

# Resurrection Parish

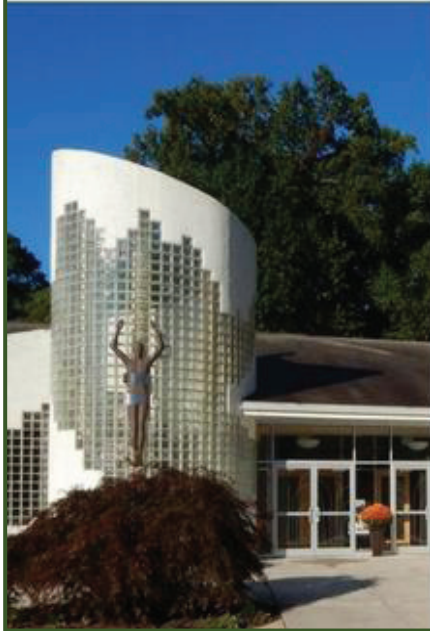
A Catholic Christian Community

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April 1,  
2018  
Easter  
Sunday

## 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  
Tina Donald, 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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## 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.

## Pastoral Council

Al Mercatante	Executive Officer
Sharon Gidumal	Asst. Executive
Mike Mitchell	Secretary
Maritza Poza-Grise	Trustee
Dick Schwer	Trustee

# Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

Jesus explains his life's work in the Easter Gospel of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus tells them "everything written about me in the Law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Thus he recalls centuries and generations of events and our ancestors in faith. They like us had their ups and downs, their dying and risings. Just as surely as Jesus walked with those two, Jesus the Christ is with us. Witness Psalm 30 (verses 7-13):

When all was going well,  
I thought I could never fall;  
With God's powerful blessing,  
I would stand like a mountain!  
Then you hid your face;  
I shook with fear!

I cried out, "Lord, Lord!"  
I begged, I pleaded:  
"What good is my blood to you?  
Why push me down the pit?  
Can dead bones praise you,

Recount your broken love?

Listen to me, O God,  
Turn and help me now."

You changed my anguish  
Into this joyful dance,  
Pulled off my sackcloth,  
Gave me bright new robes,  
That my life might sing your glory,  
Never silent in our praise.  
For ever I will thank you,  
O Lord my God.

We as Parish celebrate the feast of the Resurrection for the 50 days to Pentecost. Let us support and be with one another as we deal with the ups and downs of life. Know that the mercies of the Lord are renewed each morning. Rejoice!

Fr. Bill Graney

**LITURGY**

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention-April 2018**

*Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters* That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**PARISH LIFE**

**New Parishioners:** *We welcome you! Please register with the parish. Registration forms are always available after Masses on the table by the main entrance or in the Parish Office. For more information, call (302) 368-0146 x0 or visit <http://resurrectionde.org/join-our-parish>*



**INTENTIONS**

Monday	April 2	8:30am	+Leslie Lloyd
Tuesday	April 3	7:00pm	
Wednesday	April 4	8:30 am	+George R. Maliga
Friday	April 6	8:30 am	Parish Community
Saturday	April 7	5:30pm	+Evelyn LeJeune
Sunday	April 8	8:15 am	+Philomena Rhind
		10:30am	+Rosanna Tavoni

**A HUNGER FOR JUSTICE EVENT:  
April 15, 2018 6:30-8:15 PM**

This is truly an intergenerational event in which all parishioners are invited and all participants, regardless of age, will have a role in the evening. We will meet in the Gathering Space to begin our program. Please RSVP to Elaine at [elittle@resurrectionde.org](mailto:elittle@resurrectionde.org) on or before April 13, so we have enough supplies for the evening. Please join us as we learn more about hunger in the world and in our own community.

**PARENTING SEMINAR-“Communicating with Your Child and Keeping Your Child Safe”**

Join us Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8:00pm in the Gathering Space. Learn communication techniques to improve your relationship and get your message across to your child. Gain knowledge on how to keep your child safe in the real and virtual world. Our guest speaker is Denise Enger, Parenting Support and Education, Statewide Coordinator of Child, Inc. Ms. Enger has over twenty five years of experience working with children and families. **Registration is required.** Please contact Nancy Maloney at (302) 368-0146 Ext104 or [nmaloney@resurrectionde.org](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org). A light meal and childcare will be provided.

**Join the Pastoral Council:** This Spring we’re looking for parishioners to run for election to the Council. **To Sign up as a candidate for this Spring’s election, please** see a current member of the Council in the Gathering Space after Masses the weekend of April 7/8 and 14/15.



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*** Eva Skripchuk , Linda Scarola, Burt & Carol Strasser, Kat Edwards, Ed Baum, Rachel Rose Boucher, Megan Morton Lawless, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, 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, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Genita Vandell, Brian Duda, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## PARISH PICNIC!

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Mass  
Bring a friend!!!

## 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

### “Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith”

In the Resurrection of Jesus we find hope in the prospect of everlasting life in heaven. But to obtain eternal life, we must accept the Lord’s invitation to follow Him by imitating His love and compassion for others.

During the weekend of April 14 & 15, our parish will participate in the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal – a campaign conducted each year throughout the Diocese of Wilmington. Funds generated through the Appeal help provide critical financial support to nearly forty pastoral, charitable and educational programs and ministries.

As Christian stewards we are called to a lifelong conversion to the ways of Jesus. Each of us is asked to examine the blessings we have received from God and to discern how best to use them for others. We do this cheerfully and sacrificially and with faith in God’s love for us, knowing that He will provide for our earthly wants.

You can learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by reading the campaign insert in this week’s *Dialog* or visiting the diocesan website at [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click “Giving” then “Annual Catholic Appeal.”

### Visit the parish website - [resurrectionde.org](http://resurrectionde.org)

- **Bishop Barron’s Word on Fire**  
<http://resurrectionde.org/adult-faith-formation>
- **Today’s Readings**  
<http://resurrectionde.org/todays-readings>
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- **Parish Staff Contact Information**  
<http://resurrectionde.org/contact-us>
- **Pastoral Council Minutes**  
<http://resurrectionde.org/pastoral-council>

**Community Garden:** Parishioners who are interested in a plot this year. Contact Mark Oliver [suzmarko@verizon.net](mailto:suzmarko@verizon.net) or 302-737-1660.

[www.resurrectionde.org](http://www.resurrectionde.org)

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### **Encounter the Risen Christ**



We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl. You may place a check in the collection an envelope with Rice Bowl written on the envelope and in the memo line of your check.

### Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808  
302-995-6858 [jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)

**Evenings of Reflection, Seeing with New Eyes: The Universe Story - God's Kin-dom Coming.** Monday evenings, continuing series starting April 9 to May 14 - 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

**Day of Reflection: Ignatian Discernment: Understanding God's Call with Fr. Nicholas Amato**  
Tuesday, April 24, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

### CFP’s Spring Community Service Project

We are making Comfort Bags for the foster care children of Children’s Choice, during Spring Fling. Please help us by donating the following gently used items: teddy bears, coloring books, crayons, playing cards, small puzzles, blankets, toiletries, and draw string bags. We are collecting the donations in the green and blue totes outside the Youth Room. **Thank you for your continued support!**

### ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



**Welcome! K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, and 5/20 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](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org)

### First Holy Communion Events

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:00-1:30pm “Banner Sunday”

Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm First Communion Rehearsal (parent must attend)

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Mass First Holy Communion**

### CFP’s Spring Fling- Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Come join the fun at CFP’s Spring Fling on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Kids, bring your helmets, scooters, bikes, and ride on toy. If you have any outside games, please bring it too.

Please RSVP by April 18<sup>th</sup> to Nancy Maloney  
At (302) 368-0146 ext. 104 or  
nmaloney@resurrectionde.org

### CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle and High School Youth Group



#### A HUNGER FOR JUSTICE INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT:

**April 15, 2018 6:30-8:15 PM**

This is a scheduled youth group class, so all youth are expected to attend. All youth, **and their families** are invited. Bring a friend!

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**Confirmation Class:** Thank you to all who joined our youth on the diocesan annual pilgrimage on March 24  
Our next Class will be on April 22 12:00-2:30PM

### TAKING IT HOME

We have immersed ourselves anew into the Passion and Death of Jesus and so now, on this day of days, we rise triumphant with Jesus from the waters of new life. We celebrate that death no longer has its sting; that sorrow has turned into joy; and that despite our still broken lives there is yet hope for us and our world. This is the joy that we celebrate today and for the next fifty days of Easter.

But just like Lent takes time to change our hearts so Easter as a season takes time to wear on us; time to allow the joy and love of this great mystery of our faith, the gift of new and eternal life, to take possession of us. Easter is a season of fifty days, concluding with the Solemnity of Pentecost a season, which by its number, is indicative of its greater importance.



We really need Easter just as much, if not more so, than we need Lent. Yes, during Lent we focus on our sinfulness and our separation from God, which is good because it helps us understand our limitations and this, I think, keeps us honest. But in Easter, we dwell not on our limitations and our faults, but on our goodness and the

hope, which comes from the love of God. This goodness and hope is greater than our sin and, in fact, overcomes it. Yes, we are sinners, but we are saved sinners. Yes, we are not perfect, but God chooses to love us anyway. We are God’s creation and as God’s creation, we are capable of the good that God has planted within us. We are called to be like Christ, who was both truly human and truly divine. Here is what Richard Rohr says about Jesus:

“In Jesus, matter and spirit were presented as totally one. Human and Divine were put together in his ordinary body, just as in the rest of humanity. That’s Christianity’s core and central message! It’s the only thing that fully differentiates the Christian religion from other world religions: Christians believe that God chose the human, the material, the physical, the earthly in which to reveal God’s very Self. Two thousand years later this is still a scandal for most of the world. It just doesn’t seem spiritual enough!”

This is why Easter is so important to our faith because it helps us dwell on how we might produce the good fruit we are capable of producing with God’s grace. We need to savor God’s love and savor the indwelling of the Spirit, which fire’s our hearts with God’s love. This is the reason for our joy and the reason why we should heartily celebrate this season. And this is the reason we can proclaim our Easter “Alleluia” with such vigor because indeed the Lord has truly risen! Deacon John



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY GOSPEL -- JOHN 20: 19-31

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jewish religious authorities, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”*

*When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.*

*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”*

*Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”*

*Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”*

*Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”*

*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.*

**Gospel Reflection:** Because the focus of this gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, “for fear of the Jews.” Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities—thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They’d gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They’d already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, “Peace be with you.” It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake—in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas because he wasn’t prepared to take someone else’s word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, “My Lord and my God!” This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognizes Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

**My Lord and my God:** This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written—at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

**Not an ending?** The final two verses of today’s gospel passage read like the conclusion to the whole gospel. They are a statement of finality about the purpose for writing the gospel and something of a blessing for those who read it. Yet, surprisingly, there is another whole chapter that follows this passage that deals with still more post-resurrection appearances. Most scripture scholars believe that the end of Chapter 20 was the original ending of the gospel and that Chapter 21 is a later addition—possibly added by the community for whom the gospel was originally written.

**Those who have not seen:** Jesus says to Thomas, “You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” That’s us! Jesus’ words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. The gospel recognizes that to believe in the resurrection without physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we—blessed are we—who have not seen and yet still believe!

*Q. What word or phrase from the gospel passage stands out to you? Why?*

*Q. In what ways can you relate to Thomas’ experience?*

*Q. In what situations do you most need to hear Jesus’ words, “Peace be with you”?*

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