

Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

Mass Times

Mass Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Video Recorded Sunday Mass

Reconciliation
by appointment.

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Parish Office Hours :

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday
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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

IT IS ALWAYS ADVENT

Those words come from Pope Benedict XVI. What a frontier way of thinking, reminding us of the nature and being of God and the "way" of God. The Way of God is movement and revealing and unfolding, in a progressive flow that continually ushers in God's life and love.

The "always" of Advent points to the omnipresent and ever-loving presence of divinity. Advent as both 'coming' and 'already here' sounds like a contradiction. But it is not.

In God's time, this is paradox. Community can teach us that our grip on truth is fragile and incomplete, that we need many ears to hear the fullness of God's word for our lives.

Parker J. Palmer, [The Promise of Paradox: A Celebration of Contradictions in the Christian Life](#)

Advent is always our longing for and our realization of God's dream for creation. Our Christian life happens in this good world. Life has a two-fold foundation — based on love and based on care, which pivot upon each other.

We cannot love what we do not care about, and we will not truly care until we begin to seek Christ in others... in All others and every experience.

Advent proclaims that all creation has always been bound up in the love God has for what God has created. Advent strongly asserts that everyone and all things are embraced by the light and love of God. The Christ-event awakens us to this always and forever reality.



Blessings and peace,

fr. Greg Corrigan



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, Meghan Weiss, Paul Sanders, Nancy Bunting, Joan Read, Jane Hanson, Leslie Johnson, Elaine Fusco, Joe O'Shaughnessy, Maryellen A. Sedlacek, George Ward, Jackie Potacki Lisa Shikany Hatfield, Judy Drew, Joan Rzucidlo, Bonnie Wallner, Gina Gurney, Mila Ann Weiss a precious newborn..

INTENTIONS

Sunday	Nov. 29	9:30 a.m.	+Christopher Walls
Sunday	Dec. 6	9:30 a.m.	+Jean Beattie
Tuesday	Dec. 8	9:30 a.m.	+John Callahan

LITURGY

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. MASS

It is such a joy to be able to worship together! Unfortunately, there are some who, because of their vulnerabilities and/or health concerns, are unable to join us. We understand. That is the right decision for them to make.

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
- Parishioners who are particularly vulnerable are **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** from attending public celebrations of the Church until all restrictions have been lifted.

In light of Governor Carney's COVID restrictions limiting church attendance to 50 people max, effective Nov 23, Resurrection Mass attendance is limited to 50 people through Sign-Up Genius. Sadly, we will no longer be able to allow walk-ins who have not registered.

Please continue to pray, take care of yourselves, and look out for each other.



FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS AT HOME

With gratitude and joy we offer **Mass Online** from Resurrection Parish for each Sunday will be posted on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. our homepage FaceBook page and YouTubeChannel.

It is not necessary to “sign in” to view the Mass via the parish website.

To view please visit www.resurrectionde.org and click on the video on the homepage. The video goes live at 5 p.m. each Saturday and remains there for a week.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY MASS

DECEMBER 8 AT 9:30 A.M.

Please sign up via sign up genius or call the parish office.

PARISH LIFE

Parishioners are asked to contact a parish staff member (phone numbers on bulletin cover) or Linda Malm (267-879-2591 or malmll@yahoo.com) if the pandemic has negatively affected them and the Holiday Outreach Program could help ease their concerns.

**Spirituality is living with attention.
Living with attention leads me to thanksgiving.**

Rami Shapiro

At this thanksgiving time, I am more aware than ever of how blessed I am to live my life and share my faith with the community of Resurrection. I am so grateful for each and all of you! I mean that sincerely.

We have all been impacted by the unexpected happenings of 2020. There is more stress, anxiety, fear (and confusion) than ever before. Being with you, I am learning so much. You have continued to live the truth of your love for Jesus and your love for our community. I am learning to let go of my thinking that I need to "fix" things or make everything better. I know I cannot. This is the cross, the cross that we've been asked to pick up each day and carry. We are never alone in carrying the cross. Jesus carried it first and carries it with us now.

All the turmoil is a kind of crucifixion. We don't want it but we know that it can transform us. Our hope lies in the belief that there is something greater waiting on the other side. God will never abandon us. In the midst of all the suffering, we know that our faith in Christ, which allows us to forgive, to love, and to live, is what will see us through.

We have much to be grateful for. Whether you are able to be with others on Thanksgiving, or if you will be *ZOOMing* on Thanksgiving, or even by yourself... remember the blessings that abound in you and around you. Always, let us give thanks to God!

Stay safe and know that you are loved!

Peace,

fr. Greg Corrigan

Coming in January Grief Support Series:

If you are newly bereaved or have been struggling with the weight of long term grief, you are invited to join Fr. Greg Corrigan, Pastor, and Angie Malmgren, a parishioner, who has led Grief Support Groups at Jesus House, for eight afternoon sessions beginning Thursday, January 14, and ending March 4, 2021. More details to follow in the December 13 Bulletin.

YOUTH MINISTRY



**MS YOUTH GROUP December 6
at 6:30 p.m. VIA ZOOM**

Topic: Advent

**HS YOUTH GROUP December
13 at 6:30 p.m. VIA ZOOM**

Summer Service 2021

December 6 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

Contact Elaine for all Zoom links.

Contact Elaine for more details or to register for middle or high school youth group at elittle@resurrectionde.org or 368-0146 ext. 107

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM



The Christian Formation Program (CFP) is utilizing a Hybrid Model this year for Religious Education. We are using Sadlier EBook, Outdoor classes, and Zoom meetings under the guidance of the Religious Education Safety Plan.

Please contact: Nancy Maloney
nmaloney.resurrectionde@gmail.com

SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Requesting Help with Cards to Local
Nursing/Rehab Homes**

A small but mighty group of women from the Resurrection Wednesday morning prayer group is gathering cards to send to several local nursing /rehab homes for residents who could use a cheery thought. We are inviting all parishioners, young and old, to join us in this effort.

*We ask that you gather cards - either holiday or generic - and write a short message inside, and drop off the cards **by Sunday Dec 6**. The message could be something like: "Resurrection Parish is thinking and praying for you, and we want you to know you are loved."*

Cards may be dropped off between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday December 5th. Please follow the directions for Giving Tree Drive by drop off.

Please call the office at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 before dropping off the cards, during office hours, so we know to expect you. You may drop off the cards in a box that will be set up and labeled "Nursing Home Cards" in the Gathering Space.

Sandwiches anyone? Emmanuel Dining Room (EDR) needs our help
by Andre and Sue Dagenais



As most of you know, Resurrection has been involved in the social concerns ministry at EDR for many years. Once a month, a small group of Resurrection volunteers go to EDR West to prepare a hot meal, and serve it to people in need, frequently serving about 180-200 people.

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, EDR has had to change the way that it functions. Since they cannot use their dining room to seat large crowds, they provide, to everyone who lines up at their door, a grocery bag filled with a lunch meal, a few non-perishable food items, and sandwiches that can be used later in the day. During this time, we have continued to support EDR financially to help cover the cost of lunch time food.

The generosity of Resurrection Parish is bountiful. We would like to call on that generous tradition of giving to offer EDR some more help as they continue their incredible, much-needed work, helping people who are experiencing food insecurity here in Delaware. The Ministry of Caring feeds about 200 people a day at EDR West alone.

EDR needs sandwiches, about 200 per day. Wednesday, December 16 is the next date we are providing sandwiches. Please visit the parish website and sign up genius for directions to make sandwiches and to drop off sandwiches at the proper time.

On November 18, 250 yummy sandwiches were delivered. Many thanks to those who kindly pitched in to make this a success.

GIVING TREE 2020



The Giving Tree at Resurrection Parish will continue this year with a pandemic version of the tradition. In the past parishioners chose tags from our tree branch with requests from clients of Friendship House, Christina School District and Family Promise. This year those requests are found on Signup Genius.

Go to Sign up Genius via the parish website and choose the request you wish to fill. Please put a **name tag on the gift and include the code** before the name (example FH1) to help with sorting gifts. For **gift cards, please write the amount** on the card. Thank you for your generosity.

- **Return** the gift or gift card by Monday, December 14 at noon.
- Items may be dropped off on Saturday December 5th and 12th between 10:00 and noon and during regular office hours.
- The Saturday drop offs are outside church.
- Deliver to Resurrection between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday December 5th and 12th.
- You will not have to leave your car.
- Please wear a mask.
- Drive up to the front of the church; have your gift somewhere accessible for us to pick them up—front passenger seat, back seat, or rear area of your car or van.
- Parish office hours are Monday 10:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

TAKING IT HOME by Deacon John

The season of Advent begins and with it begins a new Church year. This new Church year inaugurates what the Church calls the year of Cycle “B.” This means that for this year we follow the gospel of Mark throughout much of the Church year.

But our focus for now is the new season of Advent. Advent, as you know, has a two-fold purpose: one as a season that looks to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and two, as a season that looks to the coming of Christ in history with his birth. But in between these two comings, I like to think that Advent also has a third character, the coming of Christ now in our lives. I call it giving birth to Christ. Yes, we look to the time when Christ will come again and we remember the birth of Christ in history, but in the now of this moment, in this time, how do we make Jesus a living, breathing reality for us and our world? Jesus came and Jesus will come again, but in between these two comings our challenge is to make Jesus come alive for us and for our time and to see what difference this makes for us and our world. And this, my friends, is how we will give birth to Jesus, now at this time and in this moment.

The readings we hear on this first Sunday of Advent give us a hint as to how we might just make this happen. We need to be watchful and alert! In essence, as Mark implies, we are to wake up. But just what does this mean?

Often times we look for the presence of Jesus in the spectacular, the feel good moments or we look for something outside of ourselves, like a brilliant sunrise or sunset or through the eyes of a child (this is not to say that these things are unimportant). But seldom do we expect Jesus to be present in the silence, in a chance encounter with a stranger, in the darkness of death or even in the depth of our hearts. But the thing is all of these moments are in fact times of Jesus’ presence. But all of us know too how difficult it is for us to be inside the present moment when our lives are filled with distractions and worries. These distractions and worries so consume us that that we fail to see what is most precious to us: our health, our loves and friendships and the gift of life itself. We go through our daily lives not only with a lack of reflectiveness and a lack of gratitude, but also with a bit of resentment for what seems to be missing in our lives. We are very much asleep both to God and to our own lives.

Today there is vast array of literature that offers us all kinds of advice on how to get into the present moment as a way to be awake to the deep riches that are inside us. But unfortunately, much of this literature disappoints. It disappoints because it asks us to live our

lives as if it was our last day. But this is just too impossible for us sustain for the long haul. An awareness of our mortality certainly wakes us up, as does a stroke, a heart attack or cancer, but that kind of heightened awareness can only be sustained for a short while and not for the longer seasons of our lives. No one can live for seventy or eighty years as if it was our last day.

Perhaps spiritual wisdom offers a way out of this predicament. Yes it is true that the distractions and pressures of everyday life will keep us from being mindful of the God who is present in all things and prevent us from being awake. But it is for this reason that every spiritual tradition has daily rituals designed precisely to wake us from such sleep.

We need to begin each day with prayer; yes prayer. Prayer is not designed to keep us from God’s wrath, but rather to help us to awaken in our lives the goodness of each day so that we are not trapped inside the dullness of our hearts. Prayer is the subtle reminder that God is truly present to us and that we can call on this God to help us be mindful of the richness of each day. Liturgical prayer and Eucharist, have the same intent; to regularly call us out of our sleep.

None of us lives each day as if it is our last; our heartaches, distractions and worries will invariably lull us to sleep. We can be forgiven for that; we are human after all. So we should ensure that we have regular spiritual rituals, some would say spiritual alarm clocks to jolt us awake so that it doesn’t take a heart attack, or a stroke or cancer or even death to wake us up.

So as we begin Advent we can make our prayer the prayer of Isaiah: “Lord, you are our God; we are the clay and you are the potter; we are the work of your hands.” O God, awaken us to your desire to mold and fashion us into the people you intend us to be. Speak to us in our hearts and allow us to experience you as a God who, in the presence of Jesus, remains in us and with us now and always. May we give birth again this coming Christmas season to the Jesus who lives, moves and our very being.

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