

Resurrection Parish

January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord

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.

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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, Fr. Greg, or
Deacon John

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace (June 4, 2014)

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

INTENTIONS

Monday	Jan. 6	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Jan. 7	7:00 pm	+Ron & Jody Maliga
Wednesday	Jan. 8	8:30am	
Friday	Jan. 10	8:30 am	
Saturday	Jan. 11	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Jan. 12	8:15 am	+Kevin Rzucidlo
		10:30am	+Christopher Walls

PARISH LIFE

**RESURRECTION PARISH
EPIPHANY PARTY**

JANUARY 5 AFTER 10:30 AM. MASS
Please Join In for an
**ETHNIC AND FAVORITE FOOD
COVERED DISH POTLUCK**

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, Andy Werner, Wayne Bunting, Bea Mercatante and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

Join our email list



SNAP Support Group: A support group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families sponsored by Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) meets in Wilmington on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. For the location, call Judy Miller at 302-234-1519 or email: snapdelaware@yahoo.com.

LITURGY



Thank you to all who had hand or voice or prayerful heart in making our Christmas Time celebrations GLORY-ous!

On **January 12 after the 10:30 am Mass** we prepare our worship **Environment Preparation for Ordinary Time!** Come help put away our beautiful Manger Scene and Holy Family statue, change banners, and freshen the flora in our Worship Space and Gathering Space. Thank you in advance for any and all help you can offer.

Save the Dates! An Invitation



Fr. Simeon Gallagher will lead a Lenten Retreat at Resurrection Parish from March 2 to March 5, 2020. He will also preach at Masses the weekend of February 29 / March 1

Save the Date! An Invitation

The Annual Winter Arts Festival and silent auction will be held the evening of Saturday January 25, 2019



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, Tuesday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

March for Life Bus

Friday, January 24, 2020, in Washington DC.

The bus will be in the parking lot of St. Joseph's on the Brandywine Catholic Church, 10 Old Church Road, Wilmington, Delaware at 7:00 a.m. and departing at 7:30 a.m. The only cost to the individual passenger is a tip for the bus driver. Brown bag lunch recommended. Please contact Jo Ann Van Heest at 302-239-0739 or 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or to sign up.

Donut Ministry

Thank you for helping to make our Sunday mornings a joyful time of fellowship. We are always looking for smiling faces to serve following one or more Sunday morning masses. Please sign up in the Gathering Space or on the sign up genius schedule or contact Doug Keilman or Ellen Pringle if you would like to help. Training is available.

**Contemplative Christianity
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.**

Gathering Space at Resurrection Church
ALL ARE WELCOME please join us!

Facilitated by Bev Roberts, Sue Dagenais, and Mary Trotter.

"God is acting on your soul all the time, whether you have spiritual sensations or not." Evelyn Underhill

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Our K to 5 Elementary Program
will meet 1/5, 1/12, and 1/26
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.

Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 5th, 10:30 a.m.

First Reconciliation

Saturday, January 11th, 9:00 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Middle School Youth Group

January 5, 2020 6:30—8:15 p.m.

The Epiphany:

What gifts do we have to share?

High School Youth Group

January 5, 2020 6:30—8:15 p.m.

Epiphany Party!

Bring a wrapped gender-neutral gift of no more than \$5 for our epiphany party!

Confirmation

Our next class is January 12 from 12:00—2:30 p.m. Complete online Modules 1&2 prior to class.

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Christian Unity and Criminal Justice Reform

A Christian Unity Service for justice and human dignity in the Red Clay School District will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2020. In the spirit of Martin Luther King we will focus on reform of our criminal justice system, and its impact upon children who have lost fathers and mothers via sentencing procedures. To learn more call 302-633-4915.

We will follow this up with a series of forums with guest speakers to address the need for criminal justice reform. If Church members are informed citizens, they can help legislators do the right thing. The dates are February 20th, March 19th and April 23rd; 7-8:30 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 2503 Centerville Road, Wilmington DE 19808.

Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate Sale:

Our first sale of 2020 is the weekend of January 4/5 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of January 18/19.

Fair Trade Chocolate would be a wonderful gift for your sweetheart on Valentine's Day!

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TAKING IT HOME

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning, “manifestation.” A manifestation is a revelation, an appearance of something that had previously been hidden or a sign that tells us that something special is happening. The Solemnity of the Epiphany is really a further expression of what we celebrated at Christmas – God becoming human.

In the tradition of the Church, we hear the same gospel story every year when we celebrate this feast, the story of the Magi. It is a delightful story, but its delight belies its deeper meaning. In fact all of the infancy stories in both Luke and Matthew’s gospels are not just simple narratives about Jesus’ birth. They are filled with many of the themes that will eventually tell the story of Jesus’ life, most especially about his ultimate passion, death and resurrection.

One of the themes of Jesus’ life is that he was rejected by some and accepted by others. Throughout his life, Jesus was rejected by both the religious and political leaders of his day, but eventually accepted by many Jews, especially those who were considered outcasts and was eventually accepted by the Gentiles. Although this acceptance happened in a minor way during Jesus’ lifetime, it certainly happened in a major way in the history of the early Church. This unexpected welcome by Gentiles could not have been anticipated and so it

invited a positive interpretation as something destined by God. God who holds all time together was at work. It was a manifestation of God.

At both Christmas and Epiphany we celebrate the manifestation of God becoming human or as some would say the wedding together of heaven and earth. In the story of the Magi we see this coming together. Heaven in the form of a star becomes wedded with the child Jesus; heaven and earth are one. The manifestation for us is that this child is no ordinary child, but comes directly from God.

Finally when the star stops above the place where Jesus was everything is suddenly in balance and the Magi rejoice. The Magi realize the one for whom they long and acknowledge him with their gifts. The gold represents Jesus’ royal stature as a human king, the frankincense acknowledges his divine stature as God and the myrrh points to his human death, which will be redemptive for the world. And so these events surrounding the birth of the child Jesus as told by Matthew foretold not only his birth but his future destiny as well. From this we can say that God was at work in human history wanting to make known that it is God who is the ultimate author of the life of Jesus.

What does it all mean? One is that Jesus, as God, becomes a member of our human race and this means that God has graced our world and that having graced it, there is nothing about it that is not holy. God through Jesus has wedded heaven and earth. So if we are to seek out God, we are to seek God through and in the ordinary activities of our daily lives. This is where holiness is to be found.

Second because God has seen fit to connect heaven and earth, there is no part of our lives that makes sense apart from God. God is the center and source of our very existence, and so if we are going to find meaning for our lives and this world, we can only do it by allowing the desires of our restless hearts to rest in God.

Another implication is that this Jesus who graces our world is a light for all people. Jesus’ preaching, his life, his death and his resurrection is a revelation of God to every single person on earth, no exceptions. The Spirit of God is present in Muslims and Jews and as well as in all Christians.

Deacon John



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 3: 13-17**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Jesus said to him in reply, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: When Jesus approaches John for baptism, John recognizes him as the Messiah that John himself has been preaching about, the one for whom he was preparing the way. Recognizing the significance of the moment, John tries to reverse roles and force Jesus into a superior role to himself. But Jesus says let’s just do it like this for now and “do all that righteousness demands.” In the gospel of Matthew, whenever Jesus speaks about fulfilling the demands of righteousness or doing what is righteous, he is speaking about carrying out the will of God; acting in accordance with the covenant relationship between God and the people. It would have been easy for Jesus to accept John’s offer to exchange places. In many ways perhaps he would have liked to do so as a way of acknowledging the great work John had done. But part of the demands of righteousness that Jesus needed to fulfill was to be the sort of Messiah that did not sit within normal expectations. Part of his fulfillment of God’s will was to be a servant Messiah rather than a powerful, avenging Messiah for which many of the people hoped and prayed. To have exchanged places with John would have been to say, here I am, I am greater than John and I am here to show you all the way. Rather, by submitting to John’s baptism he does indeed show the way—the way of humility and gentleness. We are assured of the rightness of Jesus’ actions immediately because, upon his rising from the water, the voice of God affirms favor and approval upon Jesus. In the first test of his will, Jesus has acted in accordance with the will of God.

THE DEMANDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: To carry out the will of God in our life—that’s a pretty big ask. It was a hard task for Jesus to act in accordance with God’s will in the face of all sorts of difficulties, disappointments and despair. For us to even try to emulate Jesus requires firstly openness to the fact that God has a desire for us to live our lives in a particular way, in right relationship with God and with others. It requires a certain humility to open ourselves to God’s will and prayerful discernment of God’s will in our life.

A SACRAMENTAL MOMENT: When we speak about receiving the sacraments, we speak about them as particularly graced moments when God is especially present in our life. The moment of Jesus’ baptism was a particularly sacramental and graced moment: God spoke in approval of Jesus and bestowed God’s favor upon him. It would be nice for the rest of us if God’s presence could be so easily recognized at such times! However, in the absence of a voice from Heaven, we need to be fully present ourselves to sacramental moments and fully present to the moments that celebrate the sacramentality of our everyday lives.

LEAVE IT LIKE THIS: There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, “Leave it like this for the time being.” We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives—we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus’ words convey a sense that there is an order to things a right time for them to come about. “Leave it like this for the time being” says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things.

- Q. What do you think John recognized about Jesus that marked him as the Messiah?*
- Q. Why did Jesus refuse to baptize John?*
- Q. For you in your life, what are the “demands of righteousness”?*
- Q. What everyday moments of your life are ‘graced’ moments of God’s presence?*

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