

# Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

June 2, 2019

The Ascension of the Lord

## 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.

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Tues. 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. 4:45 p.m.  
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## RESURRECTION PARISH

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**Come! Renew! Connect! Celebrate!**

Resurrection Parish is excited to rejoice in our *Jubilee Year* with each of you!

This 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, PENTECOST SUNDAY, AT 10:30 AM WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS.**

The Mass will be followed by a reception. This will be the only Mass on Sunday morning.

## INTENTIONS

Monday	June 3	8:30 am	
Tuesday	June 4	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	June 5	8:30 am	+Charles Linfante
Friday	June 7	8:30 am	
Saturday	June 8	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	June 9	8:15 am	No Mass
		10:30am	+Cornelius James Erickson Sr.

***There will not be an 8:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday June 9.***

***Please plan to attend the 10:30 am 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass.***



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, Shannon Wilson, Annabelle Capritta, Patricia Barber, Joey (Morton) Scruggs, Steven Nolan, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

**ENVIRONMENT PREP for ORDINARY TIME:** On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, we will celebrate our final Mass of the Easter Season – our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass! – and so it will be time to prepare for the liturgies of Ordinary Time. We’ll do this after the Reception, beginning at about 12:30 pm or so. Please help if you’re able! Thank you.

**Be the FACE OF CHRIST:** Whenever Bishop Malooly is here, he reminds us to be the face of Christ. One very important way to do that for our assembly is to serve in the

## Ministry of Usher

For our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass on June 9 at 10:30 a.m., we hope to have many parishioners, past parishioners and visitors! Ushers help everyone feel welcome and able to participate fully, especially for gathering and communion! It is so important to have a good number of people serving as Ushers. It’s not complicated or time consuming and we’ll be sure you receive instructions as we prepare. Will you answer the call? Please contact Ruth Sanders, [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org), 368-0146 Ext 106. Thank you for all your help!

## PARISH LIFE



## RESURRECTION PARISH 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PICNIC JUNE 23

**Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass**

Please RSVP for the picnic in the Gathering Space the weekends of June 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16.

or here on our website at

<https://www.resurrectionde.org/parish-picnic-june-23-2019>

A list of volunteer opportunities with sign-ups will be available beginning June 1 in the Gathering Space and on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary page of our website:

<https://www.resurrectionde.org/50th> .

Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted to help defray the cost of the picnic.

## 50 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FEATURE

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 who 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary feature as a way of celebrating our Parish Life. Please place notes or stories in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mailbox in the parish office or email [50thAnniversary@resurrectionde.org](mailto:50thAnniversary@resurrectionde.org).*

*Thank you. Fr. Bill*

### **CYM Fall Sports registration**

CYM fall sports registration opens June 15th. We would love to welcome your son or daughter for Volleyball, Football, Soccer and Cross Country. There is a team for every young athlete, either at your parish or nearby. Don't delay, practices begin in August! For questions, visit [www.cdowcym.org/athletics](http://www.cdowcym.org/athletics), or email [mcarucci@cdow.org](mailto:mcarucci@cdow.org).

### **SNAP Support Group**

A support group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families sponsored by Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) meets in Wilmington on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. For the location, call Judy Miller at 302-234-1519 or email: [snapdelaware@yahoo.com](mailto:snapdelaware@yahoo.com).

### **Donut Ministry**

Thank you for helping to make our Sunday mornings a joyful time of fellowship. We are always looking for smiling faces to serve following one or more Sunday morning masses. Please sign up in the Gathering Space or on the sign up genius schedule or contact Doug Keilman or Ellen Pringle if you would like to help. Training is available.

### **Annual Catholic Appeal – As I have done for you, you should also do**

Participants of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal will receive monthly payment reminders from the diocesan development office. With this in mind, you are asked to submit all payments directly to the diocese using the return envelope enclosed with your monthly invoice. Do not submit payments through the parish office or the weekly Offertory collection.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### **Register today for the Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network**

“To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity,” Pope Benedict wrote in his recent encyclical. Join your Delaware neighbors in the Catholic Advocacy Network during the fall registration drive. The Catholic Advocacy Network, an outreach of the Diocese of Wilmington, is an e-mail network that keeps you updated on issues including abortion, Catholic schools, poverty, immigration, and marriage and puts you in direct contact with lawmakers to share your views. Register today and visit <https://www.cdow.org/dcan/> for more information

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION**



**Our K to 5 Elementary Program will meet 9/8/19, 9/15/19, 9/22/19, and 9/29/19 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](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org) or 368-0146 ext. 104.

### **Thank you for your support and donations to CFP's Community Service Project!**

The children assembled the Comfort Bags during Spring Fling. Thank you for your kindness and generosity! Your donations make a true difference in a child's life!



## Vacation Bible School

### To Mars and Beyond

June 17- 21, 2019

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Go to <https://resurrectionde.org/vacation-bible-school> for registration forms for participants and application forms for volunteers. **Registration closes THIS WEEKEND!**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### Middle School 3-day Workcamp

#### JOY

#### **3 Letters - 3 Days- 3 Reasons: Jesus, Others, and You**

- For rising 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders
- July 23 – 25, 2019
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Daily drop off and pick up at Resurrection
- Transportation to and from service experience provided.
- Afternoons at Resurrection for faith sharing and fellowship

Contact Elaine at [elittle@resurrectionde.org](mailto:elittle@resurrectionde.org) for more details.

## TAKING IT HOME

Life can certainly be challenging and scary. Just think about how challenging and scary life can be when having to venture out on your own for the first time. Will I succeed? Will I know what to do? What if I make mistakes? Young adults today are so taken aback by these thoughts that many are postponing their push into the world of fuller adult life. The phenomenon today is that so many 25 to even 40 year olds are putting off decisions about individual adult responsibility and either still deciding to live at home or to remain in uncommitted relationships. Why is it that it seems so hard anymore to make the kind of decisions that used to come naturally with adulthood?

Perhaps there are many new cultural phenomenon causing this delayed reaction by many of our younger generation, but in reality it is never easy venturing headlong into a new way of life. We always feel some trepidation. Accepting responsibility, making

decisions about life and having others depend on us are big steps that often come with fear and worry. This is the reason why it is good in these situations to have someone to guide or mentor us. This guide or mentor can give encouragement, help build confidence and give us wisdom to help us make the decisions we need to make and accept the responsibility we need to accept. This is particularly true if that someone who is our guide or mentor has been down this path before us. In many ways this is very similar to the situation in this weekend's scriptures.

In our first reading from Acts, the disciples witness Jesus ascend into heaven. As they do they stare in disbelief that Jesus is leaving them. In the stare they seem to be saying, "What is to become of us now that Jesus has gone? Perhaps it would be better if we went with Jesus." But in the gospel we learn that Jesus tells his disciples that they are to be his witnesses of all that had been written about him. And so even though the disciples would rather go up with Jesus, they now have a new task. But maybe more than anything their stare, like that of this younger generation of ours, is their way of saying that they really don't want to accept this responsibility.

Fortunately, the gospel also tells us something else. Jesus will send his disciples the promise of the Father. This promise seems to give the disciples courage, at least courage enough to follow Jesus' instruction to go back into the city until they have been "clothed with power from on high." They then return to Jerusalem with great joy and are continually in the temple praising God. So what is this promise of God? It appears that the promise of God is the Spirit, the Spirit that Paul speaks about in our second reading, a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of God. The Spirit is their guide and mentor much like the guide and mentor that we all need in order to have the confidence and encouragement to fulfill our mission and to accept the responsibility we need to take for our lives.

Like the disciples, we too are called through our baptism to share in the mission of Jesus. We have been given the very same responsibility as that of the disciples because indeed we are also called to be disciples of Jesus. And what is our mission? It is to share the good news of the gospel. This is an awesome task from which we tend to shy away. But if faith is to be passed on, if Jesus is to be known and if the new life we have been given is to be discovered, we must face the challenge of our baptism and live as we have been called. And like the disciples we too have the same Spirit as our guide and mentor. This is the Spirit who continues our communion with Jesus and enables us to know that this communion is really the continuing presence of Christ who is with us always until end of time. Deacon John



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**GOSPEL – JOHN 20: 19 - 23**

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.*

*The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”*

**Gospel Reflection:** The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energizing them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week’s first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them, but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being “filled with the Spirit.” It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realized that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action, they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realize his message in the world.

**Pentecost:** The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated in Jewish tradition as a blessing of the harvest and, rather than the unleavened bread of Passover, it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival, as Jesus promised, of the Spirit that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

**The Spirit:** We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had been active in the world long before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which “The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power” and the Spirit was evident at Jesus’ baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being “filled with the Spirit.” So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energize it today.

**Come, Holy Spirit:** ‘Come, Holy Spirit’, or its Latin, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to ‘Come’ indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit’s intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

- Q. What was different about Jesus breathing the Spirit on the disciples and the Pentecost experience?*
- Q. What was significant about the disciples being heard to speak in many different languages?*
- Q. Why might Pentecost sometimes be regarded as the birth of the Church?*
- Q. Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit’s presence/action?*
- Q. Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?*

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