

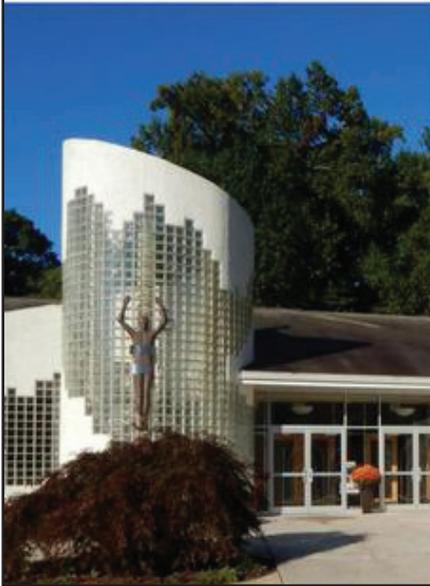
Resurrection Parish July 16, 2017 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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John Falkowski, Deacon
Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon
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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.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

Dear Parishioners of Resurrection,

(attached is a thank you note for the parish and its ministry to the sick)

I would like to thank you for sending volunteers to hold Catholic Service at Cadia, and for your prayers for the residents here. My grandmother enjoyed Sunday mornings; hearing the Word of God, receiving Communion, and the fellowship with everyone from your church. We love how unique you all are...some serious and stoic, some bubbly and demonstrative, and everyone SHINING with the love of Christ. Visits with my grandmother were made even better by praising God with Resurrection.

Please know what a difference you made in her life, and mine as well. After my mother died, I stopped going to church, but these last few years, I have felt God calling me back. You have been an amplifier for the Lord. This new era for me will be highlighted by a revived dedication to Christianity. You all have my eternal gratitude.

Sincerely,
Grandchild

INTENTIONS

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| Monday | July 17 | 8:30 am | +Bobby R. Verzosa |
| Tuesday | July 18 | 7:00pm | |
| Wednesday | July 19 | 8:30 am | +David Roberts 1 st Anniversary |
| Friday | July 21 | 8:30 am | +Bill Windish |
| Saturday | July 22 | 5:30pm | +Dillon Scofield |
| Sunday | July 23 | 8:15 am | Parish Community |
| | | 10:30am | +Betty Allen |



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** Joan Donnelly, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Kat Edwards, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Beth Callahan, Priscilla Callahan, Alice Weaver, Courtney Corridori, Bev Roberts, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Renew and Refresh: Have you noticed the new, but not so new, saints icons that grace the wall and icon stand in our Gathering Space? Take a look and you'll see St. Kateri Tekakwitha (July 14), St. Vincent DePaul (September 27), St. Mary Magdalene (July 22), and the Martins of Lisieux, including St. Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin (July 12), the first spouses in the church's history to be canonized as a couple! In a General Audience on October 30, 2013 Pope Francis said, *"...the communion of saints goes beyond earthly life, beyond death and endures forever. This union among us goes beyond and continues in the next life; it is a spiritual communion born in Baptism and not broken by death, but, thanks to the Risen Christ, is destined to find its fullness in eternal life."*

Ministry Needs

If you are interested in learning about or helping with any liturgical ministry, please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 Ext 106. The following ministries are currently most in need:

EM Chiefs: Current EMs, you know the importance of having a person to organize our EMs for each Mass! Throughout the year, and especially in the summertime, we have far fewer EM Chiefs than we need. Will you help? An experienced EM Chief will train you to take on this important role!

Mass Sacristans needed at all Masses. The sacristan works in the sacristy 15 minutes before and after the Mass preparing the vessels, bread, and wine to be shared at our "Eucharistic Meal". Men, women, families are all welcome!

Altar Servers needed: Adults, teens and young people (fourth grade and up) assist priest and deacon – and so the assembly – at Mass and other liturgies. This can be a *great parent/child* ministry! Adults are very welcome. Some of our best servers have been teens and young adults.

Centering Prayer is held every Thursday in the chapel from 7:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. The practice of Centering Prayer allows us to open to the presence and action of God not only during the prayer period, but also during the activities of everyday life. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Anointing of the Sick

Resurrection Parish will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass on Saturday July 22, 5:30 pm and Sunday July 23, 8:15 and 10:30am. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are welcome to participate. The whole parish will join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.



PARISH LIFE

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal – *Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him*

All Annual Catholic Appeal participants who pledged to the campaign will receive a monthly payment reminder mailed directly from the diocesan development office. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your pledge reminder. Do not make payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.



Catholic Mass, Every Tuesday, 12:15 pm

Healing Mass, every 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm

Afternoon Bereavement

Support Group, Second Wednesday at 11 am,
June 14, 2017 – Jan 17, 2018

Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) or call our office at (302) 995-6859 for more information .

New Parishioners: We welcome you! Please register with the parish. Registration forms are always available after Masses by the main entrance or in the Parish Office. To help keep you better informed, please complete one today and return it this week to join our community. For more information, call (302) 368-0146 x0.

Living Faith Booklets: We expect to have the July- September booklets delivered to the parish on July 20th. Thank you for your patience. Future shipments should be timely.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Social Concerns: Fair Trade Sale: Our next Fair Trade Coffee/Tea sale is the weekend of July 15/16 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of August 5/6. Thanks for supporting struggling farmers around the world.

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ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Growing Disciples: Helping the children of Resurrection Parish to know, love and serve the Lord.

Registration Forms and calendars for our 2017-2018 K to 12 Christian Formation Programs have been mailed. They are also available in the Gathering Space and on our website under Christian Formation.

CFP's Summer Community Service Project Adopt a Student

Adopt a Student is a division of the Adopt a Family state service centers. The program benefits low income families in need of school supplies. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. I will have three green totes outside the youth room for the collection of the school supplies. Please bring your donation in before August 2nd. Thank you in advance for your support! Contact Nancy Maloney for additional information nmaloney@resurrectionde.org.



CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday night youth group gatherings have ended for the summer. Please continue to check your e-mail inbox for information on 2017-2018 registration and the calendar for next year. Have a fun and safe summer!

VOCATIONS

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the sower whose seeds fall on different types of soil. What seeds are *you* planting? When the Master summons you, what harvest will you be able to point to? Are you nurturing the seeds He gave you? If you think you might have the seed of a religious vocation, please call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

On Sea Sunday –

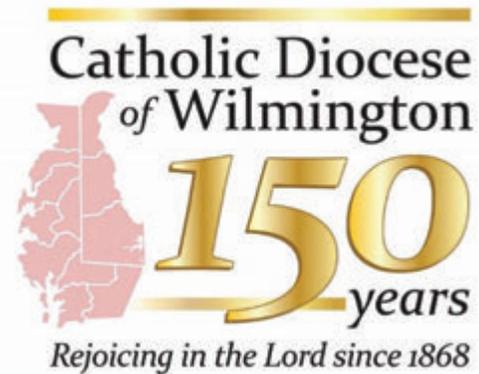
celebrated this year on 9 July – the Catholic Church, along with other churches and ecclesial communities, remembers seafarers; and prays for them, their families and those who support them. Sea Sunday is sponsored by the **Apostleship of the Sea** and the Vatican group for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People.

The Prefect of the Vatican office, **Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson**, has published a Message in which, the Cardinal says, “On Sea Sunday, we are invited to recognize and express our gratitude” to the more than one and a half million seafarers around the world “who, with their hard work and sacrifices are making our lives more comfortable” by transporting more than ninety percent of the world's goods across the open seas.”

But, Cardinal Turkson says, although their contribution is “essential to the global world economy,” seafarers face many challenges, including difficulties in being away from their families, isolation and loneliness on board their ships; restrictions in going ashore due to security concerns.

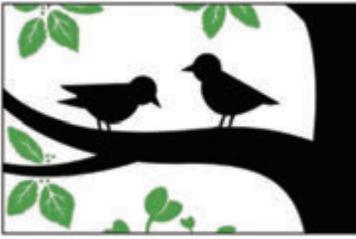
As part of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th anniversary celebration, a pilgrimage to Annecy, Rome and Assisi will take place April 16 – 26, 2018. And you are invited!

Annecy, the birthplace of Saint Francis de Sales, patron saint of the Diocese of Wilmington, is an alpine town in southeastern France, where Lake Annecy feeds into the Thiou River. It's known for its cobbled streets, winding canals, and pastel-colored houses.



Rome, Italy's capital, is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display, including ancient ruins such as the Forum and the Colosseum. It is the home of Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, as well as the burial place of Blessed Pope Pius IX, the diocese's founder. Assisi is a hill town in central Italy's Umbria region. It was the birthplace of St. Francis, one of Italy's patron saints.

For more information about this affordable, once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage, including a day-to-day itinerary, exclusive features, and pricing, go to www.cdow.org/anniversary-pilgrimage.



**16TH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 13: 24-43**

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

He proposed another parable to them. “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.’”

He spoke to them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.”

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.”

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

He said in reply,

“He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

Gospel Reflection Today’s reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good—and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like. Let’s look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat. The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops? Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes moldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is *Chametz*; it literally means “sour”. It is that essence by which things decay.

Leavening is a fermentation process—a process of breaking down or corruption. Can the kingdom of God be a “corrupting” or “souring” or “irritating” influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this “corrupting” influence to have a dramatic effect.

Matthew’s explanation: In the gospel passage, following the presentation of the three parables, Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and darnel to his disciples in terms of a final judgment. (Compare it with Matthew 25: 31-46.) The parable of the weeds, or darnel, and its explanation only appear in the gospel of Matthew—although the parable does occur in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. The interpretation belongs to Matthew more than it belongs to Jesus. It is an unapologetic direction to his community that living a righteous life in the midst of wickedness will be rewarded.

Leaven: The parable of the woman placing leaven in three measures of flour is an intriguing one. In some translations, the text reads, “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and *hid* in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.” While you might initially hide yeast in some dough, it doesn’t take very long for the yeast to become apparent as it makes the dough rise. Such a large quantity of flour suggests the bread is being prepared for a festival—perhaps Passover when only unleavened bread was used? That would put a different spin on the woman’s action!

- Q. What new perspective/s have you gained about the three parables of today’s gospel?*
- Q. Why is this particular gospel writer keen to demonstrate Jesus as fulfilling prophecy?*
- Q. What does today’s passage reveal about the way the gospel writer went about his task?*
- Q. What problems may arise from quoting a short gospel extract out of its intended context?*

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