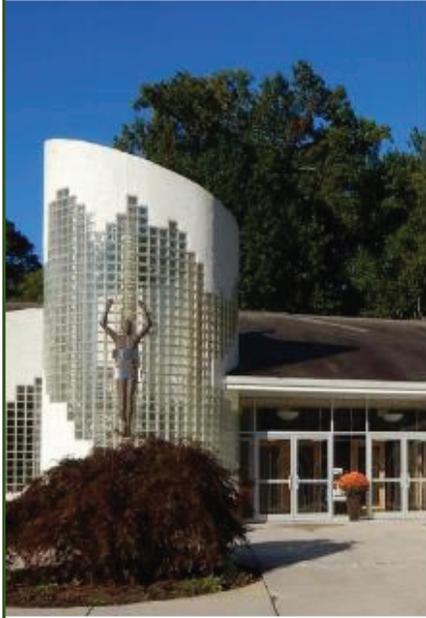


Resurrection Parish November 18, 2018

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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
 Rev. Gregory Corrigan, Assoc. Pastor
 John Falkowski, Deacon
 Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon
 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.
 6:00-8:30 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.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

Together in Prayer for Thanksgiving

Annual Ecumenical
 Thanksgiving Eve Service
 Wednesday, 11/21, 7:00 pm
 at Ebenezer United Methodist Church,
 525 Polly Drummond Hill Road
 Newark, DE 19808



Ebenezer United Methodist
 and Resurrection Parish

join together to give thanks in prayer, scripture
 and song for God's many gifts of love.

Your donations of non-perishable food
 will go to the Friendship House
 Millcreek Empowerment Center.
 Monetary contributions will go to Family Promise.

Give Thanks...



*Bless us, O Lord,
 and these thy gifts
 which we are about
 to receive from thy
 bounty through
 Christ our Lord.
 Amen.*

Happy Thanksgiving

**Thanksgiving Morning Mass
 at Resurrection Parish
 Thursday, November 22
 9:00 am**

INTENTIONS

Monday	Nov. 19	8:30 am	+Marie and James Murray
Tuesday	Nov. 20	7:00 pm	Linda Fischer
Wednesday	Nov. 21	8:30 am	Michele Cholipski
Thursday	Nov. 22	9:00 am	+Jim Pohlen
Friday	Nov. 23	8:30 am	+Tree of Life Martyrs
Saturday	Nov. 24	5:30 pm	+Marie Foskey
Sunday	Nov. 25	8:15 am	+Diane Cross
		10:30 am	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. *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, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Pete DeAscanis and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-November 2018
Evangelization – The Mission of Religious**

Universal – In Service of Peace -- That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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 .

Environment Preparation: On **November 25**, we'll close this liturgical year with the celebration of the **Solemnity of Christ the King!** That day **after the 10:30 am Mass**, we'll also **prepare our Worship Space for the celebrations of the Advent season.** Please help if you are able. We'll be moving chairs, changing banners and more! Thank you in advance for your generous gift of time!

PARISH LIFE

Good News

With great happiness we would like to announce that Bishop Malooly has acknowledged that Reverend William F. Graney is ready to resume his role as Pastor and has assigned Reverend Gregory M. Corrigan as Associate Pastor to the Parish of the Resurrection.

We have been truly blessed with Fr. Greg's caring ministry as Parish Administrator since August 2018. And we look forward to the future with hope.



Fr. Greg and Fr. Bill will continue for the foreseeable future to help coordinate and provide leadership to building up the kingdom. They both will look for your support in advancing our parish mission. We all know it is a challenging time for us and the larger church. We have much invested in Resurrection.

We are happy that Fr. Greg is now serving as full time Associate Pastor. Thus, we will not be hiring a pastoral administrator at this time. We thank all who worked on this initiative.

Special thanks to our Parish Staff whose hard work and faithful commitment allowed our faith community to carry on in a seamless and beautiful way.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS**

Our second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

DRA / Dual Recovery Anonymous

DRA will have their 4th Annual Party on November 19 from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited.

Dual Recovery Anonymous is A 12 Step Program for men and women who meet to support each other in our common recovery from two *No-Fault Illnesses*:

- an emotional or psychiatric illness, and
- chemical/substance dependency.

Meetings are Open and meet at Resurrection Parish

STEWARDSHIP

November was chosen because of its relationship to gratitude and thanksgiving -- the foundation for understanding and living stewardship as "a way of life." Please fill out your commitment card and return it to the box in the Gathering Space by December 9. Thank You.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



Christmas Giving Tree tags are available Nov. 17-18 and Nov. 24-25. **Please return wrapped gifts to Gathering Space and Resurrection Outreach Donations to Parish Office by December 9th.** Contact Cathy Blanchet 302-462-6700 or Betsi Gerber 302-354-0834 for information or to help sort and/or deliver.

Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate Sale:

Good news for all our chocolate lovers! Now that the weather has cooled, Fair Trade chocolate is back just in time for Christmas stocking stuffing.

Our next Fair Trade sale is this weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of November 24/25.

Thank you for your continued support for small farmers around the world.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our K to 5 Elementary Program

will meet on 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Drop off begins at 9:10am. See you there!



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.

Sacrament Preparation Classes

Church Tour, Sunday, December 2nd, 11:45am-12:30pm

CFP Events

Gratitude Service, November 18th, 9:30-10:15am

Advent Adventure, December 1st, 2:00-6:30pm

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

Thank you to the youth who worked in the garden on Saturday November 10. A lot of work was

done in a short amount of time.

December 2 6:30-8:15- Middle school and high school youth group. Sign-in in the gathering space and gather in the youth room.



Second Sunday Social

JOIN US December 9 at the **Christiana Skating Center 1:30-4:30 pm.** Bring a Friend or Friends. Friend not Catholic? No

problem- all are welcome. All

friends and Resurrection youth need to bring a completed Form B. Download Form B here:

https://www.cdowcym.org/documents/resources/Form_B_Revised_0715.pdf Younger siblings are welcome as

long as a parent stays and is responsible for that child. Address:

801 Christiana Rd. (Rte 273) Newark, DE 19713

1:30pm-4:30pm

\$7 per person/ Skate Rental \$4

(Non-skating parents admitted free).

Bring additional spending money if you want to purchase food or drink.

TAKING IT HOME

When we are in the midst of life, it is hard if not impossible to think about death. Death we believe is something that comes in the distant future so why think about it now? Besides, the prospect of death is too frightening so there is every reason to want to put it out of our minds.

In his book, “The Denial of Death,” Ernest Becker “believes that the denial of death largely creates human culture. We pretend that we are going to live forever, and that we can avoid all forms of dying. To overcome this illusion, you must come to understand that life and death are not two, but one. They cannot be separated except by blindness and denial – but your mental ego tries to have one without the other. It splits from all necessary dying, losing and suffering in a thousand ways.” So to deny death is to deny that death and life itself are part of a natural process of living. It is something that is connected and that we will all experience as part of life. But just not now, we say!

In the gospel this weekend Jesus teaches us a lesson about paying attention to things, especially like the end of things. In images of fig trees and celestial signs Jesus invites us to pay attention to what is near, the end of the world and the coming of the Son of Man. The gospel as well as our first reading from Daniel employs what is called apocalyptic language. Apocalypse is end times literature and is usually associated with scary stuff, the earth quaking, skies falling and earthly violence. But the word apocalypse comes from the Greek and really means uncovering and revealing. So even though the language associated with apocalypse sounds scary, it is really meant to help uncover something that we otherwise might ignore or not want to face, like the end of the world or even something like our own death. But why would Jesus want us to pay attention to either the end of time or the end of our lives?

On the one hand, Jesus wants us to be ready for his return at the end of the world. So we need to be ready for this return. But this end will probably not come in our lifetimes so why worry? On the other hand, what will most definitely come is our death, which we would rather not face, but Jesus wants us to face it anyway. Why? Jesus wants us to face our death because when we critically and honestly face what we fear we are most able to change, to make the most of what we now have. Facing death, instead of putting it out of our minds, enables us to live with the notion that we should live this life that we now have to the full. It is all the life we have.

Unfortunately, when we keep things at a distance, even something like death, we fail to see the urgency of the moment and this keeps us from making the most of what we now have. Constantly living in the expectation of the end helps us to live more faithful and fuller lives.

It does this because the view of the end that we live as Catholic Christians is the kingdom and by living it now we make it real; and this view of the kingdom that we Catholic Christians live is a place where all will be reconciled, where peace reigns, and where justice rules. Living this way now helps us to live lives of faith, hope and love.

But we can do that tomorrow, today we have this, that and the other to do. No, Jesus says! Now is the time to repent! Now is the time of God’s kingdom! When we live with this urgency, death no longer becomes a foreboding presence we try to dismiss, but instead it becomes the purpose for which we risk loving and living in this lifetime. And it is for this reason that we can say that in death there is life. Deacon John

*Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today.*

*Give us the energy and courage
of Your Spirit
to shape its future.*

*Grant us faith-filled leaders
who will embrace Christ's Mission
of love and justice.*

*Bless the Parish of the Resurrection
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters,
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.*

*Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call.*

We ask this through our Lord.



**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
GOSPEL -- JOHN 18:33B-37**

“Pilate said to Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?”

Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.”

So Pilate said to him, “Then you are a king?”

Jesus answered, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Gospel Reflection: November 25 marks the end of the liturgical year. December 2, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine—Pilate.

Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today’s feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus’ teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status—the first—in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children, and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God.

In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.

Truth: Jesus says to Pilate that he came into the world “to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.” That is where today’s gospel passage finishes but as the gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks Jesus “What is truth?” and the question is left dangling; unanswered. The truth Jesus has borne witness to is the truth of his whole life—the revelation of God’s love for humanity. It is for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is placed on trial and is brought before Pilate.

Christ the King: Political and military images of kingship have played a dominating role in the Church since very early in its history. The very earliest Christians, or followers of the Way, did not conform to social and political hierarchies of their day. But when Emperor Constantine declared Christianity to be the official religion of the Roman Empire the structure of the Church quickly adopted the political and social structures of the empire. At times in history the Pope has adopted a regal status and led huge armies into battle. Many of these structures persist today and we sometimes struggle to recapture Jesus’ intention when he declared himself a king.

The Kingdom of God: When Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of God he uses metaphoric language (“the kingdom of God is like ...”) and often the kingdom is defined by what it is not. The kingdom is also a real contradiction: it is here and now and yet it is still to come; it is almost impossible for some to enter the kingdom while others are assured a place; it is within us and in our hearts and yet is a great banquet to which all are invited.

Q. Why did Pilate ask Jesus, “Am I a Jew?”

Q. Do you think the notion of “Christ the King” has been misused at times in history?

Q. Why might the Church choose to end the liturgical year with this particular feast?

Q. What does it mean for us that Jesus is “king” of a kingdom filled with the sick, poor, and outcast?

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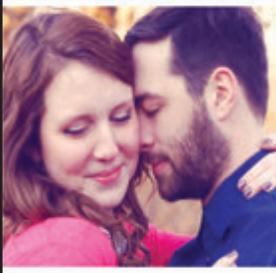
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