

# Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

AUGUST 4, 2019

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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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6:00-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

## Pastoral Council

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## Baptisms

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



## MISSION APPEAL FOR BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF ST. AGNES. TANZANIA.

Sunday August 3-4 Sister Gloriosa Komba, will speak at all Masses here at Resurrection Church on behalf of the Benedictine Sisters from Chipole, Tanzania. We welcome her as she makes this year's Mission Appeal. Sister Gloriosa is a member of the Benedictine Sister of St. Agnes from Chipole in Tanzanian. They are a community of over 500 Sisters who serve in a wide variety of ministries and pastoral work in more than 10 dioceses in Tanzania. These include health care, including free medical care for the needy and schools from K- 12, technical training institutions and religious education programs. Please be prepared to generously assist this Community of dedicated Sisters who represent the face of Christ to those in most need.



## INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug. 5	8:30 am	+Lucille Duszak
Tuesday	Aug. 6	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Aug. 7	8:30 am	
Friday	Aug. 9	8:30 am	
Saturday	Aug. 10	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Aug. 11	8:15 am	+Angie Simeone
		10:30am	+Steven DeRicco



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 Huhn, Ed Donaldson, Frank Maguire, Kathie Wisniewski and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

Mass for our celebration of the Solemnity of the **Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary** (a holy day of opportunity!) will be at **7:00 p.m. on August 15.**



Mary's Assumption into heaven does not mean that she went "up" into heaven. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (966) quotes the Byzantine Liturgy: "in your Dormition you did not leave the world, but were joined to

the source of Life." This is a powerful affirmation that body and spirit are an integrated whole. Mary's Assumption is an anticipation of our resurrection to fullness of life. [© Jenny Close. Dr Jennifer Close has qualifications in Fine Arts and education. She gained PhD in Theology from Griffith University. She has extensive experience creating liturgical art, and teaching theology. Her particular interests are in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology.]

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention – August 2019

### Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

**Break open the meaning of Scripture** – for yourself, with your family, with your small group, or in a meeting -- from *LITURGY WITH STYLE AND GRACE* by Gabe Huck and Gerald Chinchar: "Here is a technique some small Christian communities use to break open the meaning of a scripture passage, especially a gospel pericope. Read the Sunday gospel before you go to Mass [see next week's gospel on page 5 of this bulletin!] and ask yourself these questions as you read. This technique can be very helpful.

- a) Who is in the text? What are they doing? Why are they doing it?
- b) What is going on in the text?
- c) What does this text make me feel? Why?
- d) What bothers or annoys or makes me nervous in this story? Why?
- e) What in the text gives me hope?
- f) What "belief statements" come to me from this text?
- g) What lesson have I learned from this text?
- h) Is there a way to put this lesson into practice?"

On **August 24 and 25**, all Masses will include the **Blessing of Students** in the Concluding Rites. Bring your children, your teens, yourself and let the parish offer you prayer support as we all prepare for a new school year!

## PARISH LIFE



**Resurrection Gardeners invite you to continue the celebration at a Garden Party after Masses the weekend of August 17/18. See you in the garden.**

## JOY WORK CAMP UPDATE/ KINDNESS ROCKS

The Middle School Youth group participated in 3 days of service learning this July. One of their afternoon activities included painting and hiding "Kindness Rocks." You may find one hiding in and around the church property. Feel free to take it and leave it somewhere else to pass along the message that **"Kindness Rocks!"**

Please join the Resurrection Parish 50 Year Celebration Team 5K in the Bishop's 5K on Saturday Aug 24 at Glasgow County Park. Race will begin at 9 am. Registration opens at 8 am.

Cost is \$25 (plus a small registration fee)  
Proceeds to benefit Catholic Charities.

Runners and Walkers will get a T shirt....And, if you register as part of the Resurrection team, you will also get a Resurrection bandana to wear to show your support and solidarity with the Resurrection team!

Visit the parish website to register.  
Or register here:

<https://runsignup.com/RaceGroups/35468/Groups/637614>

Please contact Sharon Gidumal at [sharongidumal@gmail.com](mailto:sharongidumal@gmail.com) for questions

**SCAM ALERT BE CAREFUL!** In a number of parishes some parishioners have received emails, texts or phone calls saying they need to buy gift cards to help their pastor. DO NOT BE TAKEN BY THIS SCAM! Do not respond to them but please call the parish office to let us know how you have received such a message.

ALSO please see the Delaware State Police Scam Alert Advisories in the Gathering Space.



DONUT MINISTRY is continued by generous help. During June and July, these parishioners served: Kathy Teloh, Joan Lloyd, Jason, Tina, Michael Prior, Joe and

Deb Shekiro, Kim Corridori, Theresa, Tom, and Torie Moore. Thank all of you for serving. You helped to make Sunday mornings a time of fellowship.

**Volunteers are encouraged** to look at their calendars and plan to serve during this season. If you are interested please sign up on the online schedule <https://resurrectionde.org/volunteer> or contact Doug Keilman at 239-5554 or Ellen Pringle at 738-4872.

## (CFP) CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM



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.

**Registration Forms and Calendars for our 2019-2020 Christian Formation Programs have been emailed and mailed.**

Registration Materials are also available on our website.

### CFP's Summer Community Service Project Adopt a Student



*Adopt a Student* is a division of the *Adopt a Family* state service center. **The program benefits low income families in need of school supplies.** Please consider donating to this

worthwhile cause. There are four blue totes outside the Youth Room for the collection of school supplies. Also, **we are collecting donations** in the Gathering Space outside the Chapel.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Registration for middle and high school youth group and Confirmation has begun. If you did not receive a registration packet in the mail contact Elaine at [elittle@resurrectionde.org](mailto:elittle@resurrectionde.org) or 368-0146 ext. 107.



**YNIA 2020**

**Information meeting August 25 11:30 a.m.**

All rising high school freshman through seniors: Please join us August 25 after 10:30 Mass in the youth room. You will receive general information on the trip including expectations and fundraisers. We may even pick our location for next year!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE



It's that time again when Resurrection will team up with Ebenezer to help minister to families from Family Promise who are experiencing homelessness. Up to 14 individuals (children and adults) will be staying overnight at Ebenezer UMC each night for a week beginning Sunday, August 11, and leaving the following Sunday morning.

Resurrection Parish will be providing a Cookout on Sunday evening, August 11 and a Sub Night on Wednesday, August 14. We will also be providing many of the to-go items for the families for their breakfasts and lunches during that week.

If you are able to help out in any way, please visit <https://resurrectionde.org/volunteer> which will get you to the Sign-Up Genius.

Items can be left in the Resurrection kitchen with the exception of items noted for both dinners.

Anyone donating money to purchase subs can contact me directly for pickup if you'd like.

Deb Buckels [dbuckels@verizon.net](mailto:dbuckels@verizon.net)

## TAKING IT HOME

Why is it that even though we know that wealth alone will not bring happiness we seek after it anyway? I think that even though we know that wealth will not bring happiness, our desire, our need to be secure, to know that we have enough money to last a lifetime, drives us to continually pursue it. There is the constant worry that we will never have enough. And so despite the lack of happiness that we experience in our pursuit of wealth, we are driven to make as much as we can. We dream of hitting the lottery, making it big in the stock market, of working as much and as often as we can, or of having two earner incomes in order to possess more and more things and to have as much as money as we think we need. But in the end, vanity says the author of Ecclesiastes; vanity because all the wealth in the world cannot postpone nor prevent what awaits us all, death!

So should we not worry about having enough? And is seeking after wealth a bad thing? Not really! When we have commitments and responsibilities to meet there will naturally be worries about what we need to support our families. In this regard the pursuit of money is not something that is inherently evil. However, when

our worry about having enough becomes an all-encompassing concern, we can lose sight of why we really needed the money in the first place. In this case the pursuit of wealth becomes an end of its own and we become possessed by the very thing that we seek.

The issue of seeking after more and more wealth and possessions for their own sake are the messages that resound from our scriptures this weekend. In both Ecclesiastes and Luke, vanity comes to the one who seeks only after wealth for its own sake. The treasures of earth are not what we should be seeking, but treasures in what matters to God. But perhaps our incessant desire to make something finite infinite, to ward off death and to secure life, is really a yearning for something else, something that will truly give our lives meaning and purpose. Perhaps our yearnings are really for God's love and we simply misplace this desire with things in the



hope that these things will give us what we want. Unfortunately, our incessant desire for pursuing wealth prevents us from discovering the true heart of our heart, which is God and God's love for us.

Discovering our true desire comes with conversion, the process of dying to our less true desires.

But conversion requires painful and hard work, as any dying ultimately will, and this is often the reason why we fail to follow our heart's true desire. However, we can speed the grace of conversion when we can begin to appreciate the good that is already ours, even if what we possess does not include every possible good in human life. For thinking as though we could possess every good in human life is a myth that only frustrates us more than we can imagine.

This idea of appreciating the good that we already have is called appreciative grace. It is this appreciative grace that can lead to an attitude of gratitude, which recognizes our neediness, but understands it as our real need for God. "To be properly grateful," as Fr. Ronald Rolheiser says in his book, "Against An Infinite Horizon," "is the most primary of all religious attitudes. Proper gratitude is ultimate virtue. It defines sanctity. Saints, holy persons, are people who are grateful, people who see and receive everything as gift. The converse is also true. Anyone who takes life and love for granted should not be confused with a saint." When we are able to become grateful persons, conversion begins and we can really begin to seek that treasure which is God's unbounded love. Deacon John

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**GOSPEL – LUKE 12: 32-48**

*Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the Promised Land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age — and Sarah herself was sterile— for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.*

*All these died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one.*

*Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.*

**Gospel Reflection:** This week’s gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the *Parousia*). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realization that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the *Parousia* at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing—it could be sooner or it could be later (“It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third...”).

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don’t know when the *Parousia* will come, then we need to live “in anticipation” of it. We need to live as *if* the *Parousia* were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we “invest” in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the *Parousia*, then that “investment” is its own reward.

**Parousia:** The Greek word *Parousia* means “presence” or “arrival”. In ancient times the word was usually associated with the formal visit of a king or a ruler. The *Parousia* of a king was a significant and sometimes formidable event. In the writings of the New Testament, the word is used for the return of Christ, the drawing to a close of salvation history and the full establishment of the kingdom of God. The earliest Christians expected to see the *Parousia* in their own lifetimes. The realization that this was not to be the case led to a rethinking about living a Christian life.

**Answer the Question!:** Peter asks Jesus very specifically, “Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?” Frustratingly for Peter (and for the audience), Jesus doesn’t give the direct question a direct answer, he answers the question with another story. Throughout the gospels, this is a constant tactic used by Jesus. He almost never gives a question a straightforward answer. By doing this, he invites the questioner to reflect on their own question and their purpose in asking it in the first place. He also cleverly avoids being tied down to a yes/no answer when a matter is not that simple.

**Stewardship:** Jesus responds to Peter’s questioning the gospel in a roundabout way by speaking about a steward acting either faithfully and with wisdom or alternatively irresponsibly and recklessly. A steward is one who stands in the place of the master during the master’s absence—taking on the duties, responsibilities and authority of the master. That’s exactly what Christian people are called to do: become stewards who act in the place of Jesus as we await his return. As the prayer of St Teresa of Avila says, Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

- Q. How do you understand Jesus’ saying, “where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”?*
- Q. In what ways does this passage suggest that we are accountable for our actions and attitudes?*
- Q. Does the language of “servant” and “master” get in the way of a modern reader’s understanding?*
- Q. Where today do those who have “had a great deal given” need to step up to what is expected of them?*

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