

Resurrection Parish

May 21, 2017

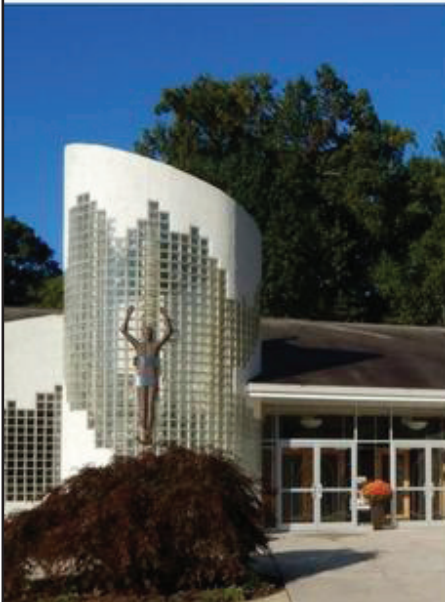
Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Catholic Christian Community

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.
Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:30 a.m.
Tues. 7 p.m.



Rev. William Graney, Pastor

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Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

Pastoral Council

Mike Rzucidlo Executive Officer
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Reconciliation

Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sat. 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment.

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. Bill or Deacon John.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship



Matthew – St. Timothy Award



Sharon-rose – Volunteer of the Year



Liam – St. Timothy Award

Matthew, Liam, and Sharon were honored at the Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry Annual Recognition Dinner on May 10, 2017. Check out the bulletin insert to learn why.

In conjunction with the St. Timothy Award, Matthew and Liam will also receive the Brian J. Pierson Memorial Scholarship Award.

The Pierson family has established a college scholarship fund in memory of their son, Brian. The scholarship is a fitting way to honor Brian who was particularly enriched by summer work projects.

INTENTIONS

Monday	May 22	8:30 am	Steve and Maritza Grise
Tuesday	May 23	7:00pm	
Wednesday	May 24	8:30 am	
Friday	May 26	8:30 am	
Saturday	May 27	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	May 28	8:15 am	+Peter Grololski
		10:30am	+Karen Nauman



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.

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** Joan Donnelly, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Kat Edwards, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Beth Callahan, Carol Strasser, Alice Weaver, Courtney Corridori, Elba Arroyo, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.



MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS

Everyone is invited to attend the 58th Memorial Day Field Mass at All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Highway, on Mon. May 29th at 10 a.m. Before Mass there will be a brief military tribute by VFW Post 475 from Newark Principal Celebrant is

Most Re. W. Francis Malooly. Musicians and liturgical ministers are from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Protection from the weather and seating are provided.

LITURGY

Ministry Needs

If you are interested in learning about or helping with any of the following ministries, please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 Ext 106.

Bread Bakers needed to prepare Eucharist bread for Sunday liturgies. It takes approximately two hours to prepare the bread. We use a recipe that includes only wheat and water. We provide specific instructions and a mentor for those new to this ministry. This could be a great “family” ministry.

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Mass Sacristans needed at all Masses. The sacristan works in the sacristy 15 minutes before and after the Mass preparing the vessels, bread, and wine to be shared at our “Eucharistic Meal”. Men, women, families are all welcome!

Altar Servers needed: Young people (fourth grade and up), teens and adults assist priest and deacon – and so the assembly – at Mass and other liturgies. This can be a *great parent/child* ministry! Some of our best servers are teens and young adults. Adults are very welcome.

Environment Prep -- Looking Ahead: On Pentecost, June 4, after the 10:30 am Mass we’ll prepare our Worship Space for the liturgies of Ordinary Time. There will be plenty to do for all ages and stages! Please help if you are able. Thank you.

PARISH LIFE

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider supporting the 1000s of people helped by the Appeal. If you decide not , it is beneficial to save administrative costs of follow up, by putting you name on the pledge form and write “no gift”. THANKS . Fr. Bill Graney

Paschal Season As our Paschal Season progresses to its conclusion with Pentecost, much of the focus in these last Sundays of Eastertime is on the coming Spirit. “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and God will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth.” The resolution to the absence of Jesus is the giving of the Spirit. Since this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus, it becomes a guarantor of his presence in a new way; and through his presence the salvific experience he initiated. As Fr. Ray Brown puts it: “John presents the Paraclete as the Holy Spirit in a special role, namely, as the personal presence of Jesus in the Christian while Jesus is with the Father.”

Each generation of is as close to Jesus as the last, and the first, because the Paraclete is the immediate link between Jesus and his disciples in every generation. That is to say, the link and the continuity is provided not by sacraments or offices or human figures, but by the Spirit.



A book sale from the library of Fr. John Hynes will be continue this

weekend of May 20/21 in the Gathering Space. We invite everyone to take a look! Donations for books will go to help our Solidarity commitment to San Marcos, Guatemala, towards medical needs projects.

Make checks out to Resurrection Parish and note it is for the book sale. (Fr. Hynes is not reading less, incidentally. He just needs room, and wants a lot of books that are worth reading to be read now.)

**STOCK SALE-
JUNE 3-4 FOLLOWING ALL MASSES!**

Help our youth participants raise the final amount needed for our trip to Boston, MA this June. You can purchase a stock certificate in any sum the weekend of June 3-4 after all Masses. Thank you in advance for your support.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Highmark Walk
for a Healthy Community**

Join us for the 2017 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on **Saturday, June 3, 2017**, at Bellevue State Park, Figure 8 Barn in Wilmington.

Visit <http://hcf.convio.net>

- Choose: Our Locations
- Choose: Wilmington from drop down menu
- Choose: Register now to walk with a team or Donate Now to support a walker/team.



Resurrection Teams are:

- Family Promise: Resurrection Steppers , Deb Buckels Team Captain
- Friendship House: Team Gidumal
- Delaware Center for Justice

The second collection today will benefit the retired priests of our diocese. Please pray for our retired and aging priests, and please be generous. The

health and financial assets of retired priest vary greatly. Yet all are dependent on group health insurance and pension. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

RIDE TO CHURCH: A woman who lives in Arbor Point Apts. in Stanton is looking for a ride to church each week on Saturday or Sunday. Please call the parish office for details.

Would you like to brighten someone's day?

Knock on someone's door today. Don't have an agenda. Just love large! An example: Alice Weaver is home from Millcroft, and would love to have friends stop in for a visit. Her contact information is the parish directory.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



**VBS 2017- Hero Central:
Discover Your Strength in God**

Monday – Friday, June 19 – June 23
9 a.m. to 12 noon at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 525 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark.

For children ages 4—11 (or completed 5th grade)
Registration closes Thurs., June 8, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Please make checks payable to Ebenezer.

We are also looking for adult & youth volunteers. All forms are available in the Gathering Space and on the bulletin board outside the nursery. Contact Elaine with any questions. elittle@resurrectionde.org



WELCOME! K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) meet from 9:15-10:15. Our closing celebration is Today.

Would you like more information about Christian Formation for Children (Religious Education or Sacramental Preparation)? Contact Nancy at 302-368-0146 ext. 104 or at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Parish Rectory yard clean up!

Join us Sunday June 11 from 2PM-5PM at the parish

rectory. We will be weeding, and planting. If you are thinning your flower beds and have any spare perennial flowers bring them and we will plant them. Please let Elaine know if you are able to join us.

TAKING IT HOME

How can someone still be present to us even after death? This question is at the heart of our gospel this weekend. Jesus knows that his death is immanent, but he assures his disciples that, even though he will physically die, he will not abandon them. He will not leave them “orphaned.”

Jesus, however, is not only speaking to his disciples when he says that he will not leave them orphaned. He is also speaking to you and me. How can that be? Well he will be with us as he was with his disciples through the power of another, the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth. This is the very same Spirit that is also available to us so that Jesus will be with us always. And this Spirit is not something just imagined nor something hoped for in another lifetime, but it is a Spirit that is present and available to us now in our lives as it was available to the disciples. But again we ask; how is this possible? We ask this question because we are a people of the material world, where the physical presence of a thing is the only presence that we believe we can know. But in the mind of Jesus there is always another way that people remain present to one another. It is through the power of the Spirit.

Unfortunately, for most of us when talking about Spirit and other things of this nature, we immediately jump to thinking in terms of the paranormal. But anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one has, I think, been able to take some comfort in the fact that the spirit of the deceased is still present to them in some way, as we pray at the Catholic funeral mass, “Life is not ended but merely changed.” For when we love someone dearly, when we are in a relationship with someone, we leave tell-tale imprints of ourselves on each other’s hearts. We create images of ourselves that are embedded in our hearts that help us to keep the memory and spirit of that loved one alive in our hearts. Yes, physically the body of the person is no longer present, but the persons’ spirit, the essence of who she/he was, the gifts, qualities and even some of the physical attributes become available to our consciousness.

And in much the same way this is how Jesus remains present to us. When we love someone dearly that love is a participation in a much deeper love, the divine love of God for God’s creation. This is what Jesus acknowledges when he says, “whoever loves me

will be loved by my Father, and I will love her/him and reveal myself to her/him.” To love Jesus is to love one another, and when we love one another we participate in that divine communication between Father and Son, which the Spirit as the tell-tale imprints and lasting impressions embedded on our hearts, helps to keep alive for us. So even though physically neither the Father nor the Son are present to us, when we love with a love that cuts to our hearts, a love filled with the qualities and gifts of the unconditional love of Jesus, the Spirit enables the essence of Jesus to become available to our consciousness and “we are in Christ as Christ is in the Father.” And as St. Paul says, nothing, not even death can separate us from this love.



Tuesday, May 23, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection: Spirituality of the Twelve Step Program with Rev. Dan McGlynn and Sr. Margie

Walsh. Can’t attend the whole day, come to a shortened version on **Monday evening, May 22, 7 pm - 9 pm** Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) or call our office 302-995-6858 for more information or to register. **Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808.**

VOCATIONS

2017 Quo Vadis Days for High School and College students will be **Thursday, July 27 to Saturday, July 29** in Malvern, PA. This event offers a time of prayer, fraternity, sports, and recreation focused on the life and ministry of the Priesthood. You will spend three days with other young men who have the same interest and aspiration in life. Is God calling me to be a Priest?

For more info cdow.org/vocations and to register online. Registration deadline July 9th.



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 28: 16-20**

*The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain
to which Jesus had directed them.
When they saw him,
they worshipped him,
but some doubted.
And Jesus came and said to them,
“All authority in heaven and on
earth has been given to me.
Go therefore
and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them
in the name of the Father,
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey
everything that I have
commanded you.
And remember,
I am with you always,
to the end of the age.”*

Gospel Reflection: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses.” These words are a reminder to all people—young and old—that the words of Jesus to his disciples are also addressed to each and every one of us. We are called to be witnesses to our faith; witnesses to Jesus’ message of compassion and justice; witnesses to the ongoing power of the Holy Spirit to change people’s lives.

This short gospel passage is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as “The Great Commission” as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to “Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.” This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then. The focus of today’s feast, though, is much more on the first reading than the gospel. The opening verses of the Book of Acts, from the author of Luke-Acts, describe the final instructions of Jesus to his disciples and then his “lifting up”. The Luke-Acts writer is the only gospel writer to actually describe the Ascension. The fact that the other gospels don’t discuss the Ascension in any detail at all is a good indication that this description should not be taken literally.

However, the message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.

Historical Context: In both the gospel passage from Matthew and the passage from the Book of Acts, Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out to the whole world. Both writers make it abundantly clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the people of Israel but for all people everywhere. Within only a very few years, early Christian communities had sprung up all around the Mediterranean. Once Christianity became the religion of Rome it spread to all the corners of the Roman Empire.

Scriptural context: The description of Jesus being taken up into heaven is a close parallel to the description of the great prophet Elijah also being taken up to heaven. Chapter 2 of 2 Kings describes Elijah speaking to his disciple Elisha in similar words to those used by Jesus to his disciples. The Jewish tradition had no belief in an individual resurrection and so the idea of Ascension was to recognize the greatness of the prophet. He was to be united with God in Heaven rather than having to wait for the great resurrection of all people at the end of time.

Living the Gospel: A witness in a court of law is called to give evidence about a matter; to “testify” to the truth of what they have seen or what they know to be true. Some people are very good at being a “witness” to their faith by testifying to others about what they believe. Many others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe. Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world, and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.

Q. In the gospel passage, what is it that Jesus commissioned his disciples to do?

Q. How does your local community seek to “spread the good news” to others?

Q. What are some of the actions of being a witness that might speak louder than words?

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