

# Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

## Mass Times

Mass Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Video Recorded Sunday Mass

## Reconciliation

by appointment.

3000 Videre Drive  
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[www.resurrectionde.org](http://www.resurrectionde.org)

DECEMBER 20, 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Gregory M. Corrigan, Pastor  
Thomas A. Kane, CSP, guest priest  
John Falkowski, Deacon  
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation  
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry  
Tina Donald, Bookkeeper  
Debbie Seymour, Admin. Asst.

ext. 115

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### Parish Office Hours :

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday  
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Wed. Thurs.

### Pastoral Council

Sharon Gidumal  
Mary Beth Coté  
Pat Sormani

Executive Officer  
Asst. Executive  
Secretary

## 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

## CHRISTMAS 2020

Christmas is the season when people celebrate the greatest of all gifts, and the very act of giving itself. For those who celebrate the true spirit of the holiday season, to be "spiritually close" may entail staying safe by remaining "physically apart." We are reminded that a young homeless couple, immigrants in a foreign place, unwelcomed and alone, gave birth to their child in a stall used for feeding animals. Even at his birth, the cross was already casting its shadow upon Jesus and those who loved him.

2020 has been a year of struggle and confusion and loss. We might want to pretend it has not happened. Or, we can continue to learn from it. We can remember the Light of Life comes when it is darkest. We can look to the light and lift up our hearts. We can celebrate the many gifts we have, the many gifts we share, rather than give up and stop caring.

Find the true joy of Christmas with the Ones who matter most. Celebrate the best of who you are by being the blessing the world needs so much at this time. Look for the star that will guide you. Christ is born... in you... in all hearts that are true.

**No matter where you are in life's journey....  
*You are always welcome here!***

**Resurrection**—a community of faith seeking to bring Christ to others... knowing that we ultimately find Christ in others.

**Living God's love, justice, and inclusion.** Pastor Sue Joiner and my friends at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Albuquerque have taught me, **Never place a period where God has placed a comma.**

We believe the church's mission is to change lives — individually, systemically and globally. We work to make transformation possible, but trust in God's grace. This is why we insist that church must be a place of vitality in worship, learning and advocacy. We are committed to working for justice, and we believe that lives are changed through global experiences and friendships. Why? Because God is still speaking,



Blessings and peace to you,  
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, Julie Edmiston, Anna Catriew, Annabelle Capritta, Patricia Barber, Joey (Morton) Scruggs, Steven Huhn, Ed Donaldson, Ginnie Marzouca, Rick Markel, Andy Werner, Wayne Bunting, Ann Amsler, C.D. Malmgren, Elmer Godwin, Jill Bauerle, Tina Mahler, Meghan Weiss, Paul Sanders, Nancy Bunting, Jane Hanson, Leslie Johnson, Elaine Fusco, Maryellen A. Sedlacek, George Ward, Jackie Potacki, Lisa Shikany Hatfield, Judy Drew, Joan Rzucidlo, Gina Gurney, Alexander Mitchell, Mila Ann Weiss a precious newborn, Sister Mary Em McGlone, James E Barber.

**LITURGY**

**How do 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.

**INTENTIONS**

Sunday	Dec 20	9:30 a.m.	+Wilson Short
Thursday	Dec 24	3:00 p.m.	+Deacon Ed Lynch
Thursday	Dec 24	5:00 p.m.	+Claire Jordan
Thursday	Dec 24	7:00 p.m.	+Deacon Fran Huhn
Friday	Dec 25	10:00 a.m.	+Joyce Graney
Sunday	Dec 27	9:30 a.m.	+Joyce Graney
Friday	Jan 1	10:00 a.m.	+Joseph C. Blum

**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. <https://www.youtube.com/resurrectionparishdelaware>.



**DECEMBER 24**  
**3:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM**

**DECEMBER 25**  
**10:00 AM**

**JANUARY 1**  
**FEAST OF MARY**  
**10:00 AM**

Registration is required. Please sign up via sign up genius or call the parish office.

**RECORDED MASS WILL BE POSTED DECEMBER 24 AT 3:00 PM FOR THOSE CELEBRATING AT HOME**

**Parish Office is closed** December 23,24,25,31, Jan1.

Our prayer for you is that Christ, our newborn King shed the rays of his light, grace and holiness on us all that we can truly live in peace with one another and make this world a better place by our love. A Blessed and Merry Christmas to ALL.

## 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](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
- Please sanitize your hands upon entering the church
- Please stay home if you are feeling ill.
- Parishioners who are particularly vulnerable are **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** from attending public celebrations of the Church until all restrictions have been lifted.

## PARISH LIFE

### Winter Arts Festival Online Auction

Our Annual Winter Arts Festival Auction will look a little different this year.

- We will have an online auction January 7-23.
- If you would like to donate an item for the auction, contact Elaine Little at [elittle@resurrectionde.org](mailto:elittle@resurrectionde.org)
- Instructions on how to set up an account and bid on items will be go out in early January.
- All proceeds go to the Young Neighbors in Action service trip to Buffalo, NY in July 2021.

Mailing address to send cards and notes:

Fr. Bill Graney 15 Gender Rd Newark DE 19711	Fr. Thomas A. Kane Paulist Residence 1225 20th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32960
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Covid-19:  
A Prayer of  
**Solidarity**

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions  
between food on the table or public safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration  
status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope,  
comfort and love to all.  
Grant peace.  
Grant comfort.  
Grant healing.  
Be with us, Lord.

**Amen.**

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## 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](mailto:nmaloney.resurrectionde@gmail.com)

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**MS YOUTH GROUP December 20 at 6:30 p.m. VIA ZOOM**  
Topic: Advent

**HS YOUTH GROUP January 10 at 6:30 p.m. VIA ZOOM**

### **Summer Service 2021**

**January 3, 2021 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](mailto:elittle@resurrectionde.org) or 368-0146 ext. 107

## SOCIAL CONCERNS



THANK YOU for supporting Outreach efforts.

- 600 Greeting Cards to cheer local Nursing Home Residents and other seniors.
- Giving Tree gifts for Friendship House , Family Promise and Christina School District families in need.
- Homemade sandwiches for Emmanuel Dining Room for the homeless.
- Bountiful Food donations for the Food Closet clients at The Table of Plenty Outreach

## STEWARDSHIP



Chip Schussler shares via video our gratitude for the continued financial support of Resurrection Parish. <https://youtu.be/-rWMXb4d73Y> and on the

parish homepage. Resurrection parish is in good financial position. Thank you each for your generosity, commitment and persistence in giving of your time, talent and treasure. Financial reports are on the parish website.

## Taking It Home by Deacon John

Where does God choose to dwell? This question is the question posed by our scriptures this weekend, in particular, in the first reading from 2 Samuel as well as in Luke's gospel. In the first reading, we hear that King David is concerned that the King lives in a beautiful house of cedar, while God dwells in a simple tent. So David suggests to Nathan that the King build a magnificent temple for God in order that God would dwell in a structure worthy of God's authority. Nathan at first gives his okay to David, but later in a dream, God advises Nathan that it is not David's place to determine where God should dwell. God has been with David and with David's people alike and everywhere so God cannot be confined. It is God and God alone who will determine where God will dwell. And so God tells Nathan to tell David that God will make a house, a kingdom that shall endure forever. And just where does God intend that this house, this kingdom should be? Our answer lies in the story of Luke's gospel.

God chooses to dwell in us and among us. Yes, the gospel story of Angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary, that she will be the mother of Jesus, is an indication to us that God chooses that God's house shall spring up from the human heart. And because Mary says, "may it be done to me according to your word," she not only gives birth to Jesus, who is the enduring reality of God's kingdom on earth, but she also teaches us how we can do the same in our human hearts. The incarnation, that great mystery we celebrate at Christmas when God chose to take on human flesh and thereby raise up our lowly humanity once again, is God's answer to the question, where does God choose to dwell?

Walter Wink a professor of Biblical Interpretation at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City speaks to this great mystery of the incarnation this way: The implication of these reflections (that God chose to raise up our lowly humanity) are profound. It means that we are free to go on the journey that Jesus charted rather than worship the journey of Jesus. This means that we are co-creators with God. It means that we can, if we have the courage, recover the healing ministry of Jesus and his very Jewish kind of persistent prayer." And finally, I think it means that in Jesus, we truly see who we are meant to be as true human beings. We are the dwelling place of God.

But for each of us to give birth to Jesus in our human heart as Mary did and thereby give glory to God, we need to learn from Mary how to make this true. Deep within us is buried the possibility of living in such a way that the life we live is the life of Jesus shining for all to see. Yes, we are the lights of the world, as Matthew tells us, but if we put our lights under a bushel basket, what good is that? And so consequently, by letting our lights shine, we too can give birth to the Jesus within each of us. And just as Mary is our witness, we also must learn to hear the word of God and keep it. We too need to be able to say as Mary said, "may it be done to me according to your word."

What is important is realizing ourselves as rooted and integrated in the word of God. But this realization naturally unfolds into the physical world. It is like a seed hidden in the earth that naturally grows into a bush and pushes itself into visible light, like a seed hidden in a woman's womb that naturally grows into a child and pushes itself into visible light. What is conceived in the world of spirit is manifest in the world of flesh. The one who hears the word of God and keeps it inevitably gives birth to Jesus and nurtures him.

So we too must become men and women of faith, whose very center of our beings is the God whose life-giving breath allows our lights to shine. In this coming Christmas season, let us pray that the love, joy and peace of the season may give our hearts the energy to shine forth so that the world will know that Jesus lives in you and me.

## OUR COMMUNAL EXPERIENCE OF GLOBAL GRIEF

by Angie Malmgren, MS Pastoral Care, Certified Spiritual Director

*First of all, I believe that we are all in the throes of a global grief crisis where we have experienced multiple losses: The loss of the normal rhythm of our lives where we are constantly making changes to our routines and those of our family's situations. Those who live alone are experiencing isolation and the loss of the human contact of loved ones and friends. Some have lost jobs. Children have lost their school routines and social contacts with classmates. So we are grieving what was and are lamenting what we've lost. It's hard to see what we've gained in that mental and emotional chaos we're plowing through. This may describe our experience of sadness of what we've lost. It may also describe our longing for a deeper stability, a deeper security. This is where I believe faith in the presence of Christ within us enables us to open our heart, asking for the light and we need to stay hopeful in the midst of this pandemic. Psalm 34/18 reads: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those crushed in Spirit. I pray this is so for each of us as we draw close to Christ!*

### WINTER GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP SERIES

If you are newly bereaved or have been struggling alone with the weight of long term grief, Resurrection Parish's Bereavement Ministry invites you to join us on eight Thursday Afternoons from 1:30 – 3 p.m. January 14<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Meetings will be in the Worship Space at Resurrection Parish, 3000 Videre Drive, Skyline Ridge, Wilmington, Delaware, 19808 OR VIA ZOOM if necessary

Masks will be required and we will adhere to social distancing standards if in person

**To register:** Fill in the Registration Form on the parish website <https://resurrectionde.org/grief-support-series>  
For a paper form, please contact the parish office at 302-368-0146 Ext. 0

<b>Session 1</b>	<b>January 14</b>	Introductions and Reasons for Coming
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>January 21</b>	Responses within the Grieving Process: Behavioral, Cognitive, Emotional, etc.
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>January 28</b>	The Year's Cycle, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Holidays and Memorials, etc.
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>February 4</b>	Adjustments and Understanding the Grieving Process
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>February 11</b>	Facing Changes: Challenges
<b>Session 6</b>	<b>February 18</b>	Relationships with Family and Friends
<b>Session 7</b>	<b>February 25</b>	Stress: Methods of Coping
<b>Session 8</b>	<b>March 4</b>	Towards Healing and New Strength

#### Co-facilitators and Contact Persons:

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**What's My Name?**  
 The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.

**#WHATSMYNAME**  
 In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

  
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