

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.

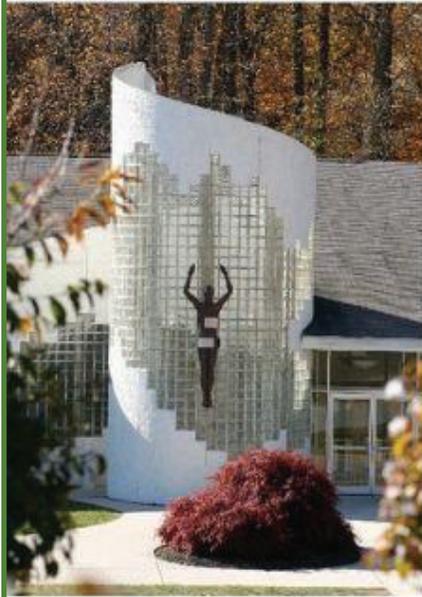
Reconciliation

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

November 24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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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.

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

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

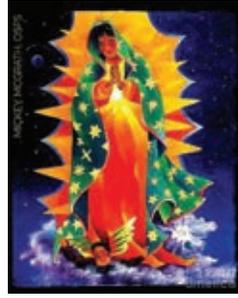


Liturgy ministers, please contact Ruth Sanders
rsanders@resurrectionde.org with your
availability to serve for this Mass.



INTENTIONS

Monday	Nov. 25	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Nov. 26	7:00 pm	+Mary Ellen Keilman
Wednesday	Nov. 27	8:30 am	+Ken Pfeiffer
Thursday	Nov. 28	9:00 am	+Jim Pohlen
Friday	Nov. 29	8:30 am	
Saturday	Nov. 30	5:30 pm	
Sunday	Dec. 1	8:15 am	+Kevin Rzucidlo
		10:30am	Parish Community



Join us at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 12th for Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Pope John XXIII invoked her as "Mother of the Americas" in 1961). After Mass, there will be Mexican hot chocolate and the traditional "pan dulce" (pastries). ¡Todos bienvenidos!

PARISH LIFE



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 others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

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!

50th Anniversary JUBILEE SONG FEST



On November 9 Resurrection Parish gathered for our Jubilee Song Fest, celebrating 50 years of singing in praise and thanksgiving to God. . A collaboration among our 50th Anniversary and Parish Life Committees and our Music Ministry, the evening was a reSOUNDing success! What joy to sing together our love for the Lord in music of so many genres across the decades of our parish life! And in true Resurrection style, we kicked off the evening with a potluck chili dinner and concluded with dessert. We offer heartfelt thanks to our marvelous musicians for their time and talent in preparing and leading the Song Fest – with special thanks to Wendy Gill, Mary Louise Chesley-Cora, Kate Regan and Ruth Sanders for organizing the Song fest. Also bountiful thanks to Linda Malm, Nancy Maloney and the Parish Life Committee for organizing an outstanding potluck meal and great time for community! AND most of all thank you to all Resurrection parishioners for your generosity and openness to continuing growth in FAITH, HOPE, LOVE.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM



Our K to 5 Elementary Program will meet

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 or 368-0146 ext. 104. Registration Materials are available on our website.

Sacramental Preparation Classes

Sunday, December 1st at 11:45am-12:30pm,
Church Tour

YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle School Youth Group

December 1, 2019 6:30—8:15 p.m.

Topic: Jesse Tree

High School Youth Group

December 15, 2019 6:30—8:15 p.m.

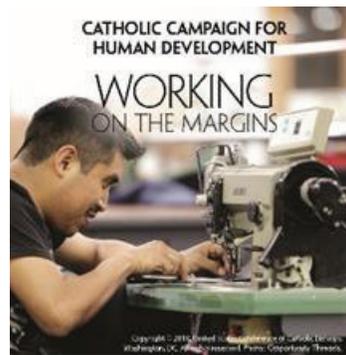
Come connect with old friends and new. Let us know what you want to discuss! Light refreshments will be provided.

Confirmation

Registration for Confirmation has begun. Our first gathering for youth *and* a parent/guardian is Sunday December 8 at 12:00 Noon in the youth room. Register online at <https://resurrectionde.org/confirmation-registration>

For information contact Elaine at 368-0146 ext. 107 elittle@resurrectionde.org

SOCIAL CONCERNS



Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes

of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. More information about

50 Acts of the Apostles

Memories of Resurrection Parishioners Who Have Gone to Eternal Life

Parishioners were invited to contribute to this 50th anniversary feature as a way of celebrating our Parish Life. The booklet is now printed and available to take home and enjoy. The booklet is also on the parish website under the 50th Anniversary tab.

Ongoing collection of reflections may be submitted on the parish website <https://resurrectionde.org/50-acts-of-the-apostles-stories> or via email to dseymour@resurrectionde.org. A booklet supplement will be published at a later date. Here's one new reflection

George Ward: Mike and I worked with George at Emanuel Dining room. He and Judy quickly became people we so admired. I recall George when he was well and when he was declining. He had that same determination to help no matter how he was doing physically! He was an intelligent, loving, kind man who had a loving softness about him that I can still feel.

All you holy men and women, pray for us . . .

Cathedral All Saints and Gate of Heaven Cemeteries

Cathedral All Saints and Gate of Heaven Cemeteries are once again offering families the convenience of purchasing Christmas grave/crypt decorations for family members who are laid to rest in our diocesan cemeteries. The decorations are made by a local artisan and placed by cemetery personnel. For more information go to cathcemde.com and click on "Special Notices" at the top of the page. The information you need to order on-line is in the first paragraph. If you need to order by mail or in person, please contact the respective cemetery office. For Cathedral and All Saints Cemeteries please call (302) 656 – 3323. After the prompt press 1 for Cathedral and 2 for All Saints. For Gate of Heaven call the Cathedral Cemetery office.

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the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Christmas Giving Tree



Take a tag from the Giving Tree in the Atrium after

Masses on
November 23rd and 24th
November 30th and December 1st

*Please return **wrapped** gifts under the tree in the Gathering Space by December 8th*

Food Closet & Zingos: Thanks to all of you who continue to support our Outreach ministry by providing the much needed food for our Food Closet. Some of the items that are running a little low are as follows: canned vegetables, pasta, and pasta sauce.

We sincerely thank Zingo's for having the program of a 1% donation of receipt totals and all the Zingo shoppers who save their tapes and put them in the Zingo box on the table by the nursery.

TAKING IT HOME

The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year for cycle C. Next Sunday we begin the new year of cycle A, beginning with the season of Advent. Though one year ends and another is about to begin, this ending time and beginning time is not really about an ending and a beginning. It is about a transition.

Each liturgical year is not just a repeat of the same with just a different gospel. Each year is instead intended to be an encounter with the Christ of the gospels. So how has our encounter with the Christ of Luke changed your perspective on Jesus? How has it given you new light on Jesus as teacher, as forgiver, dinner guest and friend? Our encounter with the Jesus of Luke should not leave us in the same place we were when we began the year just like we hope that the gospel of Matthew will give us yet another new perspective on Jesus.

There is also yet another transition that is taking place. This is the transition related to time. The end of every liturgical year brings a focus on the end of time. This end is when Jesus will come again in glory and "all will be in all." This is really the meaning for celebrating this Solemnity of Christ the King. Christ though not a king in worldly terms, is now recognized as king of the kingdom he established when he came as one like us. Christ is now leading us into the fullness of life and love with God. This Solemnity then pulls us into Advent,

when the beginning of the season also anticipates the coming of Christ again at the end of time. This is one of the characteristics of Advent, a season that also looks forward to the coming of Christ in real time.

So what both the Solemnity of Christ the King and the Advent season remind us of is that we do really live between these two times; the time of Christ's first arrival and the time of his coming again at the end of time. On the one hand we know that Christ did come and that in his person he announced as he did in our gospel this weekend to the "Good Thief," "this day you will be with me in paradise." On the other hand, we know that paradise is not exactly the place where we see ourselves at the moment. The kingdom, the place we should think of as paradise is not yet fully realized. So living in this in-between time causes tension. If paradise is what Jesus promised, why don't we feel like this is paradise? In paradise there is to be peace and harmony, justice and righteousness and sorrow, suffering and death is to be destroyed. But when we look around, we still see plenty of disharmony, injustice, sorrow and death.

This tension we experience then creates a longing in us. Why can't we have the paradise Jesus promised? Why can't the lamb and the wolf lie together? Why can't swords be turned into plowshares? Why can't deserts bloom and the fearful be strong? And why can't Christ be with us forever and ever? This is our longing and desire; to have a world and a paradise that God promised we would have.

On this Solemnity of Christ the King, we glimpse the future, the future that gives reality to our longings. We celebrate today because we do have a share in this future we call paradise. Because of Christ and the past saving events of his life, death and resurrection we know that the future we long for is real and not merely an illusion. Even though we know that this future has not come in its fullness, we can still have faith in it, believe in it and live it because of Christ. Christ has given us the ability to risk living in this world as he risked living in his by making justice our aim and love our game. For in Christ we know that God is faithful to the claim that God will not abandon us, that God does not forget us and that those who are peacemakers, who show mercy, live justly and love tenderly are not fools. They are living signs of Christ's presence still among us as they live as Christ did. In this way they are in paradise. So as we gather on this Solemnity, we too look to transform this world because in Christ, through Christ and with Christ all things are possible; paradise is available, even in the here and now. Deacon John



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 24: 37-44**

Jesus said to his disciples: “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Gospel Reflection: The first Sunday of Advent sees the beginning of the new liturgical year, Year A and featuring the gospel of Matthew. (Year B features the gospel of Mark and Year C, that we have just completed, features the gospel of Luke.) Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means “coming;” it is also reflected in the Greek word *Parousia*, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The gospel passage chosen for today’s reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation.

It may seem a little confusing that we begin our year-long exploration of the gospel of Matthew by taking a reading from chapter 24. However, the need for readiness and alertness that Jesus speaks about in relation to the coming of the Kingdom is equally suitable for a modern audience when preparing to celebrate once again the coming of Jesus into the world. Jesus is the best expression of the Kingdom that we have yet experienced and so rather than seeing the choice of this passage as a confusion, we should recognize the alignment that exists between the anticipation of the Kingdom and the anticipation of the Nativity. The two great feasts of Christianity—the Nativity and Easter—are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into one of the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.

Get Ready! Jesus draws a parallel between the people in Noah’s time and the people of his own time, reflecting a complacency that periodically overtook the Jewish people. When the people bound themselves to God in covenant their lives gradually became better. Inevitably, their lives improved to such a state that they forgot God was responsible for their blessings. They ignored their relationship with God and became complacent about their good fortune. Ultimately, their comfort was brought to an end and they recognized once again their need for God. Jesus calls the people to get ready because the pattern is repeating itself.

Burglars in the night: The teachings and sayings of Jesus reveal him to be a clever public speaker and story teller. His use of imagery and language captivated the imagination of his audience. However, we have tended to endow his every word with awesome significance and layers of meaning. This reading is an example where Jesus used a confronting image simply to gain his audience’s attention. He does not intend to suggest that God sneaks up on us like a burglar and is seeking to catch us out. The image conveys the need to prepare for what might happen unexpectedly.

The Advent Wreath: A very familiar symbol of the Advent season is the wreath. The wreath circle is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually four candles in the wreath, three purple and one rose colored. The first candle is often thought to be symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle—the rose or pink candle—celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.

Q. What does Jesus refer to when he says the “coming of the Son of Man?”
Q. How does the image of the burglar work as a call to vigilance and alertness?
Q. In what ways is Advent like Lent?
Q. How can you better enter into observing Advent as a time of preparation?

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