

Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

July 19, 2020

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Times

Outdoor Mass Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Video Recorded Sunday Mass

Reconciliation

by appointment.

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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. Greg, or Deacon John

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

Bits and peaces....

A month ago, I filmed a short video for the website at the *Planet Fitness* in Kennett Square. I was so happy to be back in a gym where, by virtue of others working out, I am motivated to work harder than I would on my own. That kind of good influence can also be said about church.

Just being together again, outdoors and indoors, is a blessing. Some people joke that Catholics don't always sound sincere when we say, "We lift up our hearts to the Lord." But let me tell you, my heart was pumping joyfully last Sunday because God's love was so present in you as we celebrated Eucharist.

Sharon Gidumal tenderly, almost sadly, reminded us – for reasons of safety – to not sing as she played *Glory and Praise to Our God*. It's hard for this parish not to sing out. We have the best musicians anywhere and a congregation that could be the opening performers at a *Mormon Tabernacle Choir* concert! You are that good!

Yet, safety is primary. And I watched you. Your attention to all the details of securing a safe and healthy environment before, during and after Mass, are signs of your goodness.

At *Planet Fitness*, their logo is "**Judgement Free Zone**." It is painted in huge letters on the walls of the gym. Some might question if it is spelled incorrectly. (But hey, who am I to judge).

The other catchphrase that is prominently displayed around *Planet Fitness* is "**no critics**." Might I say the same thing about church? Well, I sure would like to. But let's be honest. Some church folks (just like some family members), enjoy hearing and telling all the gossip. If there's a mistake or a flaw, some folks like to point it out. That's not evil. In fact, it's a lot like what we hear on the media and in politics. Still, there is a way to lovingly tell someone they made a mistake.

To gossip and tell stories about another person...is it loving? Even if what is being said is true, if someone "yacks" about something but has talked not to the person being talked about, then what we are doing is wounding the body of Christ. Jesu proclaims good news. The world continues to be changed by Covid-19. Let us also be changed for the good. Like it was said about those who followed Jesus in the early church, let it also be said about us, "*See how much those Christians love each other.*"

Fr. Greg

Remembering Peggy Collins

We celebrated a beautiful memorial mass for Peggy Collins on July 14, 2020, the 5th anniversary of her passing. Her husband Ed proclaimed the readings. Her children and grandson drove from as far away as Virginia, Baltimore, and northern New Jersey, to pray together in honoring our wonderful Peggy. Arrangements of garden grown hydrangeas flanked the altar. The family was most grateful and reminded us that hydrangeas were Peggy's favorite. Special thanks to Patti Falkowski for her thoughtfulness in making the flower arrangements. After mass, we enjoyed *Three Musketeers*, which was Peggy's favorite candy.

Remembering Fran Huhn

It was a funeral mass filled with love and great memories as Resurrection said *Thank You* and bid farewell to **Deacon Fran Huhn**. Fran and Joanne Huhn have always shown that our parish is a place of welcome to all – especially to the “childlike,” those who live with disabilities or differences that sometimes place them on the edge of society. Fran and Joanne's inclusive love treats others the way that Jesus does—with a warm embrace, an open heart, and a privileged seat at the table. Like Jesus, they knew that God's love is present when we are happily sharing a meal.

True to form, Joanne provided a “little feast” for all after the funeral. Although we could not have a luncheon together in the Gathering space, Joanne had catered box lunches for everyone to take with them. So loving and caring!

We will continue to remember and give thanks to God for the blessing of Fran Huhn and his wonderful family.

Rest in Peace

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

John Callahan, brother of Ruth Sanders

Sharon Lipinski, mother of Lauren DeHart



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, 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 and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

For the celebration of Mass at church **Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass**

At this point, we will have a Safe and Cool Sunday 9:30 a.m. mass inside Resurrection church on July 19. We will also have our weekly video mass. As for an outdoor mass (at another time) this will be decided based on weather.....

We are willing to have such a mass, but the indoor conditions are safe and comfortable. Please keep in touch. As we know how this will unfold, we will do our absolute best to provide for the way that all people feel safest.

What seems to be becoming more apparent: so many folks wish to have mass indoors, that we will likely be adding a second indoor mass on Sunday. Stay posted. Keep in touch. Fr. Greg

To register to attend the 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 Note:

- a face mask or covering is required for all
- 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 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.

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> FaceBook page www.facebook.com/resurrectionde And our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/ResurrectionParishDelaware>

Attend The Videotaping Of Our Weekly Mass

Here at *Christian Broadcasting -- Station V 3000*, we produce the weekly mass for the World Wide Web. If you would like to attend a videotaping and participate in the Eucharist here at Resurrection, tickets are now available!

To reserve a seat, please give Debbie a call at 368.0146. Please note—masses are typically filmed on Thursday or Friday but the time may change each week based on the schedules of our directors, our many producers, the camera people, sound and design technicians, and Father Greg's personal make up artist and wardrobe assistant 😊. We'll give you specifics when you call.

We'd love to have you join us. For safety sake, maximum number of guests is 10 holy people!

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



**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.

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

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

PARISH LIFE

The Summer Service team stayed local

The 7 youth and adults served in New Castle County the week of July 13-18. We served 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 and participating in a drive by parade at AI DuPont Hospital, on July 18. **Thank you** to all the parishioners who supported our fundraising efforts. Some funds were used this week. The other funds are being carried over to the summer of 2021.

We will share our experiences with you once it is safe to do so.

Virtual Vacation Bible School Adventure!



Registered families: Check your e-mail for directions on how to access the online content and how and when to pick up your take-home packet at Ebenezer.

Questions? Contact Ebenezer UMC at newarkebenezerumc@verizon.net

Or call the Ebenezer United Methodist Church office at 731-9495

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.

Taking it Home by Deacon John

Earlier in Matthew's gospel, chapter 5:48 to be exact, Matthew has Jesus proclaiming, "Be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect." Now when we hear this phrase, our first inclination is to be dismissive of this command. At least I was. How can we be perfect as God; after all God is God and we are not God? But I think what happens with this phrase is that we read it from a rational mindset, where perfection is the height of flawlessness. Perfection is to be perfect. But Jesus is not speaking with a purely rational voice; instead he speaks from his Hebrew mindset, where perfection does not mean flawless. Rather in the Hebrew mindset, perfection is associated with the word compassion. So if we reread the earlier proclamation of Jesus it should read: "Be compassionate as your heavenly father is compassionate." Compassion in this instance makes the goal of Jesus' command certainly more attainable. But perhaps even here we are still bothered; what exactly does it mean that God is compassionate?

Like God, being compassionate means that we too embrace everyone with that same love; our love must shine on the good, the wheat, as well the bad, the weeds. But what if the one I am called to love is doing something that I just abhor or what if the one I am called to love is just so different from me that I cannot possibly ever show that person love? Here is where the example of Jesus fits in. Jesus in his life and even in his death embraced everyone with love, saints and especially sinners, without ever saying that the sin was unimportant. The woman condemned for her adultery was embraced by love, but told to do this no more; those who had condemned Jesus were loved and forgiven not because Jesus said that what they were doing was okay, but because they were human beings in need of God's love and forgiveness.

This embrace of love, which demonstrates God's compassion and understanding even when holding to our own moral ground, is what we are called to demonstrate not just in our families and friendships, but in all areas of our life. We must all find the way to embrace everyone with a love that expresses understanding even though we may not agree in that which makes us different. This kind of compassion feels messy, but it leads us to a compassion that like the sun shines on the good as well as the bad and leads us to a humility that is able to demonstrate a gentle heart and an understanding spirit even with those we have trouble loving. We must be open then to the God who "searches hearts and knows what is the intention of the Spirit."

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



**ORDINARY TIME 17TH SUNDAY
GOSPEL -- MATTHEW 13:44-52**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?”

They answered, “Yes.”

And he replied,

“Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The twin parables of today’s gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven.

Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as ‘now but not yet’; as ‘present but future’. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

THE KINGDOM IS LIKE... Throughout the gospels, Jesus consistently uses the figures of speech of simile and metaphor to describe the kingdom. He never directly describes the kingdom. It is always described as being like some situation or person or as if... This figurative use of language means that we have no single clear picture of what the kingdom is like but we do have a multitude of metaphors and descriptions. This style of description adds to the paradoxical nature of the kingdom – it is like many things yet we don’t really know what it is like at all.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT-MATT CH 13

Over the last few weeks we have now heard Matthew Chapter 13 almost in its entirety. We heard first the parable of the sower then last week three short parables about weeds amongst the wheat, the mustard seed growing into a great tree and leaven in the flour. Finally, today we have had these additional pithy parables. The entire chapter seeks to paint metaphoric images of the kingdom. Woven through these images is a suggestion that the kingdom is open to all – all are presented with the invitation – but not everyone will accept that invitation or respond to it in the same way.

Interpretation: In today’s passage the gospel writer appears to describe himself: ‘every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’ It is a fantastic description of what it means to be an interpreter of the gospel. To interpret scripture, one must draw on what is old; applying understandings of the text in its original context and its original audience. But one must also draw on what is new; making connections between that original setting and the context in which it is being read today.

Q. Why did the man who found the treasure in the field have to hide it again rather than keep it?

Q. How does this passage speak to our modern reality that not everyone accepts the message of Jesus?

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