal Center while contributing to the overall Jesus House mission. Coordination of the kitchen volunteers, lite cooking, and meal service are the top priority. This person will use his/her people skills to interface directly with the retreatants who attend retreats, the kitchen staff, and volunteers who provide meal service. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center is located at 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Please visit our website ([jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)) for more information or to apply.

### TAKING IT HOME

The idea or concept of the Trinity is not an easy one to grasp. But as Catholic Christians we are called to begin and end everything we say and do by saying, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Father, Son and Spirit are one yet uniquely separate persons, who together reveal the whole nature of God. God is a God of love and this love is most intimately revealed through the relationship of the Trinity. In fact, the Trinity reveals the essence of God as relationship.



Because the concept of the Trinity is hard to grasp we are often told just to accept it as mystery. But when we call the Trinity a mystery, this doesn't mean that it is a puzzle that is still in the process of being solved. Mystery instead means it is, in a sense, the deepest reality, which is yet beyond anything we can experience. The more we unfold the mystery the deeper we enter into it. There is always something more as we enter into this relationship with God because God is always more than we can imagine. God is not someone we try to figure out, but

someone with whom we have a relationship and a relationship is not a problem we solve but something we live.

The relationship that we have with God begins first with the self-offering of God. It is God who first loved us. The self-offering of God begins at the moment of our creation. God made us exclusively so that God could love us. But we would not know this if not for the gift God gave of the Son. The Son is the self-expression of God's love because we say that the Son is the visible presence of the invisible God. So in the Son we have the fullest expression of God's love. But still we would not experience this love if not for the Spirit because through the Spirit we actually are taken up into this relationship between Father and Son. Through the gift of the Spirit, which we receive at baptism, we are literally “born again” and given a new life whereby we share in the very nature of God.

Interestingly, the Eucharist is the best expression of this sacrificial, gift-giving relationship between Father, Son and Spirit and us as well. For it is at the Eucharistic table where we commemorate and make real this totally self-communicating relationship. How we get caught up into it is through the power of the Spirit. When we commemorate and make real the love of Father and Son through the Eucharist, it is then that we are caught up into this mystery and actually transformed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit. Then as members of the Body of Christ, we too are called to offer our lives in love for others as the Son offered his life to the Father in love for us.

When we begin to offer our very lives for others as the Son offered his life for you and me, it is then that we participate not only in the common priesthood of Christ, but also in the very nature of God, who is self-giving love. Our lives then become “living sacrifices” of love. From this it is clear that our participation in the Eucharist is not something that we just do for one hour a week on a Sunday. Instead, Eucharist is meant to become a way of living for us. This is why we say that even though our participation in Eucharist is a liturgical act, its aim is ethical. It is ethical because it is concerned with making one's entire life a gift to God and a service to all people. And this is how we live the life of the Trinity and make it real in our lives and not simply an idea to ponder.  
Deacon John



**THE MOST HOLY  
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
GOSPEL-MARK 14: 12-16, -22-26**

*On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"*

*He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there."*

*The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*

**Gospel Reflection:** In the Jewish tradition, blood plays a very interesting double role – being both sacred and impure. As we see from this week's first reading, blood was used as a sign of sealing a covenant and so took on a very sacred significance. Blood was held to be sacred due to its relationship with life and thus God. However, in other circumstances, blood was regarded as forbidden and impure. The Torah forbids the eating of blood and so for meat to be regarded as kosher (ritually proper) it must be drained of all blood at the time of slaughter. This prohibition has to do with an ancient pagan practice of eating blood and was designed to distinguish the Jews from such pagan practices.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan we see the two Temple officials avoiding the beaten and bloodied man because to touch him would have made them ritually impure and unable to perform their duties. So we have this interesting contrast that blood was regarded as being both very sacred as well as impure.

It is in the context of sealing a covenant that Jesus used blood at the Last Supper. Jews would have been very familiar with the notion that a covenant with God was sealed with blood and so for Jesus to describe his blood as being "the blood of the covenant" would have been immediately significant to his disciples and the first audience of the Gospel. Jesus is marking a new covenant between God and God's people—a covenant in blood like the covenants of old. He is making it clear that God

is prepared to start over again with the people—a new covenant for a new phase of the ever developing relationship.

**Covenant:** Covenant is a recurring element throughout the Old Testament writings. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more parties. In the Biblical context, covenants were made between God and God's people. The first covenant, although not described as such, is the covenant between God and Adam—each promising certain things. After the failure of this covenant, God renewed the covenant promise to Noah and symbolized it with the rainbow. Later covenants were again struck with Abraham, Moses, and David—each time initiated by God to give the people another chance to be faithful to their relationship.

**Words of Institution:** The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.

- Q. What does this gospel passage reveal about the Jewish foundations of Christianity?*
- Q. How was Jesus' use of blood to make a covenant different from the traditional understanding?*
- Q. What was the new covenant that Jesus established?*
- Q. How have ways of showing respect and reverence for the body and blood of Christ changed over*

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