

# Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

## 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.

November 17, 2019

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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www.resurrectionde.org



## Rev. William Graney, Pastor

Rev. Gregory Corrigan, Assoc. Pastor ext. 102  
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Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music ext. 106  
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation ext. 104  
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry ext. 107  
Tina Donald, Bookkeeper ext. 105  
Debbie Seymour, Admin. Asst. ext. 0

Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.  
6:00-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

## Pastoral Council

Sharon Gidumal Executive Officer  
Mary Beth Coté Asst. Executive  
Pat Sormani Secretary

## Baptisms

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, Fr. Greg, or  
Deacon John

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

## Resurrection Parish Charitable Giving

### Mission:

It is the desire of Resurrection Parish to address our responsibility as a Catholic Christian Community to serve the poor, suffering and downtrodden of our community, nation and the world by allocating 5 percent of our annual offertory income (\$26,700) to help alleviate their need. With rejoicing we accept this call of the Lord, Jesus, as His sons and Daughters. The Charitable Giving Committee will investigate needs, allocate funds and audit their impact in accord with the desires of the Parish Community.”

### Principles:

An annual plan is made to allocate funds which come from the parish budget. All information is shared with Pastoral Council who have charged us with this responsibility. The charitable organizations listed below receive a moderate size donation on a monthly basis. It is the intent of the committee to distribute a major portion of the donations in the local community but at least 15% of the donations go to nations and global needs. We do not give donations for building funds or to individuals. It is our mission to aid charitable organizations that provide for needy individuals. Decisions of the committee are made by consensus.

**Jesus House Prayer & Renewal Center** - a sacred space providing opportunities to deepen your spirituality

**Delaware Center for Justice**- committed to transforming the quality of justice through advocacy, policy, and practice

**Saint Damien Pediatric Hospital** - provides high quality medical treatment for disadvantaged and sick children in Haiti

**Emmanuel Dining Room**- provide a monthly meal for the homeless on the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month

**Family Promise** - programs aimed at preventing and ending homelessness for families

**Friendship House** – services for those individuals and families that are or are at risk of becoming homeless

**San Marcos Project** – a project aiding those poverty stricken in Guatemala

**Sojourner’s Place** – a structured program for adults with substance abuse issues

**St. Martin’s Ministries** – helping families with their basic needs of food, clothing, and housing

## INTENTIONS

Monday	Nov. 18	8:30 am	+James & Marie Murray
Tuesday	Nov. 19	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Nov. 20	8:30 am	+Dr. Andrey Georgieff
Friday	Nov. 22	8:30 am	
Saturday	Nov. 23	5:30 pm	+John & Johanna Williams
Sunday	Nov. 24	8:15 am	+Kevin Rzucidlo
		10:30am	Parish Community



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, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Patty Calhoun, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Anna Catriew, Annabelle Capritta, Patricia Barber, Joey (Morton) Scruggs, Steven Huhn, Ed Donaldson, Frank Maguire, Kathie Wisniewski, Ginnie Marzouca, Fran Huhn, Rick Markel, Peggy Wessel, Burt Strasser, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY



### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, 11/27, 7:00 pm  
at Resurrection Parish  
3000 Videre Drive, Wilmington

Once again we approach that wonderful time of year in which we express in a special way our thanks and appreciation to God for all God's blessings in our lives as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Sisters and brothers in faith from Ebenezer United Methodist Church and Resurrection Parish will gather and together pray in thanksgiving. Continuing our tradition of sharing leadership for this meaningful service, Rev. Mary Browne will bring the message and musicians from both churches will join together to lead music. Monetary donations collected will benefit Family Promise, another area of ministry where our two churches work together to love and serve God. You also are invited to bring canned goods and dry groceries to support the food pantry at Friendship House's Newark Empowerment Center.

## Thanksgiving Morning Mass at Resurrection Thursday, November 28 9:00 am



Liturgy ministers, please contact Ruth Sanders [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org) with your availability to serve for this Mass.

**November 24** will be our celebration of **Jesus Christ the King of the Universe**, the last Sunday of this liturgical year. That day beginning at **11:45 am** we will **prepare our Worship Space** for the liturgies of the **Advent season**. We'll need help moving chairs, changing banners and more. All helpers accepted with gratitude!

## PARISH LIFE

### Stewardship as a Way of Life

Stewardship begins first and foremost with a personal relationship with God. The giving of our time, talent, and treasure is a genuine expression of our commitment to God, community and justice in the world. Resurrection Parish has a long and proud history of practicing the call to stewardship.

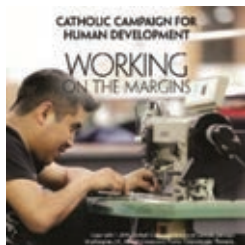
To help Resurrection Parish Finance Council plan our budget for the coming year, **please return your 2020 green commitment card** or the form from the Nov 3 bulletin **by November 17<sup>th</sup>**. You may drop your card/form in the collection basket or in the wooden box by the front doors.

Thank you for your ongoing giving of time, talent, and treasure.

**Building and Grounds:** The Worship Space and Gathering Space have been beautifully freshly painted by Right Inc. 302-983-7761. Resurrection Parish earnestly appreciates parishioners' ongoing support which helped finance this parish building improvement.

**Donut Ministry:** Can you give an hour one Sunday a month after morning Mass? Please sign up on the sign up genius on the parish website.

This Thanksgiving season, *The Dialog* is giving thanks for Bishop Malooly's ministry as the Ninth Bishop of Wilmington, with a special section in its November 22, 2019 edition. Pick up your copy next weekend for an exclusive interview with the bishop, a look back at his eleven year tenure as our bishop, photos, and more.



**Next weekend our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.** More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**2020 Parish Calendars:** Each year Doherty Funeral Homes kindly donates religious art calendars for Resurrection parishioners and friends to enjoy. Take one home today from the basket in the Gathering Space.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Fair Trade Coffee/Tea Sale:** Resurrection parishioners have supported the Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate project since 2003. **Our next Fair Trade sale continues the weekend of November 16/17.** Thank you for your continued support for small farmers around the world. **Please include payment** (cash or check) with your order form.

**Coat Drive:** A heartfelt thank you to all of the donors who dropped off coats of all sizes. The Clothing Bank of Delaware, sponsored by Friendship House, was pleased to receive this much needed winter clothing for the local community.

**Food Closet:** Thanks to all of you who continue to support our Outreach ministry by providing the much needed food for the centralized Food Closet at Community Christ Church. These groceries are delivered there (1205 Milltown Road) on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning between 9 & 11 a.m. If you are able to help with this ministry once per week, please call or stop by the parish office.



**Return Food Boxes to Parish Library by November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Return Zingo turkey feathers and ShopRite or Acme gift cards for Turkeys to church office in envelope marked *Holiday Outreach*

### **Christmas Giving Tree**



Take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Atrium after

Masses on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>

Please return **wrapped** gifts under the tree in the Gathering Space by December 8<sup>th</sup>

### Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season

This Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

**November 23, 2019 at 10:00am**  
**Soup & Fellowship following class**  
Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
525 Polly Drummond Hill Road  
Newark, DE. 19711  
Please RSVP to 302-731-9495 Ext.10

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM



**Our K to 5 Elementary Program will meet**  
**11/17, 12/1,**  
**12/8, and 12/15**  
**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 Materials are available on our website.

## **CFP SPECIAL EVENT**

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Gratitude Prayer Service

### **Sacramental Preparation Classes**

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:45am-12:30pm,  
**Church Tour**

### **CFP's Mini Fall Community Service Project**

Thank you for your generous donations of Halloween Candy to the Helen Graham Cancer Center.  
You have made a difference!

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**



### **Middle School Youth Group**

November 17, 2019 6:30—8:15 p.m.  
Topic: Saints in our lives

### **High School Youth Group**

November 17, 2019 6:30—8:15 p.m.

Come reconnect with one another. It will be an informal gathering catching up with one another.

## **Confirmation**

Registration for Confirmation has begun. Please register *prior* to our first gathering for youth *and* a parent/guardian on Sunday December 8 at 12:00 Noon. We will gather in the youth room. Register online at <https://resurrectionde.org/confirmation-registration>  
If you have questions contact Elaine at 368-0146 ext. 107 or [elittle@resurrectionde.org](mailto:elittle@resurrectionde.org)

## **TAKING IT HOME**

Wars, insurrections, earthquakes and disasters are all scary things and having them happen all at once is probably a sign that something really strange is going on in the world. Perhaps something like the end of the world because isn't that what the end is supposed to look like? At least we think so. But if that is what the end is supposed to look like, shouldn't we be concerned because aren't these sorts of things already happening? There is the war in Syria and elsewhere, destructive fires in California, floods in Texas and terrorism still showing its ugly head throughout the world. The end is near, right? So we might think that this weekend's gospel is just one more attempt to scare us into changing our behavior and readying us for the end which is just around the corner. But is this really the purpose? Are we really to think that God prescribes all these things like earthquakes and other things as a measure to avenge God's anger at the world for its disbelief?

As we Catholic Christians approach the end of our liturgical year the scriptures naturally focus on the end of time. So every year at this time we have scripture readings that remind us of this end. But the purpose is not to scare us and to get us to change our ways, but instead it is to heighten our awareness to the time in which we live. The dramatic language of wars and insurrections is a device intended to draw our attention to something, which is very important and that something is the time of the Lord; and the time of the Lord is at hand now. The kingdom of God is upon us.

In the ancient world people had a fatalistic attitude about life. This approach thought that this world as we know it was so horribly corrupt that nothing short of a final act of God could save it. In that final act, God would come and sweep away the corrupt and sinful people, restore justice, vindicate the righteous and permanently establish the kingdom. In fact some in the early church had this belief as well (read Revelation). And in fact this belief is not far from what many evangelical Christians believe today, that this world will be destroyed and the righteous will reign with God in heaven and the world will be a better place for it. Unfortunately, this prescribes too much violence to God, which is not a good thing because to read scripture literally is to turn God into a tribal God in competition with other gods. But all of this was premised on the belief that Christ would soon return and that the promised kingdom of which he spoke would be realized. Again this is not unlike what many evangelical Christians say today regarding their many predictions about when the end is to take place. But just as then, and like now, there is no certainty when Christ will return. So what are we to do in the mean time? Just what did the life of Christ mean for how we should live in the present moment when the likelihood of Christ's return is not imminent?

The problem with a pre-determined end is that it gives no urgency to what we do now. If the end is already set, why bother? God will simply set things right. We can do nothing, add nothing or make any difference to what God has already set in motion. So don't worry about this world, it will come to its unfortunate end and the righteous shall be vindicated. This attitude can be likened to the disciple's attitude in our second reading who refused to work because they saw no need to work. But is this what the life of Jesus taught us, that we should just sit idly by and let the world fall apart? No, it taught us as Jesus came announcing it, that the kingdom of God is at hand now and that the way we see the kingdom are through the signs of Christ – the blind see, the lame walk and captives are set free.

In Jesus the end, the vindication of the righteous, for which we long, has already dawned. Jesus, as the visible presence of the invisible God, shows us not only how God cares and is compassionate toward us, but also how we are to be the continuing presence of God in the world to others. We are to do as Jesus did. This is how we make the kingdom at hand now. Deacon John



**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY  
GOSPEL – LUKE 23: 35-43**

*The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.”*

*Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.” Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.” The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.”*

*Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”*

*He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”*

**Gospel Reflection:** Reasons for the choice of this gospel passage in the lectionary appear to be twofold. First, the inscription above the crucified Christ reads, “This is the King of the Jews”, one of the scriptural references to Christ’s kingship—although that reference is more complicated than it first appears. Second, the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and the end of the year-long journey through the gospel of Luke. Given that the second half of the gospel is a physical and psychological journey towards Jerusalem and the death that awaits Jesus there, it is fitting that the final reading for the liturgical year is the crucifixion.

When the feast of Christ the King was first conceived by Pope Pius XI in 1925, its intention was to emphasize the majesty and power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the world. However, our understanding of “king” as it can be applied to Jesus has changed significantly in the intervening years. Despite earthly notions of kingship and the role of the Messiah, Jesus completely rejected such expectations and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast. As we have seen throughout this year, the gospel of Luke depicts in great detail the emphasis and priority that Jesus gave to the lowly and marginalized.

The theme that flows through the gospel is again captured in the account of the crucifixion. At this most critical point, it is a criminal, crucified alongside Jesus, who responds in faith to Jesus and asks to join Jesus when he enters into his kingdom. The criminal has a much better idea of the nature of the sort of king that Jesus really is than is revealed by the sign that Pilate has had nailed to the cross.

**Christ the King:** The Feast of Christ the King was introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The establishment of the feast took place in a world that had suffered through the First World War and was unknowingly heading towards the Second World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and an even more dramatic growth in dictators who were rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond any earthly leader.

**Shepherds and Criminals:** The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast, and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals—two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar—are witnesses to the birth and death of Jesus.

**Kingdom of inclusion:** In response to the criminal’s faith, Jesus assures him, “today you will be with me in paradise.” There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is *today* that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

- Q. Why might the lectionary include only this short aspect of the crucifixion?*
- Q. Which word or phrase from the gospel most catches your attention? Why?*
- Q. What can we learn from the interaction between Jesus and the second criminal?*
- Q. Where can we see reflections of the attitudes of the first and second criminals today?*

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