

Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

May 26, 2019

6th 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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Please contact Deacon John.

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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

RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

I believe in mystery and multiplicity. My very belief and experience of a loving and endlessly creative God has led me to trust in both. I can surrender to ambivalence, to contradictions and seeming inconsistencies, both in myself and almost everything else, including God. Paradoxes don't scare me anymore. I don't have to prove myself or be in control. Richard Rohr, ofm

One of the primary stages of religion is to provide a template, an agreed upon summary of rules, expectations, belief statements and doctrines. It is beneficial to start out conservative in order to teach order and to establish boundaries.

While boundaries, like walls, may be good at keeping our children inside the back yard, they can ultimately limit and confine. Laws establish order but they also restrict, they exclude opportunities that could provide a blessing to our children by widening their spiritual experience.

As we grow, we are less confined by the rules of religion as we hear a call to change (conversion). Mystery gives us a sense of familiarity with the unknown. It is "a journey from certainty to faith" (Joan Chittister).

Authentic spirituality is "a longing for the holy" (Jeremiah Abrams), "the art of making connections" (Alan Jones), and "heart knowledge" (David Ariel).

We live in an era of bitter polarization. Everything from politics and economics and culture, yes, even Catholicism, knows the pain of the growing divide.

Some Catholics may ask, how does focusing on law and authority fit with the ideas of the Church as a home of faith and love? Some respond, concepts such as "authority," "governing" and "law" have been and continue to be necessary and unchanging realities of our Catholic faith.

Others respond, Mystical experiences are what really matter: those 'God moments' of sheer wonder, radical amazement, and profound illumination.

I believe there is a third way: There need not be an intrinsic conflict between "Christian" right and left, conservative and liberal, traditional and progressive. We must remember "*Everything Belongs*" (Richard Rohr) *AND* we must regain a sense of what *catholic* (distinct from Roman Catholic) really means. Ask yourself:

Is being catholic consistent with being nationalistic?

Which is transforming: "believing" or "loving?"

Does Jesus care more if we say what we believe or if we love one another?

Is God's passion witnessed through the awesome diversity found in Creation?

Good laws and constitutions have a rightful place. But Christianity is always about loving God and loving what God loves!

Who/What does God love?

Peace,
fr. greg

INTENTIONS

Monday	May 27	8:30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	May 28	7:00 pm	+Claire Hahne
Wednesday	May 29	8:30 am	Parish Community
Friday	May 31	8:30 am	+David M. Goff Sr.
Saturday	June 1	5:30 pm	+Jane Heinssen
Sunday	June 2	8:15 am	+Mary Nemes
		10:30am	The Weaver Family



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

WEDDING BANNES

Some of us remember a time when church bulletins posted "Wedding Banns." A custom borrowed from the Church of England, banns are a proclamation announcing a couples' upcoming wedding.

While no longer a regular feature in the Catholic Church, today we'd like to announce that **LIZ RICHARDS and SAM SALUSTRO are soon to be married at Resurrection parish.** Liz, a lifelong member of the parish is the daughter of Tom and Eileen Richards. Sam, a native of Chicago, IL, is the son of Larry and Susan Salustro.

Liz and Sam have asked that we announce their wedding. Because of Liz's love and gratitude for this faith community, she wants Resurrection parishioners to know that they are most welcome to come to the wedding ceremony (Liz wishes they could also invite everyone to the wedding reception but that is not possible).

LIZ and SAM will be married on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. You are invited to join us as they witness their vows of love and, by the blessing of God, become husband and wife through this beautiful sacrament.

Everyone is invited to attend the 60th annual Memorial Day field Mass will be held 10:00 a.m. on Monday May 27, 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. 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.

PARISH 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 on June 2!**

Easter Renewal with Fr. Simeon

Reflection and comments

Forms are in the Gathering Space and on the parish website

<https://resurrectionde.org/parish-renewal-reflection-and-thoughts>

RESURRECTION PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY Come! Renew! Connect!

CELEBRATE!

Resurrection Parish is excited to rejoice in our *Jubilee Year* with each of you! 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 Sunday**, 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 Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Please RSVP for the picnic here on our website at <https://www.resurrectionde.org/parish-picnic-june-23-2019>, or in the Gathering Space the weekends of June 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16.

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

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 50th 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 comfortable, 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!

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

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, or email mcarucci@cdow.org.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Resurrection Parish is proud to support The St. Benedict Outreach Program at St. John the Beloved.

The St. Benedict Outreach Program at St. John the Beloved recently announced a new partnership with our neighbors and faith partners at Community of Christ Church located on Milltown Rd. On April 8, the two churches held a grand re-opening of the food bank and clothing ministry in the new space, 1205 Milltown Rd. Wilmington.

Resurrection Parish accepts donations in the food closet bin in the Gathering Space, The donations are then delivered to Community of Christ Church.

If you would like to help with transporting donations from here to there, please call the parish office at 302-368-0146 ext. 101 or email office@resurrectionde.org.

Please Donate at Resurrection Parish: cereal, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, juice, pancake mix, tuna fish, rice, coffee, tea, pancake syrup, canned meat, beans, baby food, pasta, peanut butter and jelly, canned

vegetables, pasta sauce, soup, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, personal hygiene products, toiletries, and diapers (all sizes).

We thank you, for your continued support of this ongoing, vital ministry.

Resurrection Parish supports St Damien Pediatric Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, through our Charitable Giving Committee. **On Wednesday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m., 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 trailer for viewing are available at: <https://www.nphusa.org/haiti-de>

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.

THANK YOU RESURRECTION PARISH !

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!

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**

- 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.

TAKING IT HOME

The gospel this weekend comes from what scripture scholars call Jesus' farewell discourse – his goodbye to his disciples. Jesus is about to face death and so as he prepares to depart, he, like a dying parent, informs his disciples that he wishes to leave a gift for them. But this gift is not the gift of property or money, it is the gift of peace: "Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you." This peace Jesus leaves comes with the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the Spirit that will help the disciples overcome their fears and know that though Jesus will depart and will not be physically present, he will be with them in Spirit. So the peace that Jesus leaves is not the peace that the world gives, but is a peace that can comfort troubled hearts.

The peace that Jesus gives can comfort troubled hearts because it comes from the conviction that nothing can separate Jesus and his love for the disciples, as well as anyone who chooses to become a disciple. This peace is grounded in the love of Christ and is given in the name of the Spirit, which means that it is always and everywhere available. The Spirit is the Spirit of life that God breaths on us through creation, allowing us to remain intimately connected to the God who made us. This is the same Spirit that becomes the presence of Jesus as a life-force in our lives, empowering us to live and act in our lives as Jesus lived and acted in his.

Because nothing can separate us from this love of Christ through the power of the Spirit, not even death, there really is no reason for us to fear. Death is the ultimate fear, but since Jesus has overcome death and has entered into a new and everlasting relationship with the Father, we too through the Spirit have access to this gift of new life. So peace can begin to rise in our hearts as we, through Christ, enter into this very relationship with the Father. But just as Jesus has acted in our lives by giving us this peace, we too must act in our lives now by sharing this same peace with others and even restoring it where it is lacking.

Peace by its nature does not divide people, but restores them to one another. This is the peace that we have been given by Christ and the same peace that we are meant to share with others. So if we are left a story of peace in our lives we are meant to remember it and to act on it and, with the Spirit's help, teach others the way to that peace. So what stories can you tell about peace and leave as a remembrance for those you love?

Deacon John



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD GOSPEL – LUKE 24: 46-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.

And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them.

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

Gospel Reflection: The author of the gospel of Luke is also recognized as the author of the Acts of the Apostles. The works are regarded as originally being intended as a two volume single work sometimes referred to as Luke-Acts. Their separation occurred in the development of the canon of the Bible. In today’s gospel and first reading we get the very end of the first volume and the very beginning of the second volume of the Luke-Acts work—the very point of intersection between the two books. The gospel of Luke is the only one of the four canonical gospels that describes the Ascension of Jesus and, to reiterate it, the writer begins with the same event at the beginning of Acts.

If we regard the two volumes of Luke-Acts as a single work, we see the events as all part of the one story. The life and ministry of Jesus is only the first half of the story. The story continues through the Book of Acts as the disciples and believers enter into a new way of witnessing to the ministry of Jesus—attempting to take on that ministry themselves and spread the message even further than Jesus was able to do in his life. Seen in this light, the gospel account of Jesus’ ministry establishes a model and a pattern for the ministry that the followers of Jesus seek to emulate in their own lives after his Ascension. The Ascension is the pivotal event between the two volumes but it was also the pivotal event in the ministry of Jesus. The Ascension, and the subsequent events of Pentecost, was essential for the shift in emphasis from the ministry being carried on by Jesus to the same ministry carried on by millions of people throughout time.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – LUKE-ACTS

The two works of Luke and Acts, ascribed to the same writer, are both addressed to the same person, Theophilus. However, the Greek name, Theophilus, means “Friend of God” or “Beloved of God.” Theophilus may have been a particular person or may have been a literary device by the author—using the name to imply that the books were written to any “Friend of God”. There is a common style employed in the writing of the two works and a common theology runs through both works and it is these commonalities that lead scholars to conclude that the two works share the same author.

A MESSAGE FOR ALL PEOPLE: One of the defining features of the Gospel of Luke is the fact that the message preached and practiced by Jesus made salvation available to all people. At times in the gospel some of the Jewish audience became quite angry at Jesus because he said that pagans and gentiles were also included in the salvation he promised—something they regarded as exclusive to the “chosen” people. The two accounts of the Ascension make very clear that the message and ministry of Jesus are to be carried to *all* nations—even to the ends of the earth!

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES:

Organizers of the twenty-third World Youth Day hosted by Sydney in 2008 took as its theme verse 8 of the passage from Acts 1 that is today’s first reading: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.” The choice of this theme for a worldwide gathering of young people of faith is a significant reminder of the call of Jesus to go out to the ends of the earth and to bear witness to his message. These are the final words on earth attributed to Jesus and they echo to us through time.

Q. What is the glorification to which Jesus refers?

Q. Why at this particular time did Jesus choose to give his disciples the new commandment?

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

Q. How does the command to love as Jesus loved challenge you?

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