

Resurrection Parish September 10, 2017 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



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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

EVERYTHING BELONGS

The Teaching of Richard Rohr, ofm

An Evening of Reflection

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Father Richard Rohr is a globally recognized teacher and the author of numerous books, including, *Everything Belongs*, *The Naked Now*, *Breathing Under Water*, and his latest book, *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation*. A Franciscan priest, he is the founder of the **Center for Action and Contemplation** (CAC.org) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Richard's teaching is grounded in Franciscan practices of contemplation and self-emptying, expressing themselves in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized.

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*"The life of faith is not at all "believing impossible things to be true;" actually, it is a much more vigilant path of learning how to rest in an **Ultimate Love** and how to rest in an **Infinite Source**. On a very practical level, you will then be able to trust that you are being **held and guided**." —Richard Rohr (*The Divine Dance*, p. 97)*

Admission is Free (A free will offering will be taken for **Trinity House** in Albuquerque. Trinity House is a Catholic Worker House which welcomes everybody and provides services to all, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, handicap, sex, or sexual orientation. Fr. Richard ministers at Trinity House, including presiding at mass there on Thursday evenings.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Presented by Greg Corrigan

INTENTIONS



GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR

Monday	Sept. 11	8:30 am	Parish Community
Tuesday	Sept. 12	7:00pm	Evelyn LeJeune
Wednesday	Sept. 13	8:30 am	Kevin Perkey
Friday	Sept. 15	8:30 am	+Jill Irwin
Saturday	Sept. 16	5:30pm	+Victoria Cusack
Sunday	Sept. 17	8:15 am	+Trudy Rosemary
		10:30am	+Joan Donnelly

Centering Prayer is held every Thursday in the chapel from 7:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

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 1. 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, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 Ext. 106.



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** JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Beth Callahan, Priscilla Callahan, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

Twice each month beginning September 24th, we will have **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the 10:30 am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word follows the structure of the Liturgy of the Word being celebrated in the main assembly, allowing the power of the liturgy to act on children, encouraging their growing relationship with the Lord and allowing them to share their own experiences of God's presence. The children are dismissed to Room 4 after the Opening Prayer. They listen to the same scripture heard in the main assembly, but from the Children's Lectionary. They are then lead in an interactive reflection that connects the Word to their life experiences. They pray the Creed and then, in their own words, the Prayer of the Faithful. The children return to the main assembly during the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention--September 2017
That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Is there someone in your family who can help with this ministry? Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 302-368-0146 x106.

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 **6th through 12th 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 8.

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 and teens may serve as **lectors**.
- Adult **prayer leaders** lead the reflection & prayers.
- **Cantors** lead the children in song.

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

PARISH LIFE



This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017**. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

SNAP Support Group: A support group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families sponsored by Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) meets in Wilmington on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. For the location, call Judy Miller at 302-234-1519 or email: snapdelaware@yahoo.com.

September 24, 4-6 PM Resurrection will host: Pathways to Peace: Broadening our Understanding of American Muslims



(A panel discussion, breakout sessions, and Middle Eastern Appetizers)

Panelists:

- Dr. Muqtedar Kahn, Professor of Islamic Studies, U of DE
- Shiekj Abdel Hadi, Iman, Ibrahim Mosque
- Dr. Naveed Baqir, Delaware of Global and Muslim Affairs,
- Iram Shaukat, member of Islamic Society of Delaware

US Senator Chris Coons will give the welcome. This event is part of Peace Week Delaware, over 40 events state wide to promote peace and justice peaceweekdelaware.org.

Contact: Peggy Smith, 302-737-8927

pegsmith@comcast.net

Online Registration:

<http://resurrectionde.org/social-concerns-1>

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SMALL FAITH SHARING

GROUPS: We are at that time of your when the pace of things begins to quicken; school begins, vacation season ends and the calendar looks forward to fall and winter activities.

One activity that takes place at Resurrection during the fall is Small Faith Sharing. Groups are beginning to organize now. Look for sign-up announcements in the upcoming weeks. Please consider signing up for a Small Faith Sharing Group. It is one way to meet new members of our faith community and to find support for your faith journey. Contact Deacon John at 368-0146 x 110 if you have questions.

AUTUMN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Nazareth House at Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center 2501 Milltown Rd. Wilmington, DE 19808 Sept. 13, 20; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 27; and Nov. 1, 8. To register, please contact Angela Malmgren at (302) 650-0066 or angie.malmgren@gmail.com.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

ZINGO GENEROSITY: The cash register tapes for past sixth months totaled \$75,307.84. ZINGO will be sending a check to our outreach program for \$753.08. Thanks to ZINGO for having this program to support our outreach and thanks to the parishioners who shop at ZINGO and save their cash register tapes. Please put them in the ZINGO box which is on the table in the hall by the nursery.

FAIR TRADE SALE: Our next Fair Trade Coffee/Tea sale is the weekend of Sept 9/10 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of Sept 30. Thanks for supporting struggling farmers around the world.



Shawl Ministry: We welcome all knitters and crocheters. The next meeting is Monday September 11 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 2. Please join us to knit or crochet shawls for those with illness.



Chuck Selvaggio founded Neighbors to Nicaragua to increase awareness about poverty in Nicaragua and invest in the education and wellbeing of its citizens, particularly the country's children and youth. He will be here at Resurrection next weekend to share about this wonderful work.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Our Elementary Program begins today, September 10. We are meeting from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Sept 17-CFP & parent meeting

See our website or gathering space for a full calendar and other registration forms.

Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will begin on Wed. Oct 11 at 5:45 p.m. If you are interested in having your second grade or older child receive these sacraments, please contact Nancy at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org. Calendars and registration materials can also be found on our website or gathering space.

Pass on the Good News of our Catholic Faith! You can help by sharing your talents, compassion, and your faith as substitute assistants, substitute catechists, assistants, and catechists for CFP. If interested or for more information contact Nancy Maloney at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org or (302) 368-0146 x104.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

October 1 6:30-8:15 PM

We will be discussing Catholic Social Justice: Action and Advocacy

SUMMER SERVICE 2018: If you are a high school student interested in participating in our service trip next summer, grab a parent and come to our information meeting on **Monday, September 11 at 7:00 PM in the youth room.** Young Neighbors in Action offers teens a week of participating in mission, growing in faith, joining in prayer and serving those in need. Learn more at www.cmdnet.org/ynia-home.

TAKING IT HOME

The gospel this weekend begins the Discourse on Life and Order. Despite the title, "Discourse on Life and Order,"

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the discourse is not so much about church order as it is about living together in community. How should members who believe in Jesus and want to follow Jesus' teaching come first, to form community and then secondly, to maintain themselves in community? Matthew's concern is that it has been some time since Jesus lived, died, rose and ascended into heaven. People have been attracted by Jesus' teaching and wanted to live like him and follow-after him so just how should they do that? In other words, if this community was to be the living embodiment of Jesus, maintaining his memory on earth, just how should they live? The "Discourse on Life and Order" concerns itself with things like, avoiding scandal for others and handling disagreements among members in the community by noting the necessity of forgiveness as a quality of membership. By doing these things and by living as best they could in honor of Jesus' memory, they would become the living embodiment of Jesus still present in the world.

The way to honor the memory of Jesus simply stated is to do as he did; to serve one another in love as a symbol and expression of God's love for us and of our love of God. We do this because as Jesus so often reminded us, we cannot say we accept Jesus and love God if we do not express that love through our love of neighbor. This means living in right relationship, not only with God, but also with our neighbor, who happens to be not only those with whom we gather in community as part of the Church, but also those beyond the Church walls. But we most especially do this as part of the community we call the Church because this community is to be a witness of the kingdom as it exists now on earth. And even though this is not the kingdom in its fullness, it is still the best example we have of what that kingdom will eventually become. So as the community of believers, the community is called to give witness to the Jesus who lives among us in the faces of our sister and brothers in the community called the Church. And this is what makes us the community that the Church is, a people gathered around the person of Jesus and living in the Spirit of his memory.

The Spirit of Jesus is defined as charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, mildness and chastity. And living these virtues is what binds us into community in such a way that we are immune from separation by distance, temperament, race, color, gender, ideology, social status, history or even death. All who live these virtues are one body with each other and constitute the Church.

And so our gospel shows us one way we are to live as the community called to be Church. In the gospel, Jesus exhorts us to forgive our sisters and brothers who go astray. We should do our best not to condemn them, but instead seek to be reconciled with them. And why should we do this? Because this is what Jesus did and how we are to live in his memory. But also because we love them and we do not want them to be separated from God's love. Living in community means that we are mutually accountable to each other and open to mutual correction and challenge.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 18: 21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

Gospel Reflection: This gospel passage follows directly from the prior Sunday’s passage. It concludes the whole of Matthew Chapter 18 that deals with sin, forgiveness and reconciliation. Peter’s question to Jesus and its suggested answer is a reflection of the view that there is a limit to the number of times we should forgive someone. Seven is a significant number in scripture and implies a “perfect” amount. Even though by his use of seven, Peter is suggesting that he should forgive someone many, many times, Jesus quickly corrects Peter and says not seven, but seventy-seven times (or seventy times seven). Jesus plays on the use of the number seven and multiplies it to indicate that one should forgive as many times as is required—without keeping count; without keeping score. The story of the unforgiving servant is a familiar one of forgiveness and mercy being shown but not passed on. The sting in the tail of this parable is Jesus’ final warning that, “So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.” This is an unsettling statement, as we believe God’s forgiveness to be without measure and without end. Jesus warns that unless we seek to imitate God’s forgiveness and forgive others “from our heart” (with compassion) then we are not going to recognize the forgiveness of God and will cut ourselves off from it. The whole idea of forgiving from the heart is a powerful contradiction of a popular concept: “I can forgive, but not forget.” Is it really possible to forgive but refuse to forget? Surely holding on to a memory of hurt is holding on to the hurt itself and does not display that any forgiveness has occurred at all. To forgive but not forget is to keep count. How many times should I forgive the one who has hurt me? As many times as it takes!

Have you thought? The parable sees the unforgiving servant putting his fellow servant in prison “until he paid back the debt.” This is almost exclusively what prisons were used for until only a few hundred years ago. When a person could not repay a debt, they were held in prison until the debt was paid. Of course, being in prison, they had little opportunity to repay the debt themselves and relied on friends and relatives to repay the debt on their behalf. To pay someone’s debt was to “redeem” them. The earliest ideas of Christ as a “Redeemer” were based on the idea of Christ paying a debt on behalf of humankind.

Just like Peter: Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week’s gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what’s right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

How many times? Peter asks, “How many times should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Peter probably thought that he was being pretty generous. The religious law of his time required people to forgive three times, so by suggesting seven times, Peter would have thought that he was really going the extra mile. To forgive someone seven times is a pretty big call. But the number seven has great significance in scripture; it is regarded as a number of perfection. Peter is suggesting that there is an ideal number of times that one should forgive. Jesus blows this out of the water by saying, take that perfect number of times and multiply it by seventy. There is no perfect number of times to forgive.

- Q. In the parable of the unforgiving servant, which character do you identify with? Why?*
- Q. What aspect of the gospel passage do you find most challenging / interesting?*
- Q. Have you ever truly forgiven someone and tried to forget about what happened? Is it difficult?*
- Q. How might it be possible to forgive someone who has committed a crime against you?*
- Q. In the light of the gospel passage, what is the role of “punishment”?*

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