

Resurrection Parish

May 5, 2019
3rd Sunday
of Easter

A Catholic Christian Community

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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
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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

Al Mercatante	Executive Officer
Sharon Gidumal	Asst. Executive
Mike Mitchell	Secretary
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Dick Schwer	Trustee

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



Praise God for All Creation



The middle and high school youth groups were discussing the gifts of God's creation and what we can do to preserve the biodiversity in the world.

Each youth completed the sentence
"In order to protect God's creation I will...."

They wrote their answer on a leaf and put it on the tree outside the youth room in the hallway. You are invited to take a leaf from the white pouch, complete the sentence above and write your answer on the leaf. Take a piece of string and tie it to the tree.

We are blessed to get to worship on such a beautiful property.

INTENTIONS

Monday	May 6	8:30 am	+David Amabile
Tuesday	May 7	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	May 8	8:30 am	
Friday	May 10	8:30 am	
Saturday	May 11	5:30 pm	+Bill Maloney
Sunday	May 12	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30am	+Leslie McCourt



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** Eva Skripchuk, Burt Strasser, 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, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Pete DeAscanis, Anna Catriew, George Ward IV, Shannon Wilson, Annabelle Capritta, Patricia Barber, Joseph (Morton) Scruggs and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Throughout the **50 days of Easter Time** each year, I pray in gratitude for all Resurrection parishioners, faith filled and **beloved children of our loving God**. It is a precious gift to travel together this journey toward the kingdom of God in Christ. In these early weeks of the season, I am most especially grateful for the many, many people who had a share in preparing and serving for our beautiful Triduum liturgies, from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. These celebrations ask for an additional commitment from all those who participate and truly an even greater commitment from all those who serve in so many ways. Please know that your part goes **totally noticed!** Altar servers -- especially our younger servers this year! -- step up to new challenges in these important liturgies. And so many others learn or re-learn the once a year procedures of each of these unique celebrations. Musicians practice literally for hours to enhance the sung prayer of our assembly. Lectors take special care in preparing and practicing together their proclamation of the word. EMs, sacristans, bread bakers, greeters, ushers serve for several liturgies within a few days. It is extraordinary to be part of this unfolding of God's grace and people's goodness. That said, there are several people whose

dedication of time and talent, I believe, warrant special mention. And so I thank most especially young people from the Henry, Zolandz, Saldanha and Prior families, Ken Tulenko, Ellen Turano, Gabi Hunt, Mike Reis, Patti Falkowski, Angela Dressel; Lauren Nemes, Chip Schussler, Rich and Sue Thomas, Mary Louise Chesley-Cora, Joe Paulus, Steve Grise, Ellen Turano, Ellen Pringle, Doug Keilman, Fr. Bill, Fr. Greg and Deacon John. For each of you, and for each person who is touched by the liturgies of our faith community, I share a portion of this beautiful **Prayer for the Work of Our Hands** by Diana MacIntal:

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of all that is good, for in your mercy you give us work that we may be co-creators with you.....May the work of our hands and our visions and dreams collaborate with your good will, which continues to build for us your kingdom on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ruth

PARISH LIFE

Resurrection Parish supports St Damien Pediatric Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, through our Charitable Giving Committee. Haiti has the highest rate of infant, under-five and maternal mortality in the Western Hemisphere. 80% of the population survive on less than \$2 a day. In this environment, St. Damien Pediatric Hospital strives to provide high quality medical treatment for disadvantaged and sick children in Haiti. **On Wednesday, June 5, at 6:30 PM, a special fundraising movie for St Damien Pediatric Hospital will be shown at Theatre N, 1007 North Orange Street, Wilmington, DE.** This film "The Land of High Mountains" seeks to respect, support and celebrate the children and families of Haiti and highlights the remarkable individuals who are serving the most vulnerable at St Damien Pediatric Hospital.

Tickets for this fundraising movie and a sort trailer for viewing are available at:
<https://www.nphusa.org/haiti-de>

Blessing of Graduates May 19

The annual blessing of high school and college graduates will be held on Sunday, May 19 during the 10:30 Mass. If you have a son or daughter who graduated in the winter or will graduate high school or college this spring, please send their name and the school in which they are graduating to elittle@resurrectionde.org





RESURRECTION PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Come! Renew! Connect!

CELEBRATE!

Resurrection Parish is excited to rejoice in our *Jubilee Year* with each of you! With joy we welcome all to celebrate -- renewing faith and connecting with a welcoming and loving community. We commemorate our 50th anniversary with a full year of celebrations, beginning Easter Sunday -- the Feast of the Resurrection -- and concluding Easter of 2020.

This 50th anniversary year holds the promise of many blessings. We hope you will join in celebrating with joy and gratitude all that we've received from God and opening our hearts to the many blessings God has in store for our parish in the years to come.

- On **June 9th, Pentecost**, we will celebrate our **50th Anniversary Mass at 10:30 a.m.**, which will be followed by a reception.
- The **50th Anniversary Picnic** will be held following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on **June 23rd**, the day we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ.

50 Acts of the Apostles

I think we should remember people of the parish that have died. Avoid gossip or things that would go in a negative direction. But point out some humor or good qualities or contributions to the parish by the various people who have been a part of the parish.

Ask Fr. Greg about Dolores Agnello; ask Joanne Huhn about Dolores Agnello and see complimentary but different pictures of a lady that made our human space more beautiful.

Is there a story there? Why would such an Italian lady as Louise Poppiti spend so many years in a Polish national parish and school as St. Hedwig's, Wilmington?

Parishioners are invited to contribute to this 50th anniversary feature as a way of celebrating our Parish Life. Please place notes or stories in the 50th Anniversary mailbox in the parish office or email 50thAnniversary@resurrectionde.org.

Thank you. Fr. Bill, 5 May 2019

We are looking for a few pieces of 'gently used' furniture. We would like to spruce up and make a few rooms in the parish office more welcoming and comfortable: the front office, the sitting area in the library, the sitting room next to Fr. Bill's office. Specifically, we're hoping to find a few chairs, end tables, lamps, perhaps a loveseat or Lazyboy.

Also, we are looking for a few outdoor tables and chairs for our new patio. If you can help, please email or call or see Fr. Greg, quierespaz@gmail.com, 368-0146 x 115. Thank you.

FYI: We have experienced some graffiti written on the walls of the men's room recently. If you see any suspicious activity, please report it to one of the ushers or the Parish Office. Thank you!

Pastoral Council Update

"Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?"

Each of us is called to serve in many different ways in the course of our lives. We ask each of you to prayerfully and deeply consider if, at this time in Resurrection's journey, you are being called to serve in the ministry of Resurrection's Pastoral Council. Whether you have served in the past or this would be your first time, this is a holy calling to service and an important way to express your commitment to the mission of Resurrection.

WHY?

The Second Vatican Council recommended the establishment of pastoral councils affirming the right and duty of Catholics to express their opinion on what pertains to the good of the Church. By establishing a pastoral council, our pastor acknowledges the God-given wisdom and talents of his parishioners and expresses his desire to share with them his responsibility for the pastoral care of the parish. The Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Pastor. The relationship between the Council and Pastor is collaborative for the well-being of the Parish.

We need and welcome your participation as a member of Pastoral Council so we can utilize the many and varied gifts of our community to express, on behalf of parishioners, the pastoral and spiritual desires of our parishioners. We are in great need of parishioners to serve as stewards and trustees for the Council term beginning in June.

Prayerfully consider how you, like many before you, will participate in the ministry of Resurrection's Pastoral Council. Is it your chance?

Please contact Al Mercatante, Exec. Officer (almerc@mindspring.com) or Dick Schwer (dickschwer@verizon.net) by May 5 for more information. Thank you.



Vacation Bible School

To Mars and Beyond

June 17- 21, 2019; 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Join us as we celebrate 40 years of VBS with Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Go to <https://resurrectionde.org/vacation-bible-school> for registration forms for participants and application forms for volunteers. Registration closes on June 2!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Our K to 5 Elementary Program will meet 5/5/19, and 5/19/19 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. See you there! Would you like more information?

Contact Nancy Maloney,
CFP Coordinator,

at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 ext. 104.

CFP Events

Friday, May 10th, 5:30-8:00pm, Spring Fling
(Registration Required)

Sunday, May 19th, 9:30-10:15, Closing Ceremony

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School and High School Youth Group



Sunday May 19, 2019

Please join us at the 10:30 AM Mass for the blessing of graduates and presentation of the St. Timothy Award.

You are all in our prayers as you finish up the school year. Know that God is always with you.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Emmanuel Dining Room Ministry

April volunteers at the Emmanuel Dining Room were: Ed Collins, Joe McClory, Karen McGuinness, Jim Powers, Henrietta Werner, and Sue and Andre Dagenais. Working together, we prepared a hearty hot meal that served about 175 hungry people. Our shepherd's pie, served with fruit and a slice of cake, always seems to be a hit! Getting to experience the humble joy of serving God's needy while working side by side with other Resurrection parishioners, helping to strengthen our

relationships with one another, is always fun as well as rewarding.

Please sign up on the parish website using "Sign Up Genius" by clicking on the volunteer link or by signing up in the notebook in the Gathering Space. The next day we have this ministry is May 12, Mother's Day. Volunteering to honor a special mother in your lives would be a wonderful way to spend the morning. We continue to be grateful to Cannon's bakery and Bachetti Brothers market for their generous support.

Fair Trade Coffee/Tea Sale Our next Fair Trade sale is the weekend of May 4/5 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of May 18/19. Thank you for your continued support for small farmers around the world.

CFP's Spring Community Service Project

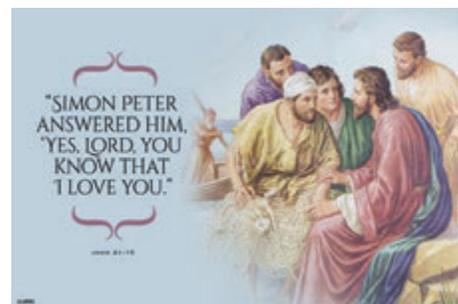
We are making Comfort Bags for various foster/adoption agencies during Spring Fling. Please help by donating, the following gently used items: teddy bears, coloring books, crayons, playing cards, small puzzles, blankets, toiletries, and draw string bags. We are collecting the donations in the blue totes outside the Youth Room. **Thank you for your continued support!**

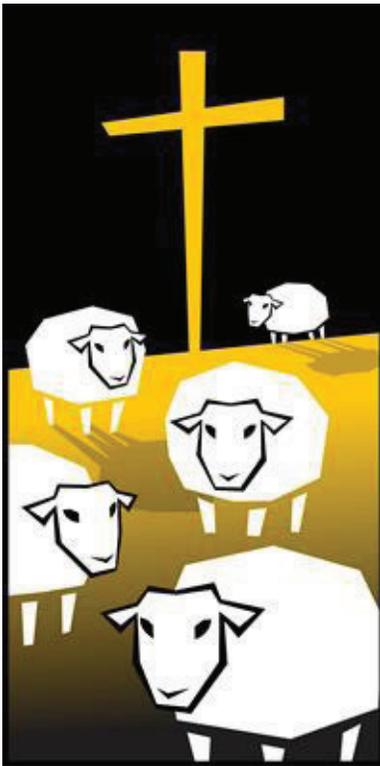
TAKING IT HOME

Lent and Easter are like bookends. You cannot have one without the other. But unlike Lent, Easter plays a little less dramatically. Partly this is because Easter with its focus on the resurrection and new life is more ethereal. We just don't quite get the feel of Easter as we do Lent. Lent is earthy. It is all about sin and its effects. The gospels are full of stories about life lost and found, real stuff that we can understand and to which we can relate. On the other hand there is Easter with its emphasis on resurrection and new life; what is that all about? Let's take for example our Sunday gospel.

Read the rest of Deacon John's reflection at:

<https://resurrectionde.org/adult-faith-formation>





**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOSPEL - JOHN 10: 27 – 30**

*Jesus said:
‘My sheep hear my voice;
I know them,
and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they
shall never perish.
No one can take them out of my
hand.
My Father,
who has given them to me,
is greater than all,
and no one can take them out of
the Father’s hand.
The Father and I are one.’*

Gospel Reflection: Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. While the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help—usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep’s milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defense of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the *Good Shepherd*. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds and utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd—but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations, but raised the status to unimpeachable heights. In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God’s name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds.

Today’s gospel passage follows the famous “good shepherd” passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as “claiming” his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus’ rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.

The Father and I are one: The final sentence of today’s passage has Jesus declaring, “The Father and I are one.” It seems a fitting way to finish the gospel reading for liturgical use in the Easter season. However, the passage in John’s gospel continues on. Immediately upon hearing these words, the listening crowd grab rocks and are about to stone Jesus to death! They were horrified by his apparent blasphemy—claiming to be one with God. Such a bold declaration of oneness with the Father was no doubt used by the gospel writer to try to eradicate emerging questions about the divinity of Jesus.

Why John? You may have noticed that during the Easter season, we have been hearing exclusively from the gospel of John. But aren’t we in Year C of the liturgical cycle—the year of Luke? Well, yes, but ... The gospel of the year is predominantly proclaimed during Ordinary Time. However, there is no Year of John. This gospel is read during the Easter season and at other specific feasts and seasons. As the synoptic gospels focus on the life and ministry of Jesus, the theological and metaphoric nature of John’s gospel is much more suited to the post-resurrection season of Easter.

Eternal life: In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, “I give them eternal life.” He does not say, “I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an “eternal” quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

- Q. What phrase from today’s reading carries special significance to you? Why?*
- Q. What meaning does the image of the “good shepherd” hold for you?*
- Q. What is your understanding of “eternal life”?*
- Q. For whom are you a “good shepherd”?*

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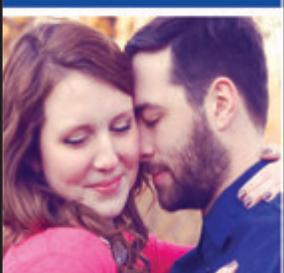
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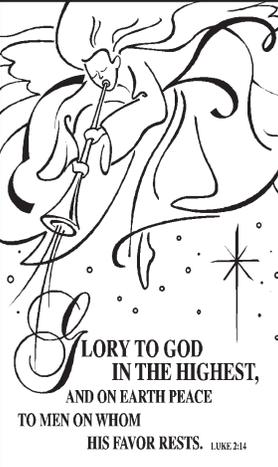
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