

Resurrection Parish October 22, 2017 29th 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.



Rev. William Graney, Pastor

John Falkowski, Deacon
Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon
Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns
Deb Salvati, Bookkeeper
Debbie Seymour, Admin. Asst.
Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

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Pastoral Council

Al Mercatante	Executive Officer
Sharon Gidumal	Asst. Executive
Mike Mitchell	Secretary
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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

Parish Cleaning & Maintenance Day

What: Please come to help with special cleaning and maintenance projects around the church. As we look around our parish home, there is always something to clean, polish, repair, or even paint. There are tasks for any and all ages.

When: Saturday October 28, 9 a.m. to noon.
And Friday October 27, 9 a.m. to noon.

Bring: a bucket, gloves, rags, knee pads, etc.

Contact: the parish secretary at 302-368-0146 ext. 0,
office@resurrectionde.org

Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help make God's house shine. And then have a pizza lunch with the cleaning team.

Cleaning List

- Dust/Clean vents
- Dusting corners of Worship Space
- Dusting various spaces
- Kitchen Cleaning
- Leaf Blower
- Polish Pewter cups
- Remove Bugs from Light Fixtures
- Remove Candle Wax from Floors
- Staple gun fabric onto wood (Furniture)
- Vacuum Furniture
- Wash windows inside and out
- And more....

There are also some building maintenance items listed on page 3. These could be accomplished at your convenience. Thank you.

INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct. 23	8:30 am	Jim Cholipski
Tuesday	Oct. 24	7:00pm	
Wednesday	Oct. 25	8:30 am	parish community
Friday	Oct. 27	8:30 am	+Jackie Moore
Saturday	Oct. 28	5:30pm	+Rich Elliott
Sunday	Oct. 29	8:15 am	+Ken Pfeiffer
		10:30am	+Bette Duff



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, Kevin Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera, David Heckman, Carol Strasser, Burt Strasser, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Ed Baum, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention--October 2017

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS—Mass at Resurrection, **Wednesday, November 1, 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.**

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) – Mass at Resurrection, **Thursday, November 2, 8:30 am.**

November – The Month of All Souls: During the month of November, we are called “to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest” (Eucharistic Prayer II). The walls of our Worship Space

will be graced with the images of many of the saints of our Church – the cloud of witnesses. AND we invite parishioners to **bring small framed pictures** of dear ones who have died – the saints of Resurrection Parish – to be displayed in the Gathering Space near the Chapel. The display space will be available the last Sunday in October. Throughout the month of November the **Book of the Names of the Dead** will be available near the baptismal font so that all may inscribe the names of their beloved dead who are especially remembered in prayer throughout the month.



Adults interested in joining the Resurrection Parish **Music Ministry** are most heartily **welcomed!** Please contact Ruth Sanders, 302-368-0146 Ext. 106, rsanders@resurrectionde.org.

PARISH LIFE

San Marcos Guatemala Sister Diocese

Our Wilmington Diocese and Resurrection Parish has enjoyed a sister relationship with the diocese of San Marcos for the past 15 years.

Padre Rigoberto Matias will visit Resurrection Parish on Sunday October 29 at 8:15 a.m. Mass. A presentation in the Gathering Space will follow Mass.

Thursday, October 26 at 7PM at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bear, DE. Everyone in our diocese is invited to this event and it is an opportunity to learn about life and faith in Latin America. Visitors from this Guatemalan diocese, Bishop Carlos Trinidad, Padre Rigoberto Matias, and Sister Bernarda Rojas will be giving a presentation in the church hall Refreshments will be served. No need to RSVP~just come! Bring a friend!

For more information or questions, please call/text or email Mary Jo Frohlich at 302-559-7766 or maryjofrohlich@gmail.com.

Resurrection Parish Fair Trade Coffee Tasting Event.

The Resurrection Parish Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate project is winding up its 14th year. Over the past 14 years, Resurrection Parishioners have purchased (at wholesale cost!) about \$50,000 worth of Fair Trade items, supporting small local farmers around the world. Many parishioners who are

new to the parish may not be aware of this project so, with that in mind, following both morning Masses on Sunday November 5th, we will be hosting a FREE Fair Trade Coffee tasting event in the Gathering Space. Come sample over 10 different Fair Trade coffees from around the world. This event coincides with the final Coffee sale for 2017 so, if you find one you like, you can order a case of it!

Maintenance List

- Clean Gutters
- Floor Machine to clean floors
- Leaf Blower
- Painting Walls
- Replace ceiling tiles

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate Sale: Chocolate is back! Now that the weather has cooled, it is practical to order Fair Trade Chocolate again ... a great way to fill Christmas Stockings with sweets that support small farmers around the world. Our next Fair Trade sale is the weekend of November 4/5 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of November 25/26. Thanks for your continued support for small farmers around the world.

CHRISTIANS LIVING UNDER OCCUPATION

St. Joseph on the Brandywine, Greenville, DE Thursday, November 2nd 7p.m. Please join us for an inspiring evening with Dr. Sa'ed Atshan, Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and an alumnus at Swarthmore College. Dr. Atshan will speak on the situation of Palestinian Christians living under occupation and their vanishing population in the land where Christianity was born.

Hosted by Pacem in Terris Palestine-Israel Human Rights Initiative, Delaware Churches for Middle East Peace, and Delaware Episcopalians for Middle East Peace

Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry Ministry with recent donations of food or money. It is a testament to your care and compassion for those in need in our community.

With your generous support, Resurrection Parish will provide a bountiful Thanksgiving meal to 50 families. Thanksgiving Food Lists are available for pick up at Oct. 28 - 29 and Nov. 4 - 5
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Masses. Three lists (Bag A, Bag B, Gift Card) combine to go to one family. Please attach list to Food Boxes to Gathering Space by November 12.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome!

K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 10/22, 10/29 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 Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org

Sacramental Preparation Classes meet 10/25 and 11/8 at 5:45-7:00pm.

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

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

Nov 5 6:30-8:15 PM

Friday Nov 3, 2017- 5:00 PM: Family Promise at Ebenezer United Methodist prepare and serve tacos.

Rectory Yard Clean Up

Join us as we rake leaves, plant spring bulbs, and perform general yard clean up at the rectory on November 11 beginning at 9:00 AM. Youth and families are welcome. If you plan to attend or have a pickup truck we can use to haul leaves to the yard waste on Polly Drummond Hill, please contact Elaine at elittle@resurrectionde.org

Confirmation 2018

Current 8th and 9th graders are invited to register and prepare to be confirmed fall of 2018. We will begin with a parent meeting on December 10 at 12:00 noon in the youth room. The first gathering for the youth will be on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 12:00 noon-2:30 PM.

TAKING IT HOME

We live in a bi-furcated world today. It is either right or left, liberal or conservatism, religious or spiritual and church or state. The split between these things seems to be so deep that there is never any middle ground anymore. And this is ever so true about the split between things like church and state and religion and the spiritual. To express a thing like faith is considered a private matter and should never have anything to do with the political. The state on the other hand is about deciding what is best for the people as a whole and the church really has nothing to say in this regard. And on the split between the religious and the spiritual, here is what Fr. Rolheiser in the book "The Holy Longing" has to say: "Typical today is the person who wants faith but not the ecclesial, and the truth but not obedience...sadly the reverse is just as true. We have more than enough churchgoers who want the church but not faith, the answers but not the questions, the ecclesial but not religious, and the obedience but not the truth."

But there is no reason for these splits. Many are simply false dichotomies. In reality, I think, we are all spiritual and our one true desire is to be connected to that which makes us whole and which gives purpose and meaning to our lives. Spirituality is the journey into the deeper dimension of life. It is an attempt to get at life's mysteries; the attempt to understand ourselves in relationship to the bigger picture, the larger purpose and the meaning of life. Who are we? Why are we here? Who is God and what does God mean for my existence? But for spirituality to speak to us with any depth of meaning it must be grounded in some way to the real world of our ordinary experience. Hence to be spiritual is not to be otherworldly, but to be "in" the world because to be in the world is the only place where we can use the energy from the spiritual to keep ourselves together. Meister Eckart said: "If humankind could have known God without the world, God would never have created the world."

Essentially this is what Jesus came to tell us. He came to say that it was God who gifted us with life and that our true desire is to center our lives in God. This is our one desire because in creating us, God made us for God. And so it is God who longs for us and we who long for God. "The eye with which I see God is the same one with which God sees me." Unfortunately, because of the bi-furcated nature of our existence and our world, we get lost in this quest because we are often distracted by so many other things. We have trouble in our current culture to channel our desire, especially in life-giving ways, because there are so many things competing for our attention and we see no way for us to connect them all.

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We must rebuild from the very bottom up, and that means restoring the inherent sacredness of all things. And so today we talk about the need to connect life and to make God the center of our existence because this is what Jesus teaches us in the gospel. Despite what others might claim for justification for separation of church and state, this is not the point of Jesus' answer to the Pharisees' question about paying taxes. The "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" was not Jesus' convenient way of splitting the two. Instead, Jesus' response comes from the very center of his being, which is God. For as Isaiah says in our first reading, "I am the Lord, there is no other." Jesus knew this saying and lived it in his life. The God, who creates, redeems and sustains all things, is the one whom we are to worship, to give praise and to give thanks. This was Jesus' focus; this was his life's work and his sustaining hope. So if giving to Caesar furthers God's purpose; if it fulfills the will of the one who made us and sustains us, then by all means give to Caesar; the two are not opposed to one another.
Deacon John



The Bishop's 5K will bring the community together for a fun event heightening awareness of the Catholic Charities services and provide resources for Catholic Charities to expand its outreach efforts. Runners and walkers will compete to see who makes the best time, and will be awarded some great prizes. The day's family fun activities will begin at 9 am and close at 12 pm. Join our parishioner Mary Ann McLane and register today!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/TheBishops5K>

St. John the Beloved is hosting its annual Holiday Craft Show on November 10th and 11th. Crafter tables are available for Friday and Saturday or Saturday only. Items must be handmade. No vendors. Spaghetti and ravioli dinner served on Friday evening. If you are interested please email sjbcraftshw@gmail.com. Thank you.



**30TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 22: 34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

Gospel Reflection: In this gospel passage, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to ‘catch Jesus out’ in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah—the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah—the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the “greatest” commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of “What about ...?” questions.

Jesus’ answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn’t about following precise rules; rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as “Love God,” what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practiced freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

Quoting scripture: The question and response that we see in this gospel passage was a common form of scholarly debate in the Jewish tradition. The Pharisees ask Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Jesus responds by directly quoting the commandment from the ancient scriptures. His reply, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” comes directly from Deuteronomy. 6:4. Further, Jesus’ follow-up, “you must love your neighbor as yourself,” comes from Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy and Leviticus are two of the first five books of the Bible that make up the Jewish Torah, or Law.

Compassion: Jesus’ words call us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place—experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. The origin of the word “compassion” means *experiencing with*. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion.

Love your neighbor as yourself: There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbor as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. While to say someone “loves himself” is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves, we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

- Q. How might loving God with all your heart, soul and mind affect the way you live your life?*
- Q. What actions can you take to better recognize the importance of God in your life?*
- Q. In your local situation, who are the “neighbors” not loved as we love ourselves?*
- Q. What actions can you take to better love your neighbor as you love yourself?*

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