

# RESURRECTION PARISH

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9:00am - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
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January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

## 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**

## RCIA

For information on the process for adults being fully initiated into the Catholic Church, please call the Pastor.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

One year preparation period is required.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

For hospital and home visits, please call the office for arrangements.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Before the birth of your child, please call the Christian Formation Office about the preparation process.

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday  
10 days prior**

## SPIRITUALITY

## OUTREACH

## STEWARDSHIP

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.

I am excited to be the new Program Coordinator of Elementary Christian Formation. I feel privileged to be a part of the children's faith journey and to witness their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. I taught at Resurrection's Christian Formation Program (CFP) for six years as a First Grade Catechist. I found the position to be truly rewarding.

I am originally from Philadelphia, but Delaware is my home. I have been a member of the parish community since 1998. Resurrection is a big part of my family's life for many years. My husband, Scott and I got married here. My daughter, Trish, received her Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion at Resurrection. Trish attended Elementary CFP and is currently in the Middle School Program.

What I admire most about the parish is the commitment to social justice. I have witnessed firsthand the commitment of the parishioners in helping the elderly, the sick, children, and families every year.

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James 2:14-17, "What good is it, my brother, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well." but you do not give him the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

Peace,  
Nancy Maloney



## INTENTIONS

Monday	Jan. 9	8:30 am	+Sandra Mylett
Tuesday	Jan. 10	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Jan. 11	8:30 am	
Thursday	Jan. 12	-----	No Mass
Friday	Jan. 13	8:30 am	
Saturday	Jan. 14	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Jan. 15	8:15 am	+Josephine Paine
		10:30 am	+Theodora (Micki) Smith
		5:30 pm	+Constance Jones Chesley

Parish **cancels daily Mass** on Thursdays Jan. 12, 19, 26. We recommend attending a church closest to you.

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*

Lauren Wisniewski, 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, Kat Edwards, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Carol Strasser, Edward Kennedy, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

This year Christmas Time encompasses only two very full weeks! Thank you to all who had hand or voice or prayerful heart in making our celebrations GLORY-ous! AND on **January 8 after the 10:30 am Mass** we prepare our worship Environment Preparation for Ordinary

**Time!** Come help put away our beautiful Manger Scene and Holy Family statue, change banners, and freshen the flora in our Worship Space and Gathering Space. Thank you in advance for any and all help you can offer.



**Feast of Faith – What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said!** The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me'" (11:23–24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ's command to "do this." The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord's disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, and shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## PARISH LIFE



**Lennon Family** photograph. (re-do, not in blue)  
Please see our website to read the lovely family bio in the January 1, 2017 bulletin. Thank you.

## SAVE THE DATE!



The annual **Winter Arts Festival**, a fundraiser for the youth service trip this coming summer, will be held on **Saturday, January 21, 2017**. If you would like to donate toward a basket

or a complete basket for the auction or would like to donate a dessert please contact Elaine. Start preparing your acts! Tickets go on sale Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> after Masses.

*Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring – time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.*



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**Monday evenings, Second Monday of each month beginning Jan 9 - 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Evenings of Reflection, Common Threads: God and Therapy, Weaving the Wisdom of God into our Daily Lives** Retreat Leader, Dr. Christopher Hyde, PhD. will discuss techniques to help us enrich our approach to both the difficulties and joys of life. A freewill offering of \$15/evening is suggested but, if you are interested, please come regardless. Please visit our website ([jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)) for more information or to register.

**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](mailto:snapdelaware@yahoo.com). We hope that you will join us for this informal and confidential meeting.

**A Prayer service for non-violence, respect for human life and dignity** on January 17, 2017 at 7 pm in observance of Martin Luther King Day, and the week of Christian Unity will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 2503 Centerville Road. Come unite with other Christians to support all parents who have children in our schools.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS



**Food Pantry:** Thanks to your stocking the pantry with groceries, we are able to feed families. Our food bags go to folks of all ages - children, young adults, midlife, and elderly. Please hold all who are hungry in your prayers. And keep up the good work. Thank you.

**Fair Trade Sale:** Our first sale in 2017 is the weekend of January 7/8 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of January 28/29. We are offering Fair Trade chocolate again for this sale. Thanks for supporting struggling farmers around the world.

### ZINGO.

The cash register tapes for past six months total \$67,268.62 and Zingos will be sending a check to our outreach program for \$672.68. Our total received from Zingos this year is \$1,513.28. The past four years we have received \$1,500.00 each year from Zingos. We sincerely thank Zingos for having this program which helps Resurrection support those in need. To participate in this program please save your tapes from Zingos and put them in the ZINGO box on the table by the nursery.

### ZINGO.

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The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Monday, January 9 in Room 2. Please join us.

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



### Welcome!

K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) meet from 9:15-10:15. Drop off begins at 9:10. See you there! 1/8, 22, 29.

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](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org).

## CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



**Middle School and High School Youth Group:  
Sunday, January 29, 2017**  
from 6:30-8:15

January 15 –No class due to the MLK holiday.

**Confirmation class:**  
Jan. 8 and 22, 2017  
12:00PM-2:30 PM

**SUMMER SERVICE 2017** All participants and a parent are expected to attend each meeting to work on fundraising and community building efforts. We will be going to Boston 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.

## TAKING IT HOME

**On Sunday, January 15, 2017 at our 10:30 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into Full Communion with the Catholic Church for three individuals.** Normally such a rite would ordinarily be celebrated at Easter time after these candidates have participated in a process of formation through the Rite of Christian Initiation. But because each candidate is a fully informed Christian in a faith other than the Catholic faith and because each candidate has already been sharing liturgical life with our faith community, we believe that a more involved process is not necessary. So after a period of helping the candidates understand the sacramental life of the Church, we believe they are ready to be fully received into the life of the Church and of this faith community. The three candidates are Jason Prior, Kimberly Fell and David Haines.

**Jason Prior** is a baptized Presbyterian, whose father also happens to be a Presbyterian minister. Jason married Tina Serpe here at Resurrection in November of 2006 and they have been attending Resurrection ever since. Jason and Tina have a son Michael, who was baptized at Resurrection and who is currently attending CFP and is preparing to make irst Eucharist this coming May. Jason has the blessing of his father and the desire to join his son in celebrating Eucharist.

**Kimberly Fell** has been coming to Resurrection since the spring of 2016. She is Methodist but both she and her friend, Greg Aluise, who is Catholic were looking for a faith community in which they could feel at home. They found Resurrection and ever since have been regulars at the 5:30 Sunday mass. Soon Kimberly contacted me about becoming Catholic. She was formed in her faith, but found in Resurrection a faith community she could love.

**David Haines** and his wife Jean have been Resurrection faithful for many years. They are regulars at the 8:15 Sunday mass. David is Presbyterian, but he is also part of a men's Catholic faith sharing group in Kenneth Square where he lives. Many of his friends in this group have encouraged him to become Catholic, but he pushed back because of his family's Presbyterian heritage. Recently, however, he has come to see that the time is right for him to join his wife so that they can worship together and share the same faith.

Because we Christians recognize the validity of baptism that is proclaimed in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, there is no need to re-baptize fellow Christians. Baptism happens only once. So for them to be received into the Catholic Church they will make a simple profession of faith and then will be confirmed in the Spirit. Finally they will be able to join with the community in receiving Eucharist for the first time.

We also want to acknowledge those members of our RCIA team who helped to prepare our candidates. They were exceedingly helpful in letting the candidates know that faith is not just an individual experience but is also a communal experience.

Deacon John



*Come to the feast of heaven and earth!  
Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.*

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### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL – JOHN 1:29-34

*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.’*

*John testified further, saying, ‘I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.’*

### Gospel Reflection

Strangely, despite being in Ordinary Time again, the lectionary temporarily departs from the gospel of Matthew and today's reading is from the gospel of John. Given that last week's reading was Matthew's account of the baptism of Christ, we must assume that there is a deliberate purpose in the choice of reading for today. Indeed, the three readings for today give a very specific slant to the baptism and mission of Jesus. The readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Corinthians emphasize that God's salvation is for all the world, not just the people of Israel. We find this also in the gospel when John the Baptist declares, "there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." It is the sin "of the world" that Jesus takes away; that is, all humankind. This was a tough concept for the Jews whose relationship with God was grounded in the concept of being the "chosen people"; a people set apart. It continues to be a difficult concept for many Christian people today who struggle with the notion that God's love and mercy are so extravagant that they are poured out for absolutely anyone and everyone. Some Christians like to maintain an "us and them" approach to their faith and think that if you're not one of "us" then salvation will be denied by God.

The role of John the Baptist in this passage is to be a witness; to point to Jesus and say "He is the one!" Lots of us need the affirmation and direction provided by another person before we are ready to commit to a new direction in our lives. John gives the crowd confidence and effectively hands over to Jesus the authority that the crowd had perceived in him.

**Pointing the way:** John the Baptist fills the role of "pointing the way" to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to "point the way" towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's "Look, there he is!" However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life, and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

**Baptism of Jesus:** Each of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Luke and Matthew) presents an account of the baptism of Jesus. All three versions record the Spirit descending in the form of a dove. In the fourth gospel, it is interesting that the gospel writer does not actually give an account of the baptism as by the time of this gospel's writing the story is well entrenched in the Christian culture. Instead of a baptism account, John the Baptist appears to recall the event. Rather than needing to describe the event, this gospel writer treats it as a given and simply refers to it.

**Ranking:** There is an odd line in today's passage. John reminds the crowd that he had said "A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me." In Jewish tradition, the prophets and patriarchs who came earlier in their history ranked higher than those who came later. They believed that the history of salvation was at its pinnacle with God's self-revelation to Abraham. Successive episodes and characters were regarded as lesser. But John affirms that Jesus ranks before himself because Jesus existed before John. He is saying that Jesus is more than simply the latest in a long line of prophets.

- Q. Why was it necessary for John to draw the crowd's attention to Jesus?*
- Q. What is meant by John's repeated declaration, "I did not know him myself"?*
- Q. Why was it important to emphasize the message of salvation for all the world?*
- Q. Where do you see an "us and them" attitude in the world (or your community) today?*

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