

RESURRECTION PARISH

January 29, 2017

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



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.

Hello fellow parishioners!

I moved to Delaware after getting a job as a chemical engineer at Hercules in fall of 2007. I became involved in religious education a little over five years ago after Father Bill asked how I might like to get involved in parish activities. Having taught discussion sections for engineering classes, being a catechist seemed like something I could enjoy and do (silly me!). Needless to say, I was not at all prepared for handling a roomful of sixth graders – or all the wisdom they would teach me while I was trying to give them lessons on Old Testament history.

They eagerly asked questions, sometimes off-topic, but usually relating our beliefs to daily life. They didn't see CFP as a merely academic subject. Remembering to keep God at the center of my life is something I struggle with at times. However, I'm glad to say that each year, the children continually reinforce the idea that our faith is central to how we live our lives, and push me along the right path.

Over the years of teaching Old Testament history and the Sacraments to sixth and fifth graders, the students have demonstrated that Jesus is present in every one of us. Seeing the unique gifts of each student, I've learned to truly appreciate that we all have different gifts and are called to share those gifts with others – “so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another” (Romans 12:5). This idea has taught me to incorporate more activities into lessons to reach students of different learning styles, even if it means arts and crafts!

Becoming a member of the Resurrection faith community and working with students in CFP has enriched my faith. I can only hope that I've taught the students as much as they've taught me, and I hope to continue teaching and learning in the years to come.

Peace,
Michael Mitchell

INTENTIONS

Monday	Jan. 30	8:30 am	+Norbert Jeziorski
Tuesday	Jan. 31	7:00 pm	+Jamie Burton
Wednesday	Feb. 1	8:30 am	Ruth Sanders Marie Brennan
Friday	Feb. 3	8:30 am	
Saturday	Feb. 4	5:30 pm	+Joseph Pasquale
Sunday	Feb. 5	8:15 am	+Constance Jones Chesley
		10:30 am	+Sue DeLapo
		5:30 pm	Parish Community

Parish **cancels daily Mass** on Thursdays. 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*
John Wisniewski, 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, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY



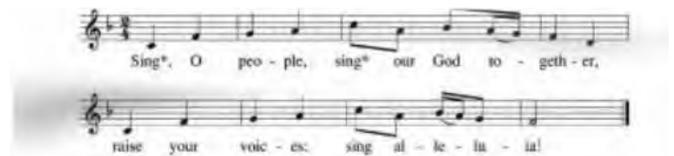
Offering and Intercessions--

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the

bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who

have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the Prayer of the Faithful earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

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Musicians Meeting!

WHO: All people interested in music ministry at Resurrection Parish -- those newly interested, as well as those already serving!

WHAT: Lots of singing and playing, some informational chatting and some socializing!

WHEN: Thursday, February 16 at 7:00-8:30 pm

WHERE: Resurrection Parish

We'd love to know if you are planning to be there. Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org , 302-368-0146 Ext. 106.

PARISH LIFE

Pray for Discernment

This is good for individuals as well as groups. In the book, *Great Catholic Parishes*: "Lay leadership is fundamental to the success of vibrant parishes. It came up as a topic in the vast majority of interviews because these parishes are sustained in part by competent, dedicated, and generous lay people. Sixty-seven percent of the pastors specially named their lay leaders as a major asset of their parishes and emphasized how integral they are to advancing their parishes' mission." The Pastoral Council is the established vehicle of lay leadership. Obviously, others in the parish provide various degrees of leadership. Please pray for discernment in what is best for the parish and our ability and effectiveness in bringing forth the Gospel of Jesus to others. Thank you for your most needed prayers. Bill Graney

Thank you all!



Thanks to all who had any involvement with the Winter Arts Festival: Performers, attendees, auction item donators, dessert providers, auction item bidders, parents of participants, and those who helped prepare the food, set up or clean up the space. It would not have been the success it was without any of you.

God bless,

Aidan, Joey, Bria, Sean, Lauren, Danielle, Heather, Rachel and Julia.

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! 1/22, 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.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Please join us on January 29th at 10:30 am Mass to support our First Holy Communion candidates. A special Mass will be held to bless our new candidates.

Our third grade Christian Formation Class will be shadowing Liturgical Ministers at the January 29th 10:30 am Mass.

THIN MINTS, TAGALONGS, AND TREFOILS ANYONE?

Girl Scout Troop 1207 will be taking preorders for Girl Scout cookies at the 8:15 am and 10:30 am Masses on January 29th. Please have your money available.

Maintenance Worker Position: St. John the Beloved Parish in Wilmington, DE is seeking a full time Maintenance Worker with skills in carpentry, electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. Job duties include minor repairs, preventive maintenance tasks, ordering supplies, coordinating contracted services and others as required. Facilities include church, school, hall and offices. Physical demands include climbing ladders and lifting repeatedly an approximate of up to 50 pounds over the course of a workweek. The successful candidate will be able to identify problems, recommend solutions, follow direction, and take initiative. Mon-Fri, 40 hours per week plus Overtime/Emergency call potential, full benefits package. Please email resume with salary requirements to kduffy@sjbde.org EOE



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



February Mini-Retreat for all middle and high school students

Saturday Feb 11, 2017- 10:00 AM-2:30 PM

Guest presenter Mr. Brian Magargal, parent and art teacher at Salesianum School
Come nourish your creative side!

Confirmation class:

Jan. 22, 2017

12:00PM-2:30 PM

Young Adult Retreat at the NJ Shore

February 10-12, 2017

This weekend is for young adults (age 22 -35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, co-workers and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing and social interaction.

To register or get more information go to:
<http://capemaymarianists.org/>

SOCIAL CONCERNS

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM: In this new year of Jan. 12th 2017, Resurrection served 163 hungry people. A great group of volunteers including, Ed Hendrick, (Cindy White, Mike Mayer, both of our neighbor parish, St. John the Baptist in Newark), Mike Rzucidlo and Judy Ward. We thank all those who contributed to this important Ministry that feeds so many. Please consider volunteering on the 12th of any month by signing-up on the parish website and on the list next to the computer with your name and telephone number.

Family Promise kicks off a new year! How symbolic for families creating their new beginning. You can help them by contributing supplies to take along to their new place. Trash bags, brooms, toilet brushes and cleaning supplies are needed. Call us at **302.998.2222** for a list or more details.

We had great success with the **ACME** pot and pan sticker collection which is putting smiles on faces as families move to a place of their own and cook their first meal. Thanks to all who contributed stickers.

The holidays were a little brighter for all our families, who were given gifts, household items, and food. This was made possible through the generosity of congregations, business, and community organizations. We couldn't do it without you! On behalf of our families. THANK YOU!

VOCATIONS

In today's gospel, Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John to be His disciples. At our baptism, he called each of us to be His disciples too. Is the Lord calling you to live out your discipleship as a religious sister or brother, as a priest or as a deacon? What signs might He be giving you? Call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Don't forget to visit our website: www.cdown.org/vocations!

TAKING IT HOME

One day a pastor was walking along a country road with an old friend. As they strolled through the farmland, the pastor noticed a barn with a weather vane perched on its roof. At the top of the vane were the words: God is love. The pastor remarked to his friend that he thought this was a rather inappropriate place for such a message. "Weather vanes change with the wind," he related, "but God's love is constant." The friend walked along a little further before replying, "I don't agree with you about those words. You

misunderstand the meaning. The weather vane is indicating a truth: "regardless of which way the wind blows, God is love, and such love is constant."

One of our understandings of the Beatitudes, the name we give the gospel we just heard, is that they are an expression of God's love for us, and as this little story explains, God's love is constant. No matter which way the wind blows, in darkness or light, in the midst of it all, God is faithful, God is loving. We too are called to be as loving and faithful as God. This is what it means to live authentically; to live true to the way God calls us to live; to be true to our inner most self, which is the way God created us to be.

The Beatitudes are about authentic living. They are about realizing our place in God's kingdom; that all regardless of status, power or position are part of God's kingdom. The Beatitudes are about holiness and holiness is about wholeness, which is what authentic living means. In the Beatitudes, Jesus says that it is the lowly who are esteemed, the poor who are blessed, the peacemakers who are honored, the suffering and the sorrowful who are remembered and the weak who account equally as much as the strong. Such a picture runs contrary to our current notion that it is the wise, the powerful and the wealthy who are blessed, but this is God's view of the world. God works through the bottom up and not the top down and that's the way it has always been, the Beatitudes and the gospel as a whole is a testament to that.

But some might say, does this mean that the wise, powerful and wealthy are cursed? No not necessarily! But being wise, powerful and wealthy brings with it a certain hubris (pride) that deludes people into thinking that they are the envy of all; that they are self-sufficient, self-contained and self-controlling. In such a world there is no need for God; I can control my own destiny. But in reality do we ever control anything?

On the other hand, some say what blessing is there in being poor, lowly and sorrowful? The blessing is not so much that we need to be poor, lowly and sorrowful as much as we need to have an equal standpoint with those who are poor, lowly and sorrowful. This standpoint helps us to see that we are all dependent on God; dependent on a God of mercy and compassion, a God who loves and blesses us regardless of our status, power or wealth. It is this standpoint that enables us to realize our connection to our sisters and brothers who are poor, lowly and suffering and in need because we can begin to see that we are all part of God's kingdom. And so we not only empathize with the poor, the lowly and the suffering, but we also try to ease their condition as a way to build up the body of Christ on earth because together we are the Body of Christ. In this way we all try to live humbly, love tenderly and walk quietly with God.



**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 5:13-16**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth.

*But if salt loses its taste, with
what can it be seasoned?*

*It is no longer good for anything
but to be thrown out and
trampled underfoot.*

You are the light of the world.

*A city set on a mountain
cannot be hidden.*

*Nor do they light a lamp and then
put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand,
where it gives light
to all in the house.*

Just so, your light

*must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father.”*

Gospel Reflection

Today, when we describe a person as being the “salt of the earth” it’s generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking, and pretty down to earth. It’s usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying “You are to *be* the salt of the earth; you are to *be* the light of the world.” It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them.

Today’s first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus’ meaning in the gospel passage: “Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.” It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” It’s a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that’s used for salting the streets or a lamp that’s under a tub.

Following blessings: This gospel passage is one that is commonly quoted and well known. When it is taken in isolation, it’s very easy to forget that these words immediately follow the Beatitudes that we heard in the prior week’s gospel. The imperative for justice in the images of salt and light of the world becomes even clearer when we remember that these words follow the blessings on those who are poor; who mourn; who are merciful and fight for justice. Jesus has blessed all who are least in the world and then charges the disciples to be salt and light for them.

Affirmation or Challenge: The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples—and us—to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light *for* the world.

Following blessings: Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, is credited with saying, “You must be the change you want to see in the world.” He sought a life free from tyranny and violence and so led a movement of non-violent resistance. It’s tempting to think that he may have been influenced by some of the teachings of Jesus because so much of his approach reflected Jesus’ call for justice. The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi’s words

Q. Why do you think this particular teaching by Jesus immediately follows the Beatitudes?

Q. How might Jesus’ reference to salt becoming tasteless fit with the understanding of a call to justice?

Q. In what way/s have you seen this familiar passage with new eyes today?

Q. What challenge for your own actions do you find in today’s gospel?

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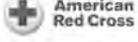

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