

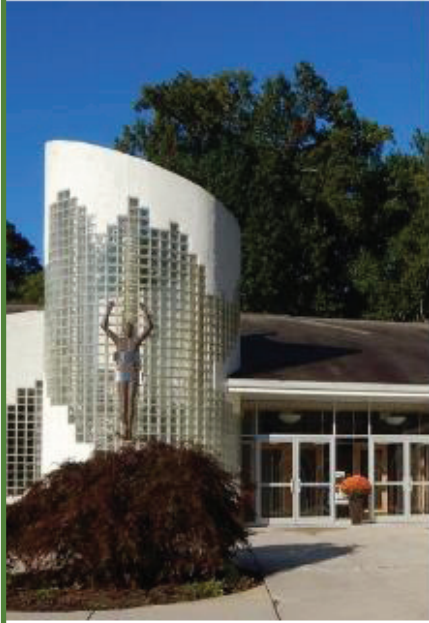
Resurrection Parish November 25, 2018

A Catholic Christian Community

Christ Our King

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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
Tina Donald, Bookkeeper
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Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
6:00-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

Pastoral Council

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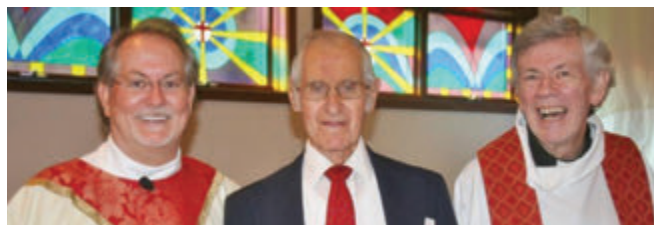
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Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sat. 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment.
Baptisms
Please contact Deacon John.
Marriage
Contact clergy one year prior.
Pastoral Care of the Sick
For hospital and home visits
contact clergy or the office.
Becoming Catholic
Learn more by contacting
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

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. Bill and Fr. Greg 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.

INTENTIONS

Monday	Nov. 26	8:30 am	+Ken Pfeiffer
Tuesday	Nov. 27	7:00 pm	+Veronica Jankowski
Wednesday	Nov. 28	8:30 am	+ Mary Keilman and Lazarus
Friday	Nov. 30	8:30 am	
Saturday	Dec. 1	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Dec. 2	8:15 am	+Tommy Sheridan
		10:30am	Parish Council



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!

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

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. Thank You.

PARISH LIFE

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

BEST ADVENT EVER is a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team. Practical tips for your everyday life Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey.

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Catholic Cemeteries

Cathedral, All Saints and Gate of Heaven Cemeteries are offering families the option of purchasing Christmas decorations directly from our cemeteries. These decorations are individually crafted by a local vendor. Cemetery personnel will place these decorations on the graves/crypts of your loved ones beginning in early December. The deadline for ordering is December 6, 2018. Your purchase helps support the ministry of our cemeteries. For more information and an on line order form log on to cdow.org/order-decorations or call the cemetery office at (302) 656 – 3323. Cathedral Cemetery will also be processing orders for Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Thank you for your support.

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.

Thanksgiving Thank You

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Resurrection parishioners more than forty families received the ingredients for Thanksgiving dinner, food for the holiday weekend, and a gift card. Many families with babies will also be aided in providing diapers, wipes, food, and other products to keep their babies fed and comfortable. Much Thanks!

Zingo: Don't forget to put in your cash register tapes in the boxes in the hallway leading to the nursery. We will be sending them in at the end of the year. The rebate goes to Parish Outreach. Thank you!

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our K to 5 Elementary Program



will meet on **11/11, and 11/18 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

Wednesday, November 7th, 5:45-7:00pm

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

CFP Event

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

Pass On the Good News!

What good news? - The Good News of Jesus and our Catholic Faith! Help our children of the parish grow in their faith by coming a substitute catechist or assistant for CFP (K-5th Grade)! With classes offered Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am. We provide you with training, materials, and support. For more information contact: Nancy Maloney (302) 368-0146 ext. 104 or nmaloney@resurrectionde.org.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

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.

VOCATIONS

Today the Book of Revelation tells us that “Jesus Christ is *the* faithful witness.” By virtue of our baptism, each of us is called to be a faithful witness to the wonderful things our God has done for women and men. Are you being called to give witness as a religious or as a priest? Are you *willing*? Let’s talk. Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). Please visit our website: www.cdown.org/vocations!

Taking it Home

The Solemnity of Christ the King brings this liturgical year to a close. With this Solemnity, the year of Mark along with its cycle of feasts and seasons closes. Then beginning December 2 we start a new liturgical year with the 1st Sunday of Advent. The new year begins cycle “C,” which focuses on the gospel of Luke.

The Solemnity of Christ the King, though marking the end of one year and the start of another, is really a time of transition. Traditionally Christ the King marks the time when Christ will return in glory at the end of time. This is the time when Christ will be recognized as the true King of all the earth and all will be fulfilled. It is for this reason that our gospel this weekend focuses on Jesus before Pilate during John’s passion narrative where Pilate questions Jesus about his call to be king. “Are you the king of the Jews?” Pilate asks. Jesus testifies, “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.” Yes, Jesus is a King, but not a King in the traditional sense. His kingdom comes not through power and strength, but through his “faithful witness” as one who has “freed us from our sins by his own blood,” which comes from our second reading from Revelation.

Advent on the other hand, marks the time when we recall the coming of the kingdom in the historical person of Jesus, which is like the time that we are still celebrating – the dawning of the kingdom in Christ. But Advent also marks the time when we look forward to the fulfillment of the kingdom when Christ will come again. There is then, something that Advent and the Solemnity of Christ the King have in common and hence the transition.

In noting this transition, we note that this time between the dawning of the kingdom in Jesus and his coming again is really the time in which we currently

reside. We are disciples of the in-between time. We recall as with Advent, the Jesus who came and in whose memory we live and move and have our very being. Yet we look forward to the time when Jesus will come again in glory and all will be all. In the Solemnity of Christ the King we celebrate the kingdom in its fullness. This kingdom in full is the vision of the kingdom that we try to make real in our lives now as Jesus lived it in his person and life. And how did Jesus live it in his life and his person?

He lived it as a witness to God’s unconditional love. This was Jesus’ sole strategy. As he acknowledged before Pilate, his kingdom was not of this world; a kingdom built on violence and maintained by force. But his kingdom was the world of truth where the nature of God and of God’s relationship to creation was revealed. And the nature of that relationship is love.

The wager of Jesus is that when people hear about this love they will recognize it as what they always wanted. And so the truth about love is that it is what our hearts have always desired and it is what we truly need. And so Jesus’ offer of love can never be forced. It can never be used as a means to intimidate. It is only offered as something that we already desired from the beginning. So the usual suspects of reward and punishment, which traditional religion seems to be about, need not apply. Jesus then is the path by which we are to re-make our world if we want the kingdom to shine for all to see.

So as we gather for this Solemnity of Christ the King, not hoping for an unfulfilled promise, but in light of the promise that Jesus already fulfilled, we too believe that we can re-make the world in light of what Jesus envisioned; a world of justice, peace, truth, mercy, and forgiveness, but also a world mostly of love.

Deacon John

Grief Support Series at Jesus House

Nov. 19, 26; Dec. 3, 10 17; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 1:30-3 p.m.: Winter Grief Support Series, Nazareth House, Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd., Wilmington. For those at any stage of struggling with the grieving process. Options to share, address emotional issues, and practical considerations for issues such as holiday. More information and to register, <http://www.jesushousecenter.org/grief-counseling/> or (484) 732-8026.



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GOSPEL - LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Gospel Reflection: We are, perhaps, used to thinking of the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. But this week’s readings, and the readings of the next few weeks, remind us that the notion of preparation extends well beyond the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are reminded that we are, in fact, living in an “in-between time.” From this week’s first reading we are reminded that the expectation of a Messiah was a very long-standing hope for Israel. The coming of the Messiah would usher in a new prosperity and a divine reign of God. The earliest Christians began to see that the ancient prophecies could all be applied to Jesus and they began to regard Jesus as the promised Messiah—the fulfillment of prophecy. However, Jesus also promised that he would come again, and the expectation of the first followers of Jesus was that his return would be in their lifetime. In our second reading from the letter to the Thessalonians, we can see the growing realization that perhaps Jesus’ return will not occur within the current generation. This realization had a dramatic effect on the life and faith of the community. Imagine living with the belief that the end of time was going to occur not just in your lifetime but literally any day now. Slowly, they realized that Jesus’ words were not that specific and the time of return had not been identified. What Jesus had called for was a state of readiness, a state of preparedness. This didn’t mean he was coming immediately; what it meant was that there was need to get the house in order because he would be coming at some time. Advent is a time to remember that we still haven’t really got the house in order.

Scriptural context: This gospel passage comes from a lengthy passage in the gospel of Luke in which Jesus speaks extensively about the future. It is a very different style of writing from the usual narrative, teaching, and parable forms that make up most of the gospel. The style is an echo of the prophetic writings of the Old Testament. Compare this passage with this week’s first reading of other passages from the writings of the prophets. The style is always rich in metaphor and symbol. There is a grandness about the style. We know, just from the use of language, that great things are afoot!

Waiting, waiting, waiting: If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas, then we’ve somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it’s not just about anticipating Christmas. That’s part of it, sure. However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God—in our lives and in our world.

We’re doomed! Fundamentalists love readings like this week’s apocalyptic gospel passage. Full of portent and urgency, it inspires the sort of thinking that says, “Repent now, because you could be dead tomorrow!” It is easy to look at a passage like this and apply it to the conditions of the world today: everything’s going to rack and ruin; it’s just as the Bible foretold; the end of the world is just around the corner. But we have to remember that this was written nearly 2,000 years ago! Yes, there is still urgency! Yes, there is still need for change! But we still have time to get it right.

- Q. What is your immediate reaction to this gospel passage?*
- Q. What problems might lie in reading this passage with a literal interpretation?*
- Q. What must it have been like for the early Christians to be expecting the imminent end of time?*
- Q. How does the concept of being a people of Hope sit with this passage?*
- Q. How can you make the most of this season of Advent?*

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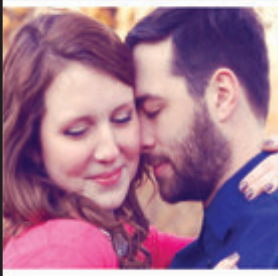
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