

Resurrection Parish

May 24, 2020

Ascension of Our 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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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
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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



Glorious experience

I went to the burial of a friend and priest, Bill Lawler, on May 6, 2020. Ordained in 1972. He came to join me at Holy Rosary, Claymont, which was my first assignment as a priest in 1971. A year later I was called away to another parish. For decades Bill and I lead people in Eucharistic Prayer III. It says after the elevation: "calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious resurrection and ascension [our current feasts] into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice."

Prior to his dying of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) Bill witnessed that his dying would be a glorious experience. He said it with a strong and radical conviction. So, we can be strengthened by his confident faith in the words of the Eucharistic Prayer and the Bible. One biblical quote: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep." I find his witness striking because many find it difficult to rid ourselves of some degree of doubt.

How might he have gotten to this radical faith? He had been in the boot camp of the seminary for 12 years. All that praying had to have an effect. And people prayed for him. As you might know Bill stuttered except during a homily. With 12 years of supervision, I am sure people asked him to consider another way of serving God rather than as a priest. Like most of us he had other challenges to work through. We often call this the dying and rising process. Bill and his secretary successfully set up and negotiated with the over 50 parishes in the diocese to run RENEW. Again, he radically believed that this could transform the life of parish and those making up the parish. He succeeded and brought life. It convinced people of the value of small faith sharing. This process continues today. I was in a small group of priests with him in sharing our faith.

Bill also dealt with the darker and/ or sinful side of his person. Again he had people to encourage him in that self improvement. He also learned the serenity prayer and the process of letting go and letting God. In a fire he lost his belongings. And then with ALS, he had to let go of his independence and one bodily function after another. He certainly had his emotional ups and downs. Ultimately, he did not give in to bitterness but showed that striking and radical faith in the glorious life on the other side.

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.

+Mike Pohlen	+Maura O'Connell
Parish Community	+Grace DeSimone

Rest in Peace

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to all touched by this death.

Joanne Koelsch, cousin of Frank Kolpak



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, Elmer Godwin, Don Cora, C.D. Malmgren, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions

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.



Would you like to try something new on your own or with your household? Why not explore these **learning moments** related to the scripture for this Ascension Sunday!

- Compare the account of Acts 1:1-11 with 2 Kings 2:1-18. What similar language, actions, and concepts can you detect between the two accounts?
- Research the missionary and witnessing work of people working with marginalized groups in local and national communities. How can they be seen as living out the commission Jesus gave to his disciples?

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

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.

PARISH LIFE

Retirement Announced



I asked the Bishop to accept my retirement from parish assignment as of July 2020. Last year the timing was June 30. The church building will be open for limited worship by then. But it will not be appropriate even then to have large gathering according to Center for Disease Control. So, a party-like good-bye can be deferred. I hope to move into a local rectory. I will continue to function as a priest. Later, I will reflect on my ministry among you for a bulletin. I just wanted to get this actual announcement public even though I don't know who will be the next pastor. I thank the present Pastoral Council for continuing to serve for another year.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal



The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, “Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others” continues

throughout our diocese. Funds raised through the Appeal bring hope, comfort, compassion and love into the lives of many people. Appeal supported ministries touch thousands of individuals and families throughout Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore providing essential service that knows no race, no age, no social class, but rather knows only those who come to the Church for help are special in the eyes of Our Lord. Now more than ever, these ministries are needed. Your support demonstrates your compassion and concern for God’s people and your willingness to share your blessings with those in need. **During the week of June 1, you may receive a mailing from Bishop Malooly inviting your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal. For those of you who have given to this year’s Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.** In the meantime, you are encouraged to learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal

VBS IS GOING REMOTE!

It is with great sadness that we have to cancel in-person VBS this summer. This is, however necessary to keep both youth and adults safe and healthy. We will post details on our website, in the bulletin and weekly newsletter once they are available.

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

We will continue meeting monthly via zoom over the summer. Contact Elaine for the meeting code. Dates to be determined.

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.

Check out our special June 7 graduation bulletin!



TAKING IT HOME by Deacon John

Today the Catholic Church talks a lot about the new evangelization. Unfortunately, the word evangelization is confusing to most people, especially Catholics. Often the word is mistaken for the word “evangelical,” which gives the impression that the word has to do with “Born Again” Christians. Although being “born again” is a scriptural term (John 3:4) used to describe our baptismal process, it is not the language we typically speak. Instead, we use the word conversion to describe the process that takes place through baptism. But when put it in this context, we know that conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime thing, like being born again. So what exactly does the word evangelization mean and is it even connected with baptism and the process of conversion?

Evangelization is a Greek word, “evangelion,” that when literally translated means the “Good News.” And, in fact, in terms of our baptism, this is what our baptism implies; that as baptized Catholic Christians, we are called to proclaim the good news. Our mission as Catholic Christians is the same as the mission of Jesus. We are to tell the world that “the kingdom of God has come” and people are “to repent and believe.” So yes, evangelization is part of our baptismal call and it is something that we as Catholic Christians must take seriously.

Our gospel for this weekend contains what we call the great commission of the Church: “Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The great commission is the mission of the Church and this mission is not just the mission of bishops, priests and deacons, but of the whole Church. But does this imply that we must make the entire world Catholic?

Continued at <https://resurrectionde.org/deacons-notes>

May 22, 2020

Dear Members of Resurrection Parish:

Pastoral Council held our first Zoom meeting last Sunday May 17. It went well, and we heard some good news that we wanted to share with you, the people of Resurrection, right away!

- **Financial:** We are happy to report wonderful financial support from you, so that **we are nearly on budget for the year!** You have continued to support the parish even in the absence of public worship, and we thank you! This means the parish can continue to pay salaries (as well as utilities and other bills) and be ready to minister as needed, to the sick and dying, as well as to anyone in need.
- **Timing to “re-gather”:** Everyone is wondering when public Masses can resume, and how we will be able to safely gather again. **We don’t yet have a timeline but we know that this will be a careful process.** Information and guidance are changing constantly, and the Diocese is working to establish guidelines for future gatherings. This will take time and require patience. Meanwhile, a task team has been formed at Resurrection to work on “re-gathering” and all that entails; cleaning and ventilation protocols will be needed, for example. Just like the early church days, we imagine we will begin slowly, with limited attendance, and we’ll need to figure out how to do this.
- **Communication:** Even though no public Masses are being celebrated, staff has been busy reaching out to parishioners, just to connect, or check in and see how people are doing, and what can be done to help anyone in need. Most people seem to be doing “okay,” but nearly all spoke of **missing the connection with fellow parishioners.** Many folks also had concerns for the parish. And some expressed the wish that they could be of assistance. **Expect more frequent updates on all these things** on the parish website, bulletin, or the Friday newsletters. Also look for more videos in the future as we explore new ways of doing things through technology.
- **Contact for help/willing to provide help:** **Please let us know** if you have a need, if you know people who need help or a connection to others, or if you want to help in some way – making calls, sending cards, making grocery store runs. **Contact Debbie at the parish office at dseymour@resurrectionde.org or at 302-368-0146.** We will try to match up needs with offers of assistance.

Truly the people of Resurrection are an amazing and loving community! We all miss the love and support of our community at Resurrection and we’ll look to find new ways of keeping the Spirit alive. Together, in Christ, we can work through these difficult times.

Members of the Pastoral Council

Sharon Gidumal, Mary Beth Coté , Pat Sormani, Joe Quinn, Joe McClory, Jack Sanders, Jane Hanson, Julie Edmiston, Linda Malm, Rich Mayes, Mike Reis, Bill Graney, Greg Corrigan, John Falkowski



PENTECOST

GOSPEL -- JOHN 20:19-23

*On the evening
of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked,
where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them,
“Peace be with you.”
When he had said this,
he showed them his hands
and his side.
The disciples rejoiced
when they saw the Lord.
Jesus said to them again,
“Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”
And when he had said this,
he breathed on them
and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive
are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain
are retained.”*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energizing them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.

The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week’s first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame.

Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being “filled with the Spirit.” It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realized that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realize his message in the world.

PENTECOST: The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT? THE SPIRIT

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which “The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power” and the Spirit was evident at Jesus’ baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being “filled with the Spirit.” So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energize it today.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

“Come, Holy Spirit,” or its Latin, “*Veni Sancte Spiritus*,” has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to “Come” indicates recognition of the

Q. What was different about Jesus breathing the Spirit on the disciples and the Pentecost experience?

Q. What was significant about the disciples being heard to speak in many different languages?

Q. Why might Pentecost sometimes be regarded as the birth of the Church?

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#WHATSMYNAME
 In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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