

Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

July 12, 2020

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Times

Outdoor Mass Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Video Recorded Sunday Mass

Reconciliation

by appointment.

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Please contact Deacon John.

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Contact clergy one year prior.

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For hospital and home visits

contact clergy or the office.

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Learn more by contacting

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Dear Friends,

During this time of the pandemic, you may not be able, or feel comfortable, coming to Resurrection. But **Resurrection is YOU!** and, more than ever, we want to remain connected with you!

People's spiritual needs are intense at this time—and Resurrection is seeing the need (opportunity) to change the way we do what we do in order to help meet the needs of our parish members and **Any and All** of God's beloved children.

Today, our ministry is more important than ever. As we continue to deal with the emotional, economic and personal impact of the coronavirus, we realize that many are terribly hurting.

Let us help one another as God guides us in becoming an even more loving and inclusive community.

Zoom Prayer Meetings. What a miracle! From living rooms in Newark, Pike Creek Valley, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Killarney, Ireland (yes, I've got my cousins checking in), we are working toward settling into the comfort and challenge of internet community worship.



**Pray Together While Apart
Sunday Evening, 5 pm
Wednesday Morning, 9 am**

Join in as we share prayer, scripture and song via ZOOM. We gather for prayer online at 5 pm Sunday and 9 am Wednesday. Because we want to avoid Zoom bombing, we ask those who would like to join to please email Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org for information.

WHAT MATTERS MOST WOMEN AND THE CHURCH

Sr. Joan Chittister has been a leading voice in the Catholic church for 60 years. If you wonder what women's work is, what it means to be a feminist, or how to be both a woman and a Catholic, this book *From the Writings of Joan Chittister: On Women*, is for you. To learn more about Sr. Joan, go to her website: monasteriesoftheheart.org

ALL are encouraged to participate in a wonderful online discussion that will run August 10 - 28. To register for **On Women: A Book Discussion**, go to monasteriesoftheheart.org/ecourse/women-book-discussion

You can participate in the ecourse from home or join us in the Gathering Space with others (safely!) as we watch and listen from our big screen.
Peace,
fr. greg

Get ready for this year's

Virtual Vacation Bible School Adventure!

An online program available for registered families to share at home beginning Monday, July 20, 2020

To register your child, you can:

1. Complete and return the Registration form found at <https://resurrectionde.org/vacation-bible-school> to Ebenezer no later than **July 13, 2020**

2. Email newarkebenezerumc@verizon.net

3. Or Call the Ebenezer United Methodist Church office at 731-9495

For all the details and a registration form go to <https://resurrectionde.org/vacation-bible-school>



WHAT MATTERS MOST RACE AND INJUSTICE

Special thanks to the wisdom of our Pastoral Council who have announced that, as a parish, we need to begin an authentic conversation on Race and Injustice.

The following was posted on my blog, Quierespaz.com on June 20, 2020:

A Moment of Reckoning on Race for White Christians

The pursuit of social healing includes the preservation of historical memory and the restoration of victims' dignity.

There is a double meaning of restorative justice:

*—finding a path to justice that restores collective dignity, and
—restoring justice to the victims of historic gross human rights violations.*

One measure of authenticity for white Christians is whether we link reconciliation with justice and repair. It's one thing for a white Christian leader to jump in a march and put his/her arm around an African-American pastor. But will we begin a conversation that reflects on the ugly parts of our history?

How do we white Christians free our faith from privileged claims of whiteness?

More to come.
Peace,
fr. greg

Summer with The Saints Zoom Meetings

Sunday, July 12, Sunday, July 26, August 9, August 23

Rising First Graders-Rising Second Graders: 12:30-1:20

Rising Third Graders-Rising Fifth Graders: 1:30-2:20

Contact: Nancy Maloney:

nmaloney.resurrectionde@gmail.com

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 **Ruthann Maisonet: ruthannmaisonet@comcast.net**. We are always looking for more individuals to join.

INTENTIONS

Will be prayed at a private Mass

LITURGY

+Peggy Collins	+Kevin Rzucidlo
Parish Community	+Joseph A. Pastore



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 Sturmfels, Ann Amsler, , C.D. Malmgren, Elmer Godwin, Jill Bauerle, Tina Mahler, Debi Kolpak, Meghan Weiss, Paul Sanders, Joyce Graney, Joan Rzucidlo, Nancy Bunting Joe O'Shaunessey, Joan Read Sal Giordano and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

Rest in Peace



Deacon Fran Huhn

Francis J. Huhn, Jr., beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at the age of 75.

Francis was a very caring and compassionate person. He was a retired deacon of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, having served at Holy Angels and Resurrection Parish. After his retirement from the diaconate, he remained chaplain of a small faith community called "Small Wonder", which is part of an international faith community called "Faith and Light" that ministers to persons with intellectual and physical disabilities, their families and friends.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass issued on March 12, 2020 remains in place for the Diocese of Wilmington.

For those who cannot attend Mass in person, know that God's infinite grace and mercy remain abundantly available.

For the celebration of Mass at home

With gratitude and joy we offer **Mass Online** from Resurrection Parish for Sunday July 19 will be posted on our homepage <https://www.resurrectionde.org> our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/ResurrectionParishDelaware> and our FaceBook page www.facebook.com/resurrectionde

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Outdoor Mass

To register to attend the Outdoor Mass, please visit the parish website www.resurrectionde.org and look for the sign up genius link. You may also call the parish office at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 until Thursday at 3 p.m. to register.

Please Bring: a lawn chair, hand sanitizer, a face mask or covering for all

Please Note: 6 ft. social distancing is required at all times on parish property. Restrooms are not available.

Please come with an open heart. Changes to Mass are necessary for the health and safety of all. We are delighted to resume the celebration of Mass after this difficult period of isolation. We welcome everyone to walk joyfully and patiently as a parish community as we figure this out in a safe, yet holy way.

Parishioners who are particularly vulnerable (e.g. over the age of sixty, existing heart or lung conditions, diabetes, or otherwise immuno-compromised) are **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** from attending public celebrations of the Church until all restrictions have been lifted.

For resources for your prayer and reflections at home, see Resurrection's **Keeping the Seasons** page: <https://www.resurrectionde.org/keeping-seasons>.



Explore these **learning moments** related to the scripture for this Sunday as we celebrate the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

- Find the readings for July 12 at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/071220.cfm>.
- Illustrate the parable of the sower – either in one image or a sequence of images.
- Use the parable section of the reading (13:1-9) as the focus for a reflective prayer. You might use *Lectio Divina* or Ignatian contemplation to listen attentively to the parable and reflect on its meaning in your own life.
- Use the internet to build a collection of parable stories from different traditions or modern parables. Can you identify features and elements of these parables that are consistent with the parables that Jesus told?

PARISH LIFE

The Summer Service team is staying local

The 7 youth and adults are serving in New Castle County the week of July 13-18. We will serve three mornings at the St. Benedict Outreach at the Community of Christ Church, one morning at the Food Bank of Delaware, and several hours preparing signs for a drive by parade at AI DuPont Hospital, and we will stand along the parade route on July 18. Thank you to all the parishioners who supported our fundraising efforts. Some of the funds will be used this week if needed. The other funds will be carried over to the summer of 2021.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy Summer!

Middle School Youth Group

Keep a look out for future Zoom Meetings

High School Youth Group

Discussion on Race and Bias

We are offering a discussion on Race and Bias on July 30 for **high school students**. If you are interested please contact Elaine at elittle@resurrectionde.org

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

St. Andrews Place: Resurrection provided a meal for the men at St. Andrews Place on June 30th. We offer thanks to Schimm Gangloff, Sharon Gidumal, Kathy Teloh, Susie Oliver and John and Patti Falkowski for the meal and the delivery. Although we were unable to join the men at table because of the Pandemic, we were able to meet them at the door and offer them the food. In turn the men were able to provide their thanks. All went well.

Taking it Home by Deacon John

We all have a desire for certainty, particularly in these uncertain times. We want things to be true or untrue; right or wrong. We want to know that life can be depended upon to give us what we need in the moment. Unfortunately, these times and beyond will not bring us what we desire. Life is not dyad, where we have yes and no, right and wrong. There is more uncertainty and unknown about life. And perhaps this is the reason why Jesus didn't teach in straightforward directives

Instead of a book of instructions, Jesus gives us parables. Instead of the parables' ending revealing something about life as we thought it to be, it can take us to a different and deeper understanding. It is at this deeper level where the parable can be most revealing. For on this deeper level, the parable jolts us from our common perception of life and instead reveals a whole new possibility for life. In this way parables are not like a set of instructions, which tell us what to do and how to do it. Instead parables speak to our inner minds of the presence of God and reveal a whole new way to look at life. Ultimately, each listener is responsible for this movement from the conventional to the spiritual because the parable is not an end in itself, but it initiates a process of consciousness change that really is left to the realm of the listener, so "let anyone with ears listen!"

[Read more at https://resurrectionde.org/deacons-notes](https://resurrectionde.org/deacons-notes)



**ORDINARY TIME 16TH SUNDAY
GOSPEL -- MATTHEW 13:24-30**

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good—and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like. Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes moldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is *Chametz*; it literally means "sour". It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process—a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a "corrupting" or "souring" or "irritating" influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this "corrupting" influence to have a dramatic effect.

Matthew's explanation: In the gospel passage, following the presentation of the three parables, Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and darnel to his disciples. It is explained in terms of a final judgment. (Compare it with Matthew 25: 31-46.) The parable of the weeds, or darnel, and its explanation only appear in the gospel of Matthew—although the parable does occur in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. The interpretation belongs to Matthew more than it belongs to Jesus. It is an unapologetic direction to his community that living a righteous life in the midst of wickedness will be rewarded.

Leaven: The parable of the woman placing leaven in three measures of flour is an intriguing one. In some translations, the text reads, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and *hid* in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." While you might initially hide yeast in some dough, it doesn't take very long for the yeast to become apparent as it makes the dough rise. Such a large quantity of flour suggests the bread is being prepared for a festival—perhaps Passover when only unleavened bread was used? That would put a different spin on the woman's action!

Agents of change: We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be counter cultural, the agents of change that "irritate" in our own small way to make a difference in the world.

*Q. In what ways does this parable challenge "conventional wisdom" of the time?
Q. What does this passage tell us about how we should try to bring about the kingdom today?*

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