# RESURRECTION PARISH

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday** 10 days prior

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE LORD'S DAY Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM

**WEEKDAY MASS** 

Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. 8:30 AM Tuesday 7:00 PM SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Tues. 6:30 PM Sat. 4:45 PM For information on **Executive Officer** the process for adults SACRAMENT OF being fully initiated MARRIAGE into the Catholic One year preparation Church, please call period is required. Trustee the Pastor. **PASTORAL CARE** SACRAMENT OF OF THE SICK BAPTISM For hospital and Before the birth of 3000 Videre Drive home visits, please your child, please call the Christian call the office for http://www.resurrectionde.org Wilmington, De. 19808 **Formation Office** arrangements. about the preparation SPIRITUALITY **OUTREACH STEWARDSHIP** process.

Resurrection Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Community founded on the renewed vision of Vatican II. Dedicated to the ongoing formation of all parishioners, we seek a deeper spirituality by encountering God in liturgy, prayer, scripture, service and in each other. We make a fuller commitment to outreach by seeking to understand and to address the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of our parish community and beyond our borders. For the evangelization of our community and our stewardship of God's kingdom we will joyfully share our time, talent and treasure making the gospel call to ministry our way of life.

October 9, 2016

#### Faith the size of a mustard seed

This is a phrase from 27 Sunday. This is mentioned often in our lives. Good to see this lived out in tangible as well as less tangible ways. The anointing of the sick has various prayers depending on the circumstances. Thus, anointing at Mass may use general prayers to cover a variety of circumstances. An anointing could also be prior to surgery; we use prayers for surgeons and nurses as well as for the one being anointed. There is a prayer for the young or the elderly or those in extreme or terminal illness. And of course, we can add spontaneous words.

If someone is truly dying, we pray: "May you return to your Creator..." At times people need permission to die.

A couple weeks ago, I went to anoint Maryann Ciabattoni who was dying. She was accepted into hospice and some family and an aide were at her side. Prior to anointing, I conversed with her even though her eyes were closed and just a peaceful look on her face. I thanked her for being such a prayerful person and a leader in the charismatic movement. people were known for a trustful praising of God. As I anointed her I did not say a "goodbye prayer" since I judged that I would probably be back prior to death.

Later, two members of the parish arrived. In conversation with Mary Ann she was opening her eyes a bit and said a word or two. Then as the ladies began singing God's praises, Mary Ann came around to even join in the praising. The next morning, she was able to get up and eat. And she has gained strength since. Examples of such dramatic change were seen in my hospital ministry. In the case of Mary Ann, I don't think it was just a case of praying that day but the whole context of years of praising God and consciously knowing and accepting that she was in the "hands of the Lord."

Also, recently, I went in my neighborhood around 2 am (someone could find it and keep it if I waited) looking for a lost i phone. Guessing on possible places to look, I also prayed to St. Anthony. With my light colored jacket and small flashlight I walked along: I eventually found the phone. Was it the prayer to St. Anthony and the faith to pray? Was it similar to Romans 8: "for those who love God and are called in God's plan, things work out for good."

My reason to share this is that faith may be increased and called upon not only in crisis but regularly. Thus, faith is deepened.

> With joy, Fr. Bill

# **INTENTIONS**

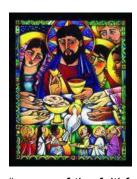
Monday	Oct. 10	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Oct. 11	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Oct. 12	8:30 am	
Thursday	Oct. 13	8:30 am	
Friday	Oct. 14	8:30 am	
Saturday	Oct. 15	5:30 pm	+Sean Carroll
Sunday	Oct. 16	8:15 am	+Peggy Collins
		10:30 am	Parish Community
		5:30 pm	



Pray for all the needs in our Book of Intentions and for those in our Parish Family who are sick: Lord, allow your healing hand to assist Lauren Wisniewski, Jim Nolan, Beverly Detwiler, John Wisniewski, Tia

Langan, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Joseph Hemphill, Renee Roder, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Ben Stam, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Larry & Kat Edwards, Felicia Callahan, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, James Barber, Margaret Brennan, Cass Thomas, Kevin Rzucidlo, Steve Zumsteg, Mike Pohlen, Maria Thorpe, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

# **LITURGY**



Feast of Faith -- The Prayer of the Faithful: The Prayer of the Faithful was restored to the liturgy in the reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In these prayers—also known as the "universal prayer"—the assembly prays for the Church, the world, and the local community. As the name

"prayer of the faithful" reminds us, these intercessions are a privilege of the baptized, which is why any catechumens are dismissed before the Creed and the intercessions. In baptism, we become members of a royal priesthood, and what do priests do? They intercede; they pray. In standing to pray to God as a community, we are living out our royal priesthood.

The intercessions at Mass usually follow a clear pattern, moving from general to specific needs. We pray for the whole Church. We pray for the world and www.resurrectionde.org 0310

for our nation. We pray for our local community, for those for all the sick and afflicted and for those who have died. In our united prayer, we reach beyond ourselves and our own needs and grow in awareness of and compassion for the needs of others.

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# Volunteers are Needed to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word:

- Individuals and family helpers set up Room 4 before Mass and put everything back in place after Mass.
- Candle bearers lead the procession to Room 4.
- Some older children may serve as lectors.
- Adult prayer leaders lead the reflection & prayers.
- Cantors lead the children in song.
- Guitar or keyboard accompanies the singing. Is there someone in your family who can help with this ministry? Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 302-368-0146 x106.



#### **GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR**

We invite all children in **grades 1 through 5** to join **Children's Choir!** Children's Choir serves at the 10:30 am Mass the first CFP Sunday of the month, beginning October 2. The children rehearse at 8:40 am, before attending CFP at 9:15. They then meet again in the Worship Space at 10:20 for final preparations before singing at Mass. Please contact Ruth Sanders, <u>rsanders@resurrectionde.org</u>, 368-0146 Ext. 106.

# **Calling all Youth Musicians**

to join the **Youth Music Group** at the 10:30 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month.

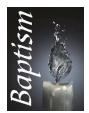
Anyone in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade is enthusiastically invited!

If you like to sing or play an instrument, we would love for you to join in. The Youth Music Group rehearses at 9:15 am right before the 10:30 Mass on the second Sunday of the month. The Group is next scheduled to serve on October 9.

Please contact Kate Regan at reganfamily6@verizon.net or 302-738-9989.

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# **PARISH LIFE**



Welcome: This weekend at Noon we welcome the newest member of our Catholic Christian family, Hailey Baran. Hailey will be baptized and received into the Resurrection community. Hailey is the daughter

Amy and Matthew Baran. Amy and Matthew are parishioners of Resurrection and have had a previous child baptized several years ago. Please welcome Hailey as we pledge to support her in her faith journey.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN LITURGY**

Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 10 AM
St. Joseph's Church
1012 French Street, Wilmington, DE
A light lunch will be provided following Mass.
Everyone is welcome!

A response is required ahead of time for planning purposes. Contact:
Sharon Ward (302) 545-3383, <a href="www.wsward2@verizon.net">wsward2@verizon.net</a>
Gail Rando (352) 445-2350 <a href="mailto:gailvets2@gmail.com">gailvets2@gmail.com</a>

**Shawl Ministry:** Shawls have long been known to bring comfort. As we knit and crochet shawls, we pray for those in need of physical, spiritual and mental comfort. Come join us Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in Room 2.



**L.A.F.F. Group:** Tuesdays in Room 2. From 11:30 am - 2:30 pm. Bring a bagged lunch, and join a fun group to play card games.

# Relief Graphics by Henry Krysiak

My name is Henry Krysiak, a long-time member of



Resurrection Parish. I've studied in the Art Department of the University of Delaware, but mainly am self-taught. Included in my work is the figure of Christ Rising at the entrance, along with the Resurrection lettering, and

design of the stained glass windows in the chapel, created by Jon Barber. I will have a slide show of my work featuring a sample of over 530 unique art works from my art career in Room 4 on October 16, 2016 at noon. All are welcome.

P.S. None of my work is for sale.



Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of South America and Europe where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

# Help Build a Well in Ghana



Wine to Water Dinner/Wine Tasting and Lego Well Project

Resurrection Parish is sponsoring a fundraising effort to support the building of wells that will provide clean water to poor villages in Ghana

One part of this effort is a "Wine to Water" Dinner with DJ at 7 PM on Saturday, October 15 that will include wine tastings and dinner. A DJ will provide music for dancing. The parish hosted a similar event 5 years ago and it was enjoyed greatly by all who attended. This is not a "couples only" event ... all are welcome ... there will likely be a lot of "dancing in groups" if the last one is any indicator. Tickets are \$30 per person and on sale after all Masses.

The second part of this effort is the building of a scale model, from Legos, of an actual Ghanaian well. We are selling Lego pieces for \$20 each that can then be placed on the model. Lego brick and tile sales are also offered after each Mass.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kate and Tom Regan @ 738-9989.

# **ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION**



### Welcome!

K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 10/9, 10/16. 10/23, 10/30 from 9:15-10:15. Drop off begins at 9:10. See you there!

Would you like more information about Christian Formation for Children (Religious Education or Sacramental Preparation)?

Contact Debbie in the Parish Office at dseymour@resurrectionde.org.

# **CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY**

Middle School and High School Youth Group: Sunday October 15, 6:30-8:15



# **SUMMER SERVICE 2017**

We meet the first Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM in the youth room. All participants and a parent are expected to attend each meeting to work on fundraising and community

We will be going to Boston building efforts. Massachusetts and participate in the Young Neighbors in Action Program June 25-July1, 2017. We have a couple open spots. If you are interested let Elaine know IMMEDIATELY.

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

Come to our annual Delight Night event on Oct.15, at Holy Family Hall in Newark, DE. This year, we are doing a wine tasting and food pairing. The cost of a ticket is \$30. All wins paired with select international food. The evening will finish with dessert and Fair Trade coffee for details and tickets jonesnadaann@verizon.net (302) 368-7897

# **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**TAKING IT HOME:** The gospel we hear this weekend is all about the attitude of gratitude. The familiar story of one leper returning to Jesus to give thanks. The one to give thanks was a Samaritan no less. What was it about the other nine that made them forget to say thanks?

I think maybe the other nine got caught up in their own brooding concerns. And because they did, they missed the opportunity for a new lease on life. They were happy to be healed, but they were also equally bitter about their ordeal. They not only had to endure the pain of their disease, but also the pain of separation from community and family. Then they had to endure the bitterness over the healthy years they missed. How could they make up what could never be given back? And I think this is the reason why these nine failed to say thanks and take a new chance on a new lease on life.

This is also why I think the greater miracle of the gospel is not the cure from leprosy, but the healing of the Samaritan's soul. The thankful Samaritan was cured of his greater disease of bitterness and resentment. The Samaritan, with the help of Jesus, could see both his goodness and the goodness of life itself. The kindness that Jesus showed the Samaritan enabled him to see himself as loved for who he was, a human person and not just a person with leprosy. And for this reason the Samaritan was able to say thanks.

To develop gratitude means letting go of the pain and bitterness that we often feel when life seems to deal us a raw deal. This is not easy to do. But if we trust what Jesus holds out for us then we too can see the goodness in ourselves and this world despite its darkness and pain. We are better persons not solely because we have been healed of our disease, but because there is no moment of our lives, whether it is darkness and pain or joy and goodness that has not been touched by the presence of God and of God's grace: a reason to give thanks and praise and to know that life does really offer new possibilities.

Deacon John

## Our Holy Father:

"We are accustomed to a culture of indifference and we must strive and ask for the grace to create a culture of encounter, of a fruitful encounter, of an encounter that restores to each person his or her own dignity as a child of God, the dignity of a living person." Homily 13 Sept 16



# 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL – LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, "Render a just decision for me against my adversary."

For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me."

The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Gospel Reflection: In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is traveling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans, and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God.

The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables. In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice towards the widow, but the judge repeatedly ignores her. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poorrepresented here by the widow—are those who recognize their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

A parable about God: When Jesus tells this parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. If such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is told to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down-like the judge—but rather to demonstrate the genuine need.

**Scriptural context:** Since chapter 9 of this Gospel, Jesus has been making a steady journey towards Jerusalem and the events of the Passion that await him there. This whole second half of the gospel is a series of teaching moments as Jesus seeks to prepare his disciples to continue his ministry after he has gone. Remembering that the gospel is written 50 or more years after the events described, the gospel writer has also deliberately structured these teaching moments for the audience of believers struggling day by day to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. As such, these teachings are just as important for modern audiences.

Convincing God: Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-time prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognize, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God, but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

- Q. Why does Jesus use such unsavory characters like the judge in his parables?
- Q. Why is it specifically a widow who pleads her case with the unjust judge?
- Q. Where and when do you make time to pray? What demands push prayer from your routine?
- O. What positive impact could time spent in prayer have upon these other demands?

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