

Resurrection Parish

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A Catholic Christian Community

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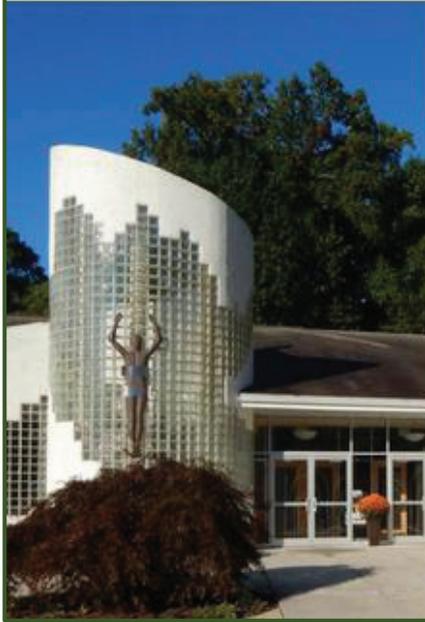
Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:30 a.m.

Tues. 7 p.m.

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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.

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For hospital and home visits
contact clergy or the office.

Becoming Catholic

Learn more by contacting
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

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OBSERVATIONS FROM A VISITING CHURCH-GOER

Being a guest who is visiting for a short time allows me a different perspective on some things happening at Resurrection. For what it's worth, here are a few of my observations (please note: these are benign comments, NOT criticisms. My overall image of Resurrection remains: *Wonderful and welcoming, a genuine community of faith!*).

IF YOU INVITE THEM... THEY WILL COME!

Last Saturday, I sent an email to a couple dozen friends, inviting them to join us the next day at our 10:30 "bilingual" mass. I wrote, "*Our Indian parishioners have been practicing music and prayers in their native tongue, Tamil, and they are bringing lots of homemade Indian food to be served after mass. It should be a wonderful gathering. We would love to see you there!*" And guess what?! They came! Not everybody...but a good number of those I invited came and each told me how grateful they were to be invited to a church with such amazing hospitality and a dynamic, inclusive liturgy.

We worry about the decline in attendance at church. Could we change that by literally inviting others to join us? Of course, that would also mean that we've got to come to mass prepared to fully participate, to witness the kind of authentic engagement that happens when believers understand what Eucharist really is and how very important is the role and true presence of each person who attends.

CHRIST CENTERED

People have asked, "Why can't our prayer be like the Thursday evening prayer gathering we had after Father Bill was hurt? Think about it. What made the difference? I think the community loves Father Bill because he is an authentic follower of Jesus. We love him personally. And, we grow in our love for Jesus because of people like Bill. When we exit mass, do our conversations focus on faith and the guidance God is offering us through the mass? What would happen if we made Jesus and our faith the center of our conversations after mass? Could focusing on Jesus help us to more personally care about the others we pray with at Resurrection?"

REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE...ELSE!

How often do we “congregate” with the same people each week (before, during, and after mass)? Do we ever go out of our way to meet and begin to know someone else? In sharing the sign of peace, do we greet the same people week after week? In my invitation to last Sunday’s 10:30 mass, I actually invited some folks who typically go to the Saturday mass or the Sunday 8:15. And some of them came! Wow! Imagine that! Which is more accurate—“I belong to Resurrection,” or “I belong to the Resurrection 5:30, or 8:15, or 10:30?” Try something different! Come to a different mass.

I HATE TO W(H)INE

Am I the only one to wonder if we could possibly find a wine for mass that is less palatable than the *Costco Chardonnay* (or whatever it is!) that we serve?

GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME

I am sure there are good liturgical reasons why we close all the doors before we begin mass. If it’s done as an attempt to encourage people to arrive on time, it hasn’t worked. Seems to me that we should be grateful for each and every person that comes, whether they are there exactly on time, or not. Open doors say, “Welcome!”

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET.....

From where I sit, it amazes me how many folks hear the invitation to the closing song at mass as their cue to head on out. Wow!

SMILE. BE KIND. DO GOOD.

Our neighbors at PureBread have made a great impact in Delaware by giving out car magnets with their motto: *Smile. Be Kind. Do Good.* I know our people are kind and do good. I just wish we could find a way to get more people to SMILE. Not long ago after mass, someone asked me, “You seemed very serious at mass. Is everything OK?” I was surprised. I was perfectly happy at mass. And yet, apparently, I didn’t look that way. What’s fair is fair. If I’m asking you folks to smile more, you have every right to remind me and Deacon John that we should be smiling too! (emoji here? :)

Peace,

Fr. Greg

INTENTIONS

Monday	Sept. 17	8:30 am	Parish Community
Tuesday	Sept. 18	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Sept. 19	8:30 am	
Friday	Sept. 21	8:30 am	
Saturday	Sept. 22	5:30pm	+Edna Rausenberger
Sunday	Sept. 23	8:15 am	+Elizabeth Bode
		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 Richard McCracken, Eva Skripchuk, Linda Scarola, Burt & Carol Strasser, Rachel Rose Boucher, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, 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, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention-September 2018
Universal – Young People in Africa**

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



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 7. 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, 368-0146 Ext. 106.

Calling all Youth Musicians

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

Anyone in the **6th through 12th 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 14.

Please contact Kate Regan at reganfamily6@verizon.net or 302-738-9989.

PARISH LIFE

FOOD CLOSET NEWS

As we implement the planned changes to kitchen facilities, we are losing the space we use for our food closet. We have opted to merge our efforts with St. John the Beloved. They obtain referrals from Friendship House, as we do, and serve the same zip codes we serve. We urge you to continue to make food donations as you have in the past, and they will be distributed to the needy through the SJB closet. Volunteers wishing to help in the distribution are welcome. Contact Sandy Landoll or Ellen Pringle for details. Thank you for all you do to help us feed the poor.

RCIA NEWS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children:

Candidates for Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church are baptized Christians who desire to become full members of the Catholic Church. Normally candidates would be part of an RCIA process that would lead to full reception sometime during the Easter season, but in some cases, because many candidates are already formed in faith, (they participated in faith formation as part of their religious upbringing, they are married to or are friends with a Catholic and have been attending Eucharist for some time) the Church may receive them into the Catholic faith any time before that. If you know of someone who fits this description let us know so that we might invite them to participate in this process.

Catechumens are individuals who have never been baptized. When children are of catechetical age, which is around 7, and have not been baptized, they are also

received into the Church just as adult catechumens are. Children undergo a regular process of RCIA formation adapted to their age. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an ongoing process so any questions regarding RCIA and those who would like to participate can be directed to Deacon John at 368-0146 x 110 or email at jfalkowski@resurrectionde.org



Pathways to Peace: Integrating Refugees into our Community, September 16, 2:30-4:30 pm

The program, will focus on the challenges and also some of the joys of recent refugees to Delaware. You will hear refugees and host/mentors tell their personal stories and you will have the opportunity to continue the conversations over light refreshments in a small group setting. Donations (bedding, school supplies, first aid supplies) for the Syrian refugee collection will be gratefully accepted.



When a Girl Stays in School, Lives Are Changed: A Challenge for Delaware & the World

Teen girls around the world and in Delaware face real challenges to stay in school. What is lost for a girl, her family and her community when she drops out? What is gained when she stays? How can you help? Take a first step to help a girl realize her potential. Doors open 6:15 pm. Networking until 9:00 p.m.

Location: Resurrection Parish

Time: 09/20/2018 / 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm

Sponsored by: Dining for Women – Wilmington-1 Chapter & the Delaware Fund for Women

Questions: Annette, ahearing48@gmail.com, 302-438-0191

Registration (suggested): <http://bit.ly/2tDu4WY>

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Family Promise training/informational session

Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30 PM

Ebenezer UMC Hall (come to the back of the church parking lot and enter the door next to the playground).

Cheryl Christiansen from Family Promise will be sharing tips on how we can help families experiencing

homelessness and what is involved with volunteering during hosting weeks.

Learn how you can help us during the next hosting week which begins November 11.

Please contact Deb Buckels (dbuckels@verizon.net or ph 302-239-2275) if you will be attending (so we have enough snacks and chairs that night).

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We welcome new students to join our returning students in our formation and education programs called here at Resurrection “CFP”.



K to 5 Elementary Program
September 16, 23, 30.
9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

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

Would you like more information? Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 ext. 104.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

September 16 6:30-8:15- *Middle school and high school youth group.*
Sign-in in the gathering space and

gather in the youth room.

September 16 6:30-Parent meeting in Room 4.

Complete paperwork and see what we have planned for this year.

Taking it Home

In our gospel Peter tries to keep Jesus from getting hurt by trying to keep Jesus from the pain and suffering of the cross. Instead of a thank you, Jesus not only rebukes Peter, but also calls him Satan; a rather strong reaction to a friend who thought he was trying to help. But you see Peter wanted Jesus to avoid the necessary struggle of life, the struggle that in his humanity, Jesus had to face.

Unfortunately, there are sometimes things that happen in this life that we cannot simply avoid. And despite our best efforts to help protect others from harm, particularly

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our loved ones, there are things that not only will happen, but must happen even if these struggles cause us pain and suffering. This is the way life just is. People will not always succeed at what they start out to do, but try they must. Relationships will not always succeed, but that is no reason not to enter them. Despite our health, we cannot keep sickness and death from our doorsteps. This is life and because this is life, the better thing is not so much to help people avoid such pain and suffering as it is to give them the courage and hope to help them through the darkness of their struggles.

Though Peter thought he was doing Jesus a kindness, he was instead acting as Satan. Peter was trying to get Jesus to avoid his humanity, trying to get him to play the Messiah, the one to whom no harm should ever come. This is the Messiah of our fantasy. The one, who would heal all sickness, remove every tear, keep us from all harm, make us great and fulfill our every desire. In the early part of Mark’s gospel it certainly looked like that. Jesus healed and took away all that hurt. He dismissed demons and made people wonder if indeed Jesus was the promised Messiah; and this is what Peter thought, but Peter was thinking as we humans tend to do. But Jesus was not about fulfilling our fantasy. Instead, Jesus was trying to be true to who he was, a truly human person, who was not about to deny the life that comes with being human.

Jesus knew that what he taught concerning the reign of God would lead to trouble, trouble that he knew he could not humanly avoid if he was to be true to his mission and to his trust in the God he called Father. The truth is that even though Jesus did experience suffering and death, because of his radical trust in this compassionate God he called Father and his radical fidelity to his mission, God raised him to new life. This is the power of love that is faithful unto death and this is what Jesus had to face; the faithful one giving himself totally and freely in his humanity for the sake of the love of God and the world.

What this means for us is that even though death and suffering still exist, suffering and death are not the final answer. In and through Jesus’ love and fidelity God has taken on the evil and suffering of this world and broken their hold once and for all with the stronger power of love. This is the hope that we Catholic Christians have based on a God who saves, but this hope does not pretend that life no longer has its struggles. It is instead a hope that gives us the power to resist the darkness. In the end it is a hope based on our ability, with the Spirit’s help, to weather the storm and to entrust the darkness to this God who has promised to be faithful even in the midst of seeming absence. So our task with those we love and with the stranger is not simply to help others avoid the struggles that life will bring, but to provide them with a love that will assure them that God has not abandoned them. God is still with them in their pain and struggle and is, in fact, longing to help them endure whatever heartache they are experiencing because through Jesus, God takes on our struggles, bears them and helps us move through them to resurrection.



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL - MARK 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it.

He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest.

Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Taking a child, he placed the child in the their midst, and putting his arms around the child, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Gospel Reflection: The gospel passage immediately before this one, in which Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say I am?” marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower—a disciple—of the Messiah who must be put to death.

Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus’ Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews—it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus’ great triumph.

Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn’t grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah. To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name.

Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don’t argue about who will be the greatest; this child—this nobody—is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.

Messianic expectation: The term Messiah means anointed one. In the era of the Kings of Israel, quite literally someone was designated King by being anointed—having oil poured over their head. It’s easy to see that when the people of Israel spoke about a “Messiah” (an “anointed one”) who would restore justice and peace, they had in mind a great King. They even expected that the new king would come from the line of David, the line of the great kings of their history. Jesus was working against centuries of tradition when he tried to get the disciples to see that the Messiah could be something else.

Three predictions: This gospel event is the second of three occasions in the gospel of Mark when Jesus clearly makes a prediction about his death and subsequent resurrection. They occur in chapters 8, 9 and 10 of the gospel and all three are associated with the disciples’ lack of understanding about the mission and fate of Jesus. In each case, Jesus could not speak more plainly about what will happen to him and yet the disciples fail to understand. These three chapters have an overarching image of the disciples’ “blindness” to the truth of Jesus’ message.

Last of all? Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status, and power—whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity, and power to others rather than to yourself.

- Q. Why might Jesus have wanted to go away secretly to instruct his disciples?*
- Q. Have you had the disciples’ experience of completely missing an important point?*
- Q. What are the attributes of being “first” in our contemporary society?*
- Q. How is it possible to be first by making yourself last of all?*

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