

Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

June 9, 2019

PENTECOST

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.

Reconciliation

Tues. 6:30 p.m.
Sat. 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment.

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Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
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Pastoral Council

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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.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

RESURRECTION PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Come! Renew! Connect! Celebrate!

With the closing of the **Second Vatican Council in 1965**, Renewal challenged every area of Catholic Church life. **Rev. Frank Herron** had a vision of a renewed parish sparked by Vatican II. With his inspiration and that of approximately 200 families of local Catholics who shared this vision, Fr. Herron requested permission to begin a new parish called **Resurrection** in June of 1969.

The focus of this new community was that of recognizing we are the **“People of God”** called to a commitment of living the Gospel message of *hospitality, community and service*. The beginnings were simple and the intention was not to build a building but to enable people to **“Be Church”**. Weekend Masses were held at the local elementary school (Shue School). An apartment near St. Mark's High School was rented for Fr. Herron and another apartment was donated for an office and small chapel. A Social Hall attached to the apartments was also available for Parish use. St. Mark's provided rental space for Religious education classes and in 1970, weekend Masses were also celebrated there.

Fr. Herron spoke after the first year of being encouraged by the sense of *community and family* that these early beginnings offered. A focus on lay leadership in the various ministries and outreach to the inner city called for creativity and initiative. **Fifty years later**, this continues to remain a key element of our faith life.

INTENTIONS

Monday	June 10	8:30 am	
Tuesday	June 11	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	June 12	8:30 am	
Friday	June 14	8:30 am	
Saturday	June 15	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	June 16	8:15 am	+Catherine Paque Neighbors
		10:30am	+Linda Scarola



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

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

Throughout our 50th Anniversary year we hope to build this ministry of hospitality and community! 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, 368-0146 Ext 106. Thank you for all your help!

PARISH LIFE



**RESURRECTION PARISH
50TH ANNIVERSARY
PICNIC
JUNE 23**

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Please RSVP for the picnic in the Gathering Space the weekends of June 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 is available in the Gathering Space after Masses and on the 50th Anniversary page of our website: <https://resurrectionde.org/parish-picnic-june-23-2019> or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45adae2fa0ff2-50th>

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

**50 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
50TH 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 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



Vacation Bible School To Mars and Beyond

June 17 – 21, 2019
9 a.m. – 12 noon

DONATIONS REQUESTED

- Please pick up a slip in the basket in the gathering space.
- Purchase the requested item.
- Return shelf-stable items to the box in the gathering space at Resurrection or Ebenezer on or before Sunday June 16.
- Return baked goods and fresh food directly to Ebenezer to the location on the slip.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

“Rejoicing in the Lord,” pictorial history of Diocese for sale for \$10

“Rejoicing in the Lord” is a hard-cover, 336-page, full-color, glossy 10 inch by 10 inch book that features histories and photographs of all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore, plus biographies of all nine Wilmington bishops, with important ministries and events highlighted. Published by the French company, Éditions du Signe, “Rejoicing in the Lord” is available for only \$10 after Mass in the Gathering Space.

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 or 368-0146 ext. 104.

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 6th-9th 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 for more details.

VOCATIONS

The Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, and they began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them. **The Spirit descends on us**, too, at Baptism and at Confirmation. **Each of us is called to discipleship, though we are called in different ways.** Some are called to raise families, others to remain single. Some are called to be agents of healing through medicine, others to be agents of enlightenment through teaching. God calls police officers and soldiers to protect us, poets and musicians to inspire us, farmers and merchants to nourish us. And some God calls to priesthood, to the diaconate and to the religious life as a specific way of

continuing the work of the Kingdom. Might God be calling you to a religious vocation? If you think so, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Vocation Director (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations

TAKING IT HOME

Though we have not seen nor touched Jesus, we believe that Jesus is still alive in Spirit through people like you and me who believe and who hand on this belief, this memory to succeeding generations. This is what it means to be Church, a people led by the Spirit, keeping the presence of Christ alive for others to “see and believe.”

Unfortunately, we are living in a world weary time, a time when our spirits appear lifeless. The old ways of identifying with our Catholic understanding of who we are and how we are to live have disappeared or grown old and so the customs and traditions that made us Catholic are not being carried on. They are not carried on because we believe that we don’t need them. In our individualized worlds we believe we have our own answers. But I think our reliance on our own answers have caused its own sense of despair. With no one to hold us together but ourselves, we struggle to find a purpose and a meaning to our lives. But there is a way out.

First, I think we need to awaken our experience of God in our lives. God is not just an idea that exists outside of us. God is a God who calls each one of us into a personal relationship. Can we experience God as someone who intimately loves us and calls us to live humbly and justly as God has made us? Can we experience Jesus as friend and brother? Can we recognize the presence of the Spirit as a gift that brings life and light to our lives? This is what it means to have a personal relationship with God and to experience that relationship as real and substantive.

Secondly, I think we need to recognize that we are not isolated individuals who must make our way alone in this world, but that we indeed find who we are through the other; we are connected; we are part of a larger whole. From the beginning the gospel was meant to be lived by a community of believers, by a body of Christ whose members were connected with one another. Salvation comes not by thinking in isolation but by loving and caring, forgiving and sharing with others. And since we develop a sense of our personal identity through our personal relationships, we come to know who we are as Catholic Christians primarily through our connectedness with others in a Catholic Christian community.

Thirdly, we need to be in touch with our religious heritage. But we need to be in touch not

because we need to know blindly what we are to do, but because it is important that we learn from that heritage. We should read the scriptures not to get easy answers to hard to questions, but to open ourselves up to God speaking to us through them. We should know our Catholic tradition because it is wisdom for the ages. We cannot escape our responsibility by retreating into either biblical or doctrinal fundamentalism. What the world and the Church needs today is not just the preaching of the gospel but the living of the gospel.

Finally, along with being in touch with our religious heritage, we need to pass on that heritage to our children. Faith, if it is to be a way of living faith, can only become a way of living through the example of adults who live their faith. But to make it a living faith, we need to demonstrate that faith is not a quick fix to life’s issues, but that it gives hope regardless of the struggles that life brings. It is not about looking at life through rose colored glasses, but it is about recognizing that the world is not yet the place that it should be, but that with the Spirit’s help, we believe we can struggle in hope to make it the kingdom of God now.

So on this Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the Church and the movement of the Spirit within her, we pray that that Spirit help renew the face of the Church. But that renewal will only take place when we take seriously the new life that we have because of what Jesus has given and made possible for us. When we do we can begin to see that by our baptism Jesus’s mission is now our mission and that our mission is not only to make us saints, but also to help one another becomes saints as well. And my friends this is what it means to be Church and how we continue to keep the presence of Christ alive for the whole world to see!

Deacon John





**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
SUNDAY
GOSPEL – JOHN 16: 12 - 15**

Jesus said to his disciples: “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”

Gospel Reflection: In the Gospel of John, today’s reading appears as part of the rather lengthy Last Supper discourse that runs from chapter 13 to chapter 17. The discourse is a centerpiece of this particular gospel. In it, Jesus speaks a number of times about the coming of the Holy Spirit. The portion that makes up today’s reading comes from a slightly longer passage about the sending of the Spirit (16:4-15).

Throughout the Last Supper discourse, the Holy Spirit is identified as Gift and Love. The Spirit is the Gift that will be sent by the Father and by the Son so that the world may continue to experience the Love of the Father and the Son. In the discourse, Jesus calls on the disciples to love one another with the same love that they had experienced from him—the love of God. To assist the disciples to continue to love with the same love of God and Jesus, the Spirit is sent to them. The Holy Spirit is the lasting expression of the divine love that had previously been experienced through the Father and the Son. The discourse makes it very clear that the Spirit will continue the work of Jesus. Today’s passage has Jesus saying to the disciples that there is still so much that he has to say to them, to teach them. But the disciples are not ready to receive everything in the time that Jesus has remaining. So to continue the teaching of Jesus and to continue the expression of Love, the Father and the Son will send the Spirit. It was the sending of the Spirit that we celebrated in the feast of Pentecost and it is the unity of Father, Son and Spirit that we celebrate this week in Trinity Sunday.

The Nicene Creed: The definitive statement of Christian belief is contained within the Nicene Creed that is proclaimed by the community in the Mass. It was developed by the Council of Nicea, held in 325, in response to a variety of teachings (some declared to be heresy) that were circulating at the time and the creed was further revised in 381. The creed declares that Jesus is “God from God, light from light, true God from true God ... of one being with the Father” and that the Holy Spirit “proceeds from the Father and the Son.” All of these statements seek to define the oneness of the Trinitarian God.

Spoken through the prophets: One Creedal statement about the Holy Spirit is that “He has spoken through the prophets”. This statement of Christian belief is to reaffirm that the Spirit has played a role throughout human history and did not “come into being” at Pentecost. In fact, a translation of the opening lines of Genesis reads, “and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters”. Although the Old Testament emphasizes God the Creator, or the Father, the gospels emphasize the role of Jesus, the Son and the New Testament writings emphasize the work of the Spirit, all three expressions of God’s loving presence are beyond the limits of time and place.

The Trinity: Every time we make the sign of the cross we reaffirm our belief in a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although some people have difficulties with the gender-specific language of “Father” and “Son” and look for other ways to express this reality, all Christian people profess a belief in the one God who is experienced in three distinct ways. We are baptized “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” and we remind ourselves of this reality when we pray and when we bless ourselves or others.

- Q. Why do some people accuse Christians of worshipping three Gods, not one?*
- Q. In what ways do you find three different expressions of God to be helpful?*
- Q. What did Jesus mean by saying that the Spirit “will not be speaking as from himself”?*
- Q. Why do many people attribute a feminine quality to the Holy Spirit?*
- Q. How would you describe your understanding of the Trinity?*

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