

# Resurrection Parish

DECEMBER 27, 2020  
HOLY FAMILY

A Catholic Christian Community

## 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  
9 :00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.. Wed. Thurs.

## Pastoral Council

Sharon Gidumal	Executive Officer
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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**

## 2020: What a year!

What each person wants, matters. And yet, when we are truly honest, we face the reality that what we most want, we may not get.

2020 will always remind us of things we did not want. Hopefully, we have learned to pray: *God, when things do not go our way, give us hope.*

*Help us to trust that our hearts are being stretched, able to hold more compassion. May our desires lead us to someplace good.*

Hopefully, we are learning to ask, *What is life-giving?* Is what I am doing drawing me closer to God?

There have been times when I am overwhelmed by the compassion and kindness of the people around me. At those times I can give and live fully.

For the goodness that you share with the blessed community of Resurrection, I thank you.

May this Christmas season bring you joy: love the ones you are with... be present to the continuing birth of Christ.



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, 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.

**Rest is Peace**

**Lou Moscato**, age 107 We hold his family in our prayers and ask Lou to send us some blessing from heaven.

**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 27	9:30 a.m.	+Joyce Graney
Friday	Jan 1	10:00 a.m.	+Joseph C. Blum
Sunday	Jan 3	9:30 a.m.	+Thelma Kennedy

**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>.

**JANUARY 1  
FEAST OF MARY  
10:00 AM**  
Registration is required. Please sign up via sign up genius or call the parish office.

**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.

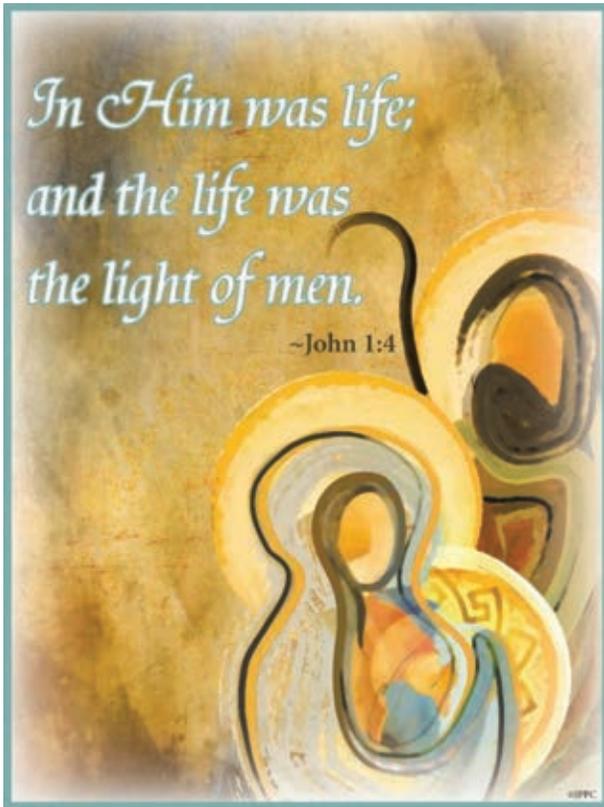
**To register to attend the Mass**, please visit the parish website [www.resurrectionde.org](http://www.resurrectionde.org) and look for the sign up genius link. You may also call the parish office at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 until Thursday at 3 p.m. to register.

**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.

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity. Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.

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**PARISH LIFE**

**Parish Office is closed** December 31, Jan 1.

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.

**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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**



**MS YOUTH GROUP** January 3 at 6:30 p.m. VIA ZOOM

**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

**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)

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

THANK YOU for supporting Outreach efforts by fulfilling gift requests from the virtual Giving Tree. Many smiles will be shared on Christmas morning because of your kindness and generosity. Thank you!



## **STEWARDSHIP**

Chip Schussler shared 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.

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### **Taking It Home by Deacon John**

The interesting thing about families is that we do not get to select the family we are part of. But the question is where would we be without our families? Families come in all shapes and sizes. They come with joy. They come with sorrow. They come with chaos and struggle, but most especially they come with blessing. Why? Because the family is where we first find and experience holiness. It is where we first experience acceptance and love. Yes, the turmoil and struggle, the joys and cares of family life is where we first discover the call to holiness.

To think that it is in our families that we first discover holiness is probably a crazy idea for many of us. Families can at times be so dysfunctional that the thought of discovering holiness in such families is the last thing on anyone's mind. But where else do we first learn and put into practice all the things that our faith teaches us. In the Catholic Update, "Seeing Family Life As Holy, Warts and All," it says, "what makes family life sacred is not to attain some kind of pristine perfection, but the fact that to live with people as lovingly as you can is to live with God...What makes a family holy is not to be totally free from conflict or to become a group of people who never hurt one another. Rather holiness in families comes from learning to forgive and be reconciled and learning to face up to our problems and to do something about them. In family life, holy means striving to surrender to God's light within us at times when the darkness around us seems overwhelming. It means struggling day after day to bring creative order – if only for a bit – to the chaos. When we work at cultivating forgiveness, reconciliation and community, we embody God's holy will in the context of family life."

Wilkie Au in his book, "Urgings of the Heart," also says this about family life. "While the goal of loving like Jesus is quite lofty, it is meant to take place at home, that is, in the familiar places where we find ourselves and where opportunities to embody the love of Jesus abound. Spiritual growth (which is the call to

holiness) is achieved through our efforts to love and care in daily ways as husbands and wives, parents and siblings, friends and neighbors, employers and colleagues. Our present lives – just as we find them – are the places where transforming grace is at work making us holy by inspiring us to love like Jesus."

These are the images we bring with us today as we celebrate the Christmas Feast of the Holy Family. In the serene images of Mary, Joseph and Jesus we have a picture of the perfect family; at least these are the images we create for ourselves in the many saintly images that we use to depict the Holy Family. In fact in this Sunday's gospel we have one of the few descriptions of the Holy Family in all of scripture. Their appearance here emphasizes how important family care is for children and for all human beings. Mary and Joseph seem hesitant but have exquisite care for the baby Jesus. But we celebrate this feast today not so much as a reminder to us of what our families should be like, although there is some truth to that. But instead we celebrate it as a reminder that it is here, in the midst of a human family that God chose to dwell. It was through the human family, the family of Joseph and Mary and all their many relatives that Jesus entered our world. And not unlike the situation with today's many families, it too was a family that faced hardship, fear and turmoil.

And so because Jesus entered this world as a member of a human family we can now cherish our own families. We can cherish them because it is here in the so-called little churches of the world that the human love, care and compassion shared between family members becomes a symbol of God's divine love for us all. Through the incarnate flesh of the Son all life has been made holy. And so our sharing in the joys and sorrows, the good times and bad times, the richer or poorer times and the times of sickness or health of family life is truly a sharing in the life of Christ.

## WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GRIEF

by Angie Malmgren, MS Pastoral Care, Certified Spiritual Director  
(Thoughts are adapted from writings of the Hospice Foundation of America)

After the loss of a loved one, this may be your experience.

Grief is a normal reaction to loss. You're not going crazy, each of us react to grief in our own way. One way to help us through the pain of loss is to be with others who are grieving in a support group. We are healed by companioning, by walking one another through the journey of grief. A grief group is a safe place to share our story of loss.

Grief is not a predictable set of stages. Most of us experience grief like a roller-coaster: there are ups and downs, good days and bad days. And like the roller-coaster, the beginning of the ride is not the worst part. There are no universal stages of grief; each of us has our own personal pathway. Grief can affect us now and years to come. The holidays are a particularly hard time because of the emotions and pain stirred up by a time that was once a cause of great joy, but now is a reminder of the great loss you have sustained. Planning ahead can really help.

### The three C's can be useful:

- 1) Choose how you want to spend the day.
- 2) Communicate those choices to the people around you
- 3) Compromise, if necessary, especially if the plans involve other family members who may also be grieving.

You don't have to do this alone.

## 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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**#WHATSMYNAME**  
 In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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