

Resurrection Parish

May 10, 2020

5th Sunday of Easter

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.

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



For all mothers:
That they may be supported and encouraged
in their special vocation of love;
We pray to the Lord:

For all mothers awaiting the birth of their children:
That the Lord protect them
and bring their babies to safe delivery;
We pray to the Lord:

That all might treasure and support
God's plan for life and love;
We pray to the Lord:

For all married couples struggling to have a child:
That the Lord grant them peace
as they hope for the gift of a son or a daughter;
We pray to the Lord:

For all mothers:
That their children will honor
their many sacrifices
by lives of service and virtue;
We pray to the Lord:

For all those longing to welcome a child through
adoption:
May the Lord guide their journey to parenthood
and grant them peace along the way;
We pray to the Lord:

For mothers facing unexpected pregnancies:
That they may find strength and courage
in the example of our Blessed Mother;
We pray to the Lord:

For mothers who mourn the loss of a child:
That they may find peace and consolation
in the hope of eternal life;
We pray to the Lord:

INTENTIONS

will be prayed at a private Mass

No public Masses will be held in Delaware or Maryland's Eastern Shore while the nation confronts the threat of coronavirus.

+Helen Piergiovanni	+Kevin Rzucidlo
Parish Community	+Thomas Francis Ramsey

Rest in Peace

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to all touched by these deaths.

Kevin Walsh, son of Mike & Kelly O'Shaughnessy

Rose Marie Pankowski, Aunt of Johna-Lee Ingraham

James Fox, nephew of Dolores Nolan

Fr. Bill Lawler

Jeff Brennan



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, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Patty Calhoun, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Anna Catriew, Annabelle Capritta, Patricia Barber, Joey (Morton) Scruggs, Steven Huhn, Ed Donaldson, Kathie Wisniewski, Ginnie Marzouca, Fran Huhn, Rick Markel, Peggy Wessel, Andy Werner, Wayne Bunting, Bea Mercatante, Lorraine Sturfels, Ann Amsler, Hindey Singer Moser, John and Anne Callahan, C.D. Malmgren, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

Staying Connected: www.resurrectionde.org

Subscribe to the parish [YouTube channel](#) (link on website) if you'd like to see videos as made available.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/DioceseofWilm>

On May 13th at 10:00 a.m., Bishop Malooly will live-stream a School Mass for Catholic School Students and their families. And every Saturday at 4 pm. Mass is live streamed.

LITURGY



For resources for your prayer and reflections at home, see Resurrection's **Keeping the Seasons** page: <https://www.resurrectionde.org/keeping-seasons>. Sunday prayer services for households, along with discussion starters and puzzle sheets for children are included.

In the April 26 Mass streamed from St. Peter Cathedral, Bishop Malooly mentioned that he would have been at Resurrection for Confirmation at the 10:30 am Mass that day. And on May 3 our 10:30 am Mass would have included First Communion for a group of our children. We will celebrate Confirmation and First Communions, but we don't yet know when. Let us keep these extraordinary young people especially in our prayers over these next many weeks. May their love of God and desire for the sacraments be deepened as they walk with Jesus their own way of discipleship. May the Holy Spirit guide and comfort them and their families at this time, and kindle the flame of Christ's love in all.

In the face of the Covid 19 Pandemic -- Let Us Pray:
As we pray for the needs of the world, we take up our call to Mission and our call to live as the Body of Christ.

For those who have contracted the corona virus – may there be appropriate health care for them and may they be healed and restored to full health.

For our own country – may our leaders act with sound judgement, may citizens work together cooperatively and do as they have been asked by the government, to reduce infection rates.

For children who can no longer attend school –with the help of family, may they establish routines that will continue their learning and may this be a positive time of growth for them.

For health workers – may they have time to rest and recover from their work, may they be protected from the virus, and may their work bear the fruit of healthy and grateful people and communities.

For people who are isolated and lonely at home, especially the elderly – may they sense the care of others who attempt to reach out to them and may the peace of God's incarnate Word console them.

Lord, hear our prayer.



Dear Parishioners,

The Vatican is still discerning and recommending Bishops to be appointed. Paterson, NJ, and Alexandria, LA have recently received new Bishops. With an anticipated new Bishop in Wilmington, it is in our best interest to have good and effective leadership and also those willing to serve in various committees or task forces in areas of parish life. In April and May, we usually have selection/election of the Pastoral Council. So, I am asking you to discern how you might serve the building up of the kingdom of God. A sense of vitality sometimes comes from new programs or series of presentations. If you are willing to serve please contact members of Pastoral Council and/or staff to ask questions or get more information. The contact information for these persons are on the top front cover of the bulletin which is on the parish website.

We have been known as a parish which is strong in social concerns / social justice. One way of being involved is to look at organizations supported in Charitable Giving. Of course some of the support in these areas are in our second collections. For example, Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Campaign for Human Development are ways we help the needy locally, nationally, and international level. CRS goes to places of endless starvation, refugee camps. Applicable to this conversation is that these organizations can be another annoying second collection unless there is an advocate on the parish level. Parish support for CCHD years ago got a previous Bishop's attention and respect. Bread for the World is a national group that helps the hungry in this country. Again, parish level interest has made a difference.

The past year the parish life team has done a great and marvelous service in celebrating our 50th anniversary. That team depends on our interest and help. Education (CFP) is another good resource we have. If we have good teachers and aides, the word spreads among young families and our enrollment can increase. Faith sharing in small groups makes such a difference in felling a sense of community of people who care about on another.

So please discern and listen to the Gospel call to have the reign of God felt in the lives of the people in our area. I thank all those who have served and those presently serving in various ways. Please help to continue the vitality of the parish by contacting those who are presently serving to find out more. Or ask me for my recommendation on how to serve. Thanks so much for this consideration especially since we have not seen many face to face for several weeks.

Fr. Bill

Staying Connected Online Prayer Groups

2nd Sunday Bible Study at 12:00pm,
held online due to COVID 19, led by the Thedal Tamil Catholics on May 10th -Exodus Chapter 22-23

The study begins at noon and ends at 1:30p.m. Please contact biblestudy.ttc@gmail.com for details about the online link to connect.

Virtual Centering Prayer Group

My Centering Prayer group is still meeting virtually via Zoom. Those who may be interested in joining, please send me an email to **RuthannMaisonet:** ruthannmaisonet@comcast.net We are always looking for more individuals to join.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM



Our K to 5 Elementary Program and Sacramental Preparation Classes are suspended at this time. We miss you and send our love.

We Are Remote! Check your emails for remote learning updates. Contact

Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org or 368-0146 ext. 104.

YOUTH MINISTRY



We pray that you are all hanging in there with your remote learning. You've got this! Remember when you get frustrated or sad that God is always there ready to listen.

Middle School and High School Youth Group

May 17 Zoom meeting 7 p.m. Contact Elaine for the meeting code. We will see how well we know each other with another Kahoot all about us!

High school students: If you would like your own Zoom gathering to check in with one another or to discuss a topic of interest, contact Elaine and she will make it happen.

Blessing of Graduates later this summer



Elaine will see to it that we have some sort of blessing before school resumes in August/September.

In the meantime 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. Their names will be listed in the bulletin or a bulletin insert no earlier than May 17. If it is an advanced degree (MBA, Law School, Med School, etc.) Please include the degree as well.

TAKING IT HOME by Deacon John

I am a person who likes the familiar. I am most comfortable when I know what to expect from one day to another. I have a routine that forms what I do and when I do it. I get up and do my thing, which is pretty much familiar from day to day and then, at the end of the day, I prepare to take my rest so that I can be ready to do my thing all over again.

My routine sounds pretty boring, but it serves a purpose; it creates a certain comfort and security. It is also a routine that appears to give me some sense of control. My life is a pattern of familiar activities that I can chose to change as I see fit, which keeps me in control of my life. But unfortunately, I may not have as much control over my life as think.

It is one thing to be comfortable with these patterns of our lives, but this comfortableness can be deceiving. It can be deceiving because it leads us to thinking that we can control our lives, but such deception has its downsides. It sets us up to be extremely disappointed when the unexpected occurs, which it will. Like, for instance, the time in which we are in; when our old habits and comforts are now past us and the future appears so unknown and so uncertain. We wish this time to be over, but that's not likely any time soon. In these situations we grow anxious and become unraveled because our familiar routines are not only disrupted, but also devastated. The life we thought we had, the life of the comfortable and familiar, has been shattered by the realization that just maybe we cannot control our lives and our world is beginning to fall apart. This is the time of the betwixt and between, the time some call luminal time. It can be a disorienting time or it can become a time to move us to new horizons.

When what we thought about our lives was known and familiar, we could believe that our lives could be controlled. But when something happens for which we are not prepared, we tend to lose faith in ourselves and in the world around us. Life has this way

of upsetting our perception of the way things are and creating instead an unfamiliar and uneasy reality. We question ourselves. But maybe a better question should be: how could we think that we could be in such control? Is this really the way we should look at the world?

In the gospel this weekend something like a luminal time is about to happen to the disciples. The disciples are getting some bad news from Jesus and it is making them anxious and frightened. Jesus is telling the disciples that he is about to leave them. This news disrupts the familiar and certain world that the disciples knew and it upsets them. Jesus, realizes their discomfort and tries to calm them by telling them that, despite the reality they think they know, there is yet another reality that Jesus will make available to them by telling them, "I am going to prepare a place for you...and I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." Unfortunately, neither Thomas nor Philip understand what Jesus is trying to tell them and so they are not reassured. Thomas says he does not know the way where Jesus is going and Philip fails to recognize that seeing Jesus is the equivalent of seeing the Father. Their faith in Jesus is uncertain and they would rather rely on their own resourcefulness than to put their faith and trust in Jesus.

And we are not unlike Thomas and Philip. We too would rather put our faith and trust in the comfort and security of our own routines than to have faith and trust in Jesus. We would rather trust the certainty of what we think we know even though what we think we know is so very tenuous; life is not within our control. But I guess it's always easier to trust the demons you think you know than to believe in something beyond what you can see. But can we allow the holy to grasp us and move us beyond ourselves?

But just as with Thomas and Philip, Jesus is also assuring us that he and the Father are one, and that the way to the Father is through the Son; Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Yes, Jesus will prepare a place for us; it is a place where we will live forever with God; do you believe it? The interesting fact is that this place is available now if we have faith in Jesus. It is available now because truly to know and love Jesus is to know and love the God who made us. And there is nothing, not even death itself that can separate us from this love.

In a world that can be so tenuous, so out of our control, the message that Jesus gives his disciples can also reassure us if we but have faith and trust in its truth. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is the one who shows us the Father's love and lets us know that this love is constant despite the uncertainty of our world. Though our routines may often be upset and disrupted, it is the love of God which remains constant and gives us pause to hope, the hope that living our faith in such a manner is truly the way, the truth and our life.



**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOSPEL -- JOHN 14:15-21**

*Jesus said to his disciples:
 "If you love me,
 you will keep my commandments.
 And I will ask the Father,
 and he will give you another
 Advocate to be with you always,
 the Spirit of truth,
 whom the world cannot accept,
 because it neither sees
 nor knows him.
 But you know him,
 because he remains with you,
 and will be in you.
 I will not leave you orphans;
 I will come to you.
 In a little while
 the world will no longer see me,
 but you will see me,
 because I live and you will live.
 On that day you will realize
 that I am in my Father
 and you are in me and I in you.
 Whoever has my commandments
 and observes them
 is the one who loves me.
 And whoever loves me
 will be loved by my Father,
 and I will love them
 and reveal myself to them."*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In the liturgy for 5/24 we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and on 5/31 we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This reading for 5/17 is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as "another" advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that "In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live." Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to "the world" is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognize and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. While the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

THE DISCIPLES PERSPECTIVE: The words of Jesus in this gospel passage were addressed to the disciples at the Last Supper. They had almost no inclination of what was about to befall them, nor the heart-wrenching loss that they would feel. Yet Jesus tried to prepare them and reassure them that they would not be abandoned by him. In the days after his death, the disciples struggled to remember these words and they were caught up by despair. Even once they had witnessed the Risen Lord, he told them that he would again be leaving them. They must have been so confused and afraid.

LIVE IN LOVE: Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who "loves" him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

PARACLETE: The Greek word, parakletos, is translated into a number of different terms in English translations of the gospel. Its technical use was for a lawyer or attorney. However, its use in scripture is like the broader meaning of advocate that we use today: someone who stands up for another; someone who speaks up for another; someone who intercedes on behalf of another. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered. That is exactly what Jesus did for many people during his ministry and it is also what the Holy Spirit is sent to do.

- Q. How might this passage have contributed to the teaching of God as Trinity?*
- Q. In what ways did Jesus fulfill the role of a paraclete or advocate?*
- Q. What are the commandments that Jesus refers to as "his commandments"?*
- Q. What does this passage tell us about Jesus' vision of what it is to be a disciple?*

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