

# Resurrection Parish

AUGUST 16, 2020

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Catholic Christian Community

## Mass Times

Mass Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Video Recorded Sunday Mass

## Reconciliation

by appointment.

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ext. 104

Elaine Little, Youth Ministry

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ext. 0

Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. Wed. Thurs.

## 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

## Pastoral Council

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**Spirituality Outreach Stewardship**



Ruth Sanders has announced her plans to retire, effective August 31, 2020. Several months ago, prior to the appointment of our current pastor, she discussed this with Father Bill Graney.

She and her husband Jack have been a part of Resurrection since 1987. Ruth has been part of the music ministry, and served as choir director for several years. She became a member of the professional staff in 2004 as the Coordinator of Liturgy and Music, where she has provided positive leadership. In retirement, Ruth is looking forward to time for family, friends and many, many interests. Ruth and Jack plan to remain part of Resurrection Parish.

Ruth's creative talents and gifted leadership will be missed. She interacts with all with kindness, compassion, mutual charity and dignity. Her liturgy and music ministry is carefully planned to stir the soul and inspire people to a great faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ.

Sadly, as Covid 19 continues to limit gatherings, we are unable to have the large celebratory event that she deserves. However, we are planning to celebrate Ruth's retirement by asking for cards and letters, which will be compiled into a scrapbook for Ruth. Please take a moment to jot down your memories and best wishes, and send them via email to [office@resurrectionde.org](mailto:office@resurrectionde.org), or drop them off or mail them to the office at Resurrection: 3000 Videre Drive, Wilmington DE 19808. Photos are welcome too. Please send them by no later than August 15.



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

Skipchuk, 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, Meghan Weiss, Paul Sanders, Joyce Graney, Joan Rzucidlo, Nancy Bunting, Joan Read, Victoria J. Atkins, Joseph Joyce, Leslie Johnson, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

**LITURGY**

**FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS AT HOME**

With gratitude and joy we offer **Mass Online** from Resurrection Parish for Sunday August 9 will be posted on our homepage <https://www.resurrectionde.org> FaceBook page [www.facebook.com/resurrectionde](http://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 THE CELEBRATION OF MASS AT CHURCH SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. MASS**

*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.*

**To register to attend the Mass**, please visit the parish website [www.resurrectionde.org](http://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

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.

**Refrain From Singing Out Of Love**

As we continue to find our way forward during this pandemic, we turn to the Holy Spirit to guide us as a community of faith. As people who *love one another* we realized that we must practice the best safety protocols in order to show our love for each other. The medical updates presented to us by our liturgy coordinator Ruth Sanders, and affirmed by our blessed parishioner (and Infectious Disease Specialist) Doctor Reena Mascarhenas, indicates that to not sing at mass is a good safety measure.

I know how hard it is for people of this faith community to refrain from singing but we do so because it is the right thing to do. I remind us that parishioners must wear masks during any gathering for prayer. We will continue to "recite" the *Holy, Holy, Holy*, the *Great Amen* and *The Lamb of God*. Music may be played

instrumentally, recorded, or sung by the cantor.

We are blessed that a long time ago we were taught how to use American sign language in order to “say/sing the “Alleluia” before the gospel. When we are able to rescind this restriction I have no doubt we will joyfully sing out a new wonderful song to the Lord. Thank you for your understanding and goodness.  
*fr. Greg*

## PARISH LIFE



**Pray Together While Apart**  
**NEW TIME for Sunday**  
**Evening, 7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Morning, 9 a.m.**

Join in as we share prayer, scripture and song via ZOOM. Because we want to avoid Zoom bombing, we ask those who would like to join to please email Ruth Sanders, [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org) for information.



**Benefit Concert to Combat Human Trafficking**  
**upper parking lot of Skyline Methodist Church**  
**Sunday evening, Aug. 23 at 7:00**  
**(Rain date Aug. 24).**

Audience members are invited to bring a lawn chair, wear a mask and sit 6 feet apart. The concert will also be virtual! It will be put on Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/concerttofightsextrafficking/> and YouTube. Free will Donations can be sent to Shared Hope International and Zoe Ministries Delaware.

## Prayer Chain

Anita Delaney is now leading our Prayer Chain. If you have prayer requests, or are interested in being a member of the Prayer Chain, please contact Anita Delaney at [anitade143@verizon.net](mailto:anitade143@verizon.net)

*Psalm 16:8: “I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.”*

**2nd Sunday Bible Study at 12:00pm, held online due to COVID 19 , lead by the Thedal Tamil Catholics on Aug 9th Exodus Chapter 25-27**  
The study begins at noon and ends at 1:30pm  
Please contact [biblestudy.ttc@gmail.com](mailto:biblestudy.ttc@gmail.com) for details about the online link to connect.

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



**BITS and PEACES** by *fr. Greg Corrigan*  
*Sometimes simple conclusions are the ones that take longest to reach.*

### **Confession: It’s Good for the Soul**

Most Catholics have given up on confession. Many will say they had a bad experience so they don’t go. Others claim it’s a frightening experience, reminding them of being locked in a dark closet and whispering their “sins” to a voice of judgment. Others say, “I prefer to talk directly to God.”

There is much to be valued in the sacrament of reconciliation. As a counselor, I see a similar experience with “confession.” Going to talk to a counselor is a sign of a healthy person.

“Confession” should not be a focus on telling your sins. Instead, think of it as sharing what’s most important in your spiritual journey. That’s a sign of an active faith life.

We know the feeling of being lifted up when we are able to share with someone “anything” we need to talk about. In confession, the person with whom you share is there “for you,” to actively listen and not to judge. It is

someone who sees your goodness and wants to assure you that you are forgiven and loved unconditionally.

“Getting it off your chest/heart” in a trusted confidential experience is a blessing for you and the person with whom you share. It is the activity of mature, authentic people.

“The person with whom you share.”

Sometimes that person may be a priest. The experience may be sacramental confession. It’s also possible to share with someone other than a priest in a “heart to heart” confidential experience that is truly grace-filled. Grace is freely given by a God who wants us to be overflowing with goodness.

What do you do when you overhear someone talking about the faults of others? Gossip has a way of making us feel like we are sharing with another in a special way. But that is not an experience of goodness.

Admitting your truth to another—including mistakes you’ve made and hurts you’ve caused... that is the “way” of goodness. This is becoming your better true self.

### **What I’m Learning**

Few priests that I know have a team of partners and collaborators in their ministry and work. I am convinced that our way forward as **community** and as **disciples being transformed** is through the shared gifts and blessings of **ALL**. We need each other now more than ever. How can we be Christ (Love) for each other and for the world?

I wrote a note saying I need help with filing boxes of papers. Seven people have offered to help! You are amazing! You are gifted! You are so good! Think of something (think small to begin) that you can do today, this week, to make your unique goodness a gift to the community. Look around. What needs to be done? *How can we bring Christ to others? Every person’s story is sacred. If we would see the goodness shining in an experience, in a face, a meeting, it will anchor in the ground of our soul. The story will change you in the telling and others in the listening.*

With a grateful heart,  
*greg*

## **HELP NEEDED**

*Resurrection is seeking a part time person, handy, capable, for odd jobs and general help (maintenance inside/outside), clean up, recycling, etc.). Flexible work hours. Call fr. Greg x.115*

*The parish is looking to get a used work truck (small pickup). Needs to be tagged for road use. Fr. Greg will pay for the vehicle but its primary use will be at parish.*

*Thank you.*

**“The journey to happiness involves finding the courage to go down into ourselves and take responsibility for what's there: all of it.”**  
Richard Rohr, ofm

**Please enjoy the parish grounds for prayer.** Spaces include the prayer garden on the hill, community garden, back patio, or a walk in the woods.

To arrange a time for prayer inside the church, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Greg Corrigan, at 302-368-0146 ext. 115 or [gcorrigan@resurrectionde.org](mailto:gcorrigan@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](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org) or 368-0146 ext. 104.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**



### **Middle School Annual Fun-Evening!**

**DATE:** Saturday, Sep. 12, 2020  
**TIME:** 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Mark your Calendar** for our **outdoor**, mask-wearing, social-distanced Fun Night. More details to come.

Keep a lookout for our annual calendar and registration information coming out later this month.

## **TAKING IT HOME**

**By Deacon John**

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser in his book *Sacred Fire*, where he talks about a spirituality of deeper Christian maturity leading to a deeper generativity (a deeper giving over of one's life to others; self-giving), lays out ten commands for living this kind of spirituality. One of these commands is to "be wide in your embrace." What does he mean by a wide embrace?

The gist of what Fr. Rolheiser is getting at is that we need to live our lives with a deeper sense of mystery. We need to know that there are some things that we cannot truly know perfectly, and we need to be okay with that. But this deeper sense of mystery also means that we have to be okay with what is foreign to us, in what is other, strange, different. Unfortunately, for many of us this is not something that is easy to do because we like the familiar.

Many claim openness to multiculturalism, ethnic and racial diversity, global community, gender equality, wide religious tolerance, alternative lifestyles, and befriending our shadow, but the reality is not as easy as the rhetoric. Otherness for the most part frightens us. We are uneasy with what is different and apart from us; look at our recent issues about racism and white supremacy as an example; difference becomes the issue that needs fixing. We have had an awakening with things like white privilege and our need to confront our darker sides. For all the talk about accepting difference there is a growing obsession with boundaries and with protecting one's own kind. If we are like this, intolerant of anyone not of our kind, perhaps the initial way that the disciples and even Jesus acts in the gospel this weekend may be of some consolation. But that consolation should eventually give way to a deeper understanding.

In the gospel a gentile woman approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her daughter. But because she is gentile and not a member of the chosen people of Israel, Jesus' disciples try to dismiss her. And not only have the disciples dismissed her, in a corresponding exchange, Jesus too implies that the woman has no right to ask him for anything. Jesus says that his mission is only "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman persists, persists so much so in fact that when Jesus makes a reference to "the dogs," a negative term some Jews applied to non-Jews, she responds by saying that "even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." Jesus is overwhelmed by her response and it awakens in him the thought that God's embrace should not be confined, but should be made available to all; God is the God of all people! And so Jesus acknowledges the woman's faith and heals her daughter.

Ultimately, the deeper understanding from this for us is that we too must move on to face and accept

otherness, strangeness, difference and what is foreign. We can no longer live just among our own. What is strange to us will soon enough be part of our neighborhood, our homes, our churches, and our way of looking at life. And not only that, but what is other and different is also a key biblical idea. God, in fact, is often defined as other. God is the God who is beyond the realm of our imaginations. And particularly for those of us who call ourselves Catholic, we need to be mindful of what that word "Catholic" means. The word "Catholic" means universal, wide, embracing everyone. Jesus himself defines the word when he says: "In my Father's house there are many rooms."

Finally, Parker Palmer in his book, *The Company of Strangers: Christians and the Renewal of America's Public Life*, has this to say about the God of Other.

The role of the stranger in our lives is vital in the context of Christian faith, for the God of faith is one who continually speaks truth afresh, who continually makes all things new. God persistently challenges conventional truth and regularly upsets the world's way of looking at things. It is no accident that this God is so often represented by the stranger, for the truth that God speaks in our lives is very strange indeed. Where the world sees impossibility, God sees potential. Where the world sees comfort, God sees idolatry. Where the world sees insecurity, God sees occasions for faith. Where the world sees death, God proclaims life. God uses the stranger to shake us from our conventional points of view, to remove the scales of worldly assumptions from our eyes. God is a stranger to us, and it is at the risk of missing God's truth that we domesticate God, reduce God to the role of the familiar friend.

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**#WHATSMYNAME**  
 In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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