

Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

May 12, 2019

4th Sunday of Easter

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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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

EASTER JOY!

My neighbor is a Bee Keeper. Beehives are awesome. God creates honey bees that remind us that hard work and collaboration produce a culture of harmony, a beautiful witness of life in community.

Honey bees collect pollen, not to make honey (they make honey from nectar). They collect pollen as food. Pollen is the protein source for their young and for the entire colony. Without pollen, the colony would die.

Resurrection parish celebrated "first holy communion" on Sunday with seven most beautiful and authentic (e.g., un"adult"erated) children. And in return, those "children of the Risen Christ," witnessed to us "seasoned elders" an invitation to return to the pure blessing of *Who We Are* as children of God.

What a great day it was. I felt like I was "slathered" in so much grace and goodness--like a Bee covered in pollen. Like the Bee, I didn't ask for it, I might not deserve it, but I landed in the right place and it just "attached" itself to me. God is so good!

The Bee returns to the hive with pollen, an abundant and necessary source of continued life. In a similar way, we

Christians return again and again to the Table of the Lord. We are offered an indescribable food, a nourishing grace that can build us up and renew us. During the Easter season, we focus our hearts through the ultimate gift we call "Resurrection."

As pollen is necessary for the survival of the colony of bees, so the sacrament of Communion (Eucharist!) is absolutely necessary for true life in a community of faith.

When we were young and innocent, simple joys were enough. Those who loved us most were less encumbered, living in a world that was not so overwhelming or complex. Their faith was deep and undeniable and their love was indisputable. We were shaped by their remarkable goodness. When a faithful person loves you completely, the way of faith and love inspires who you become.

The saying goes, "God has no grandchildren." A part of the spiritual journey is that each person has to come to God on their own. That's why it's crucial that we actively witness our faith and love. A living faith and a genuine love are what join us together. It is how we become the body of Christ—God's gift to All! Peace,

fr. greg

INTENTIONS

Monday	May 13	8:30 am	
Tuesday	May 14	7:00 pm	+Jane Heinssen
Wednesday	May 15	8:30 am	
Friday	May 17	8:30 am	
Saturday	May 18	5:30 pm	+Jane Heinssen
Sunday	May 19	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30am	+Richard J. Nowak



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 MacIlintal:

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

Everyone is invited to attend the 60th annual Memorial Day field Mass will be held 10:00 A.M. on Monday May 25, 2019 at All Saints Cemetery located at 6001 Kirkwood Highway. The principal celebrant is the Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington. Music and liturgical ministers will be student from St. Elizabeth High School in Wilmington. Before Mass VFW Post 475 will present a military tribute consisting of the raising of the American flag, a 3 round volley, and taps. Protection from the weather and seating are provided. Attending this Mass is a good way to remember those who dies in defense of our country and preserving freedom we can sometimes take for granted.

PARISH LIFE



WELCOME: On Saturday, May 11 at the 5:30 pm mass we welcome the two newest members of our faith community, Cole and Luke, through the sacrament of baptism. Cole and Luke are the twin sons of Michael and Alexandra DiIorio, who have recently become members of the parish. We welcome Cole and Luke and pledge to pray for them and support them as they grow in faith and learn to become disciples of Christ.



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. (Please RSVP for the picnic here: <https://www.resurrectionde.org/parish-picnic-june-23-2019>.)

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

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



Save the Dates! An Invitation:
Fr. Simeon Gallagher will lead a
Lenten Retreat
at Resurrection Parish from
February 29 to March 5, 2020.

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!

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!

Join us for a Friendly's Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 14th from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the Lantana Square Friendly's. Ten percent of all dine in and carry out purchases during this time will benefit the Ebenezer United Methodist Education and VBS. Hope to see you there! So that we get credit for your purchase, please show your server a flyer.

Thank you for your support!!!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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!**

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Our K to 5 Elementary Program will meet 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

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.

TAKING IT HOME

This weekend the Fourth Sunday of Easter is always known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the gospel for this Sunday, regardless of which cycle we proclaim, always refers to Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the one who lays down his life for his sheep. But Jesus is the Good Shepherd not just because he lays down his life, which he does, but also because he knows his sheep and they follow him. This idea of knowing his sheep and the sheep in turn following him is a key concept in our understanding of

our relationship with Jesus. That Jesus knows us does not mean that he merely has information about us, but that he knows even more than we know ourselves.

Knowing in John's gospel is a word packed with deep and significant meaning. For Jesus to know us and we in turn to know Jesus is more than simply having information about each other. It is not saying that Jesus knows who we are, where we live and what we do nor does it mean that we simply know Jesus, who he is, where he lived and what he did. Knowing for Jesus as well as knowing as a word in scripture is a word, which expresses deep intimacy. It is the equivalent of saying "I know you as a lover knows the other." Knowing implies a union that is so deep that our very thought and desire, all our hopes and fears and all our dreams and needs are known. It really means that we are laid bare to each other in such a way that we are on fire with love for each other and that we are, in fact, one with each other. This is the way that Jesus knows us and the way we in turn are to know Jesus. So what does Jesus know about us?

Jesus knows our anxiousness. He knows that deep down in our hearts we have a need for love, security and happiness. So we are often lost and ill at ease, which causes our sense of loneliness, isolation and fear that often leads to our missing the mark, which is our sin. But Jesus also knows how to calm our anxiousness. Jesus does this by loving us so completely and totally that he is willing to lay down his life for us. He sees through our dis-ease and sees the goodness that is at the center of our hearts and calls forth that goodness. He is willing to be our strength; our help in a chaotic world if only we would let him.

And what does it mean to know Jesus? To know Jesus is to allow his love, which is the very center of our lives, to penetrate our hardened hearts and to heal our anxiousness; to truly let Jesus be that center, that foundation from which we live our lives. And then to let that love go out from us to our sisters and brothers, where instead of competing against one another we can learn to live in right relationship. We can be free; free for the other.

And so as the Good Shepherd, Jesus knows his own as the Father knows him and he knows the Father. He calls his own sheep by name and they know his voice and they follow him. And as Jesus knows us we are to know Jesus. This then is our challenge, to know the Good Shepherd so intimately that our lives bear witness to this knowledge; to love others in him the way he loves each one of us. Such a selfless love means that we know the shepherd in faith and will be known as the sheep by our love for him, for one another and before the world. Our mutual love expressed in the care and concern for the needs of others is a symbol of the kind of love, which is an intimate knowing of the Shepherd. Deacon John



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOSPEL - JOHN 13: 31 – 33A, 34-35**

*When Judas had left them,
Jesus said,
“Now is the Son of Man
glorified, and God is glorified in
him.*

*If God is glorified in him,
God will also glorify him in
himself, and God will glorify him
at once.*

*My children, I will be with you
only a little while longer.*

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another.*

*As I have loved you, so you also
should love one another.*

*This is how all will know that
you are my disciples, if you have
love for one another.”*

Gospel Reflection: This passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: “When Judas had gone.” However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension.

It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context. The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term “love”. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbor as yourself. (Mt 22) The “new” commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, “just as I have loved you.” He tells the disciples—and us—that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

Love: I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song! I absolutely love chocolate! We throw around the word “love” so casually today that it has almost lost its meaning. The decision whether or not to say “I love you” in a relationship has become a major dilemma—or alternatively, just the formula that has to be said to get what you want! Jesus did not use the word so casually or so inappropriately. He spoke of love very deliberately and very specifically. Jesus calls us to share in the selfless love that he modeled and to follow his example.

God’s Love: What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God’s love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God’s love doesn’t keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God’s love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God’s love is not conditional—whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God’s love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.

Love is all around: Love surrounds us all the time. It is impossible to turn on a radio without hearing “love” used in one way or another. Love is the most common theme of songs, poetry, literature, and art. Although we might bemoan the casual use of “love,” the fact remains that we fill our lives with the sounds and images of love. It’s easier to imagine the all-pervasive nature of God’s love when we recognize just how pervasive the commercial and artistic expressions of love have become. As Christian people, the challenge that faces us is to imbue these expressions with a richer, deeper notion of love.

Q. What is the glorification to which Jesus refers?

Q. Why was it at this particular time that Jesus chose to give his disciples the new commandment?

Q. In what ways does “love” get misused today?

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