

Resurrection Parish

October 1, 2017

Respect Life Sunday

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
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Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns
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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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Pastoral Council

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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

BE NOT AFRAID

When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances.

Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10).

He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.

He is *always* with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear.

Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future.

Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life.

Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden.

And go to others, too, for their support.

We don't need to have everything figured out. We can simply follow the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.

"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

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INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct. 2	8:30 am	Kathy Keilman
Tuesday	Oct. 3	7:00pm	Barbara & Bill Bell and Family
Wednesday	Oct. 4	8:30 am	
Friday	Oct. 6	8:30 am	
Saturday	Oct. 7	5:30pm	+Beth Callahan
Sunday	Oct. 8	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30am	+Joan Donnelly

Centering Prayer is held every Thursday in the chapel from 7:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. All are welcome. No experience necessary.



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 Ciabattini, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Priscilla Callahan, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera, David Heckman, Carol Strasser, Burt Strasser, Patty Calhoun, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention--September 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.

Calling all Youth Musicians

to join the **Youth Music Group** at the 10:30 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month.

Anyone in the **6th through 12th grade** is enthusiastically invited!

If you like to sing or play an instrument, we would love for you to join in. The Youth Music Group rehearses at 9:15 am right before the 10:30 Mass on the second Sunday of the month. The Group is next scheduled to serve on October 8.

Please contact Kate Regan at reganfamily6@verizon.net or 302-738-9989.



GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR

We invite all children in **grades 1 through 5** to join **Children's Choir!** Children's Choir serves at the 10:30 am Mass the first CFP Sunday of the month, beginning October 1. The children rehearse at 8:40 am, before attending CFP at 9:15. They then meet again in the Worship Space at 10:20 for final preparations before singing at Mass. Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 Ext. 106.

Twice each month beginning September 24th, we will have **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the 10:30 am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word follows the structure of the Liturgy of the Word being celebrated in the main assembly, allowing the power of the liturgy to act on children, encouraging their growing relationship with the Lord and allowing them to share their own experiences of God's presence. The children are dismissed to Room 4 after the Opening Prayer. They listen to the same scripture heard in the main assembly, but from the Children's Lectionary. They are then lead in an interactive reflection that connects the Word to their life experiences. They pray the Creed and then, in their own words, the Prayer of the Faithful. The children return to the main assembly during the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts.

Is there someone in your family who can help with this ministry? Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 302-368-0146 x106.

Volunteers are Needed to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word:

- Individuals and family **helpers set up Room 4** before Mass and put everything back in place after Mass.
- **Candle bearers** lead the procession to Room 4.
- Some older children and teens may serve as **lectors**.
- **Adult prayer leaders** lead the reflection & prayers.
- **Cantors** lead the children in song.

PARISH LIFE

A service of **PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS,**

sponsored by over twenty churches in the Red Clay Consolidated School District will be held at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, 2503 Centreville Road near Price Corner, on Sunday, **October 8 at 6:00 p.m.**



All are invited, especially students, families and educators. Adults who are willing to mentor students, or to learn more about mentoring opportunities, can inquire or enroll afterwards.

Join Our Mailing List >

We offer our parishioners the opportunity to receive emails with special announcements and parish information. Sign up on our parish website under the Welcome drop down menu. <http://www.resurrectionde.org/join-our-email-list>. Or opt in by giving permission to us via email at dseymour@resurrectionde.org.

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. We hope that you will join us for this informal and confidential meeting.

St. Elizabeth High School Open House

October 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

High School Placement Tests will be administered on Dec 2nd at 8:30 a.m. and then again on December 3rd at noon.

Saint Mark's High School Open House

Sunday, October 29th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

8th Grade HSPT Prep Course on Saturday, October 14th and November 11th

High School Placement Tests will be administered on Dec 2nd at 8:30 a.m. and then again on December 3rd at noon.

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Doug Keilman receives award

The annual presentation of the Diocesan Medal of Merit Award will take place on Oct 8, 2017, at 3 pm at St. Joseph's Middletown church.

Parishioners are welcome to attend.

We thank Doug for his faithful service in many untold ways throughout the years. His most obvious help is coordinating the Coffee and Doughnuts.



Shawl Ministry: We welcome all knitters and crocheters. The next meeting is October 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the Library.

Parents with Young Children Ministry

This group is designed for anyone who has children in infancy through 8 years of age. However, if parents have children older than that, they are also welcome to any of our events. We invite the whole family to join us.

The first family social will be on **Saturday, October 28th from 11:30 am to 2pm**. Please promote your child to dress up like a saint for All Saints day! Please bring a dish to share. Please RSVP, contact info at the bottom. Monthly, we will provide a family faith sharing in the St John Bosco room at St John the Beloved (SJB) every 2nd Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm. Our goal is to grow in faith with other young families in the diocese. Our first faith sharing will be on **November 8th, from 6pm to 7pm** and led by Patrick Caruso. Please RSVP. Children welcomed (we might have a babysitter). **SJB: 907 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808**

Friends from other parishes are strongly encouraged to join PWYC for all events. Together we can help create a strong foundation on which our families' faith and love for God can grow and thrive.

For more information, please reach out to Ruthie at slrcordero@aol.com or 484.554.5618.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Sept 24 Oct 1 - CFP

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

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

October 1 6:30-8:15 PM

We will be discussing
Catholic Social Justice:
Action and Advocacy

Monday October 2 7:00 PM- Monthly meeting for any high school student interested in a week of service next summer in Brooklyn, NY

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you for Stocking the Pantry!



Thanks to your stocking the pantry with groceries, we are able to help feed families and individuals. Our food bags (in sets of four) are given to those who call into the parish office to request food assistance. We help 4 to 5 families per week. Here are some names of those we served this week: John, Jennifer, Melinda, Sue. Please hold them and all who are hungry in your prayers. If you need food assistance, please call 302-368-0146 ext. 0.

Please join Friendship House in celebration of their 30th Anniversary on Friday Oct 6 from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. The event will be at Christ Church in Greenville. There will be food and fun. Please contact Sharon Gidumal at sharongidumal@gmail.com or at 302-275-2010. You can also sign up directly on the Friendship House website at www.friendship-house.org.

TAKING IT HOME

In the gospel this weekend, Jesus tells a parable about a father who owns a vineyard (think instead of the kingdom of God). The father has two sons. The father proceeds to ask both sons to go to work in the vineyard. The first son initially says no, but later changes his mind and goes anyway. The second son initially says yes, but then never goes. The parable is addressed to the chief priests and elders and is really meant as a judgment on them. At the conclusion of the parable Jesus asks them: "which of the www.resurrectionde.org

two sons did the father's will?" They respond by saying, the first. But the problem for the chief priests and elders is this first son changed his mind. If this is truly what they really mean by pointing out the first son as doing the father's will, then they too are endorsing what Jesus and also John the Baptist stressed; that in order to enter the kingdom of God, a change of heart was necessary.

What we don't hear in the gospel today is the passage which immediately comes before the gospel. This passage is really a lead in to the parable. This passage begins with the chief priests and elders questioning the teaching authority of Jesus. Jesus in turn asks the chief priests and elders a question about John the Baptist: "did the baptism of John come from heaven or was it of human origin?" The chief priests and elders fear a trap question and so they say they do not know. Then Jesus tells the parable. The point here is that tax collectors and sinners heard the message of John the Baptist and they proceeded to change their minds; they repented. But the chief priests and elders did not change their minds even though they knew that John was righteous. And because they couldn't change with the movement and flow of the times, they were like the second son who did not do the will of the father. They just couldn't change their minds and so, what they really endorse, is the behavior of the second son. Is this still our predicament today?

Loyalty to the mind is foolish. Holding the same position as we did earlier bares a high price tag. It denies our participation in the movement of life. Too often when we cling to what we think, we keep ourselves from those deeper movements that bring us to our redemption.

We are all called to conversion, to a change of heart, and it happens much like it did with the first son. Initially, our response to God's call is lukewarm if not outright rejection. We find the call to hard. But later after reflection or after an unexpected experience, like an unexpected love, we become aware of our need for God and we change our minds and go into the vineyard. But this is not the end of it. The call to a conversion of heart is an on-going and constant thing if we are to grow in our faith.

Unfortunately, there are many like the second son, who can't change their hearts. Part of this inability to change is the result of how we view ourselves in the face of God; God is not a liberating God, but a God who wants to dominate and control us. Because this is the way many view God, they may say "yes" when God comes calling, but their yes turns into a "no" because they cannot see that God is a loving God who truly wants to give us what we desire. But if we can begin to change our hearts, we just might be open to the loving generosity of a personal God who not only gifts us with life, but is ever present as a support for the development of that life. To change hearts means to make an honest appraisal of ourselves before God and to reflect, as an afterthought on the times we say no, so that we might eventually learn to live in the vineyard that is our true desire.

Deacon John



**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 21: 33-43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: “Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.’ They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?”

They answered him, “He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times.”

Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

Gospel Reflection: This week’s gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard—fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built—his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah’s condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus’ audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading. The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat, and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers—hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants. Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

Fulfilling prophecy: Matthew’s whole recounting of this parable is dependent upon the reader/listener’s familiarity with earlier writings within the Old Testament.

We are fortunate that the designers of the lectionary have included the relevant passages as the first reading and psalm for this Sunday’s readings. The original audience would have drawn on their own familiarity with the texts and recognized Jesus’ words as echoing those of Isaiah and the psalmist. Matthew’s gospel was particularly keen to cast Jesus in the image of fulfilling the prophecies of the Jewish tradition. Throughout Matthew’s gospel we see the author placing the words of prophecy in Jesus’ mouth or using the narration to confirm that Jesus performed actions to fulfill the words of the prophets.

The benevolent landowner: One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus’ audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus’ story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

Different View: Using scripture to justify hatred: This text is one that has been used by some Christians to justify their hatred and persecution of Jews. They point to the parable Jesus told as evidence that Jesus blamed the Jewish people for his death. It is a strange fact that some people believe that the only way to justify their own beliefs is to try to destroy the beliefs (and believers) of other faiths. For hundreds of years Christians abused and tormented Jews, driving them out of cities and even countries. The terrible treatment of Jews in World War II was drawing on a long history of Christians persecuting Jews.

- Q. What made the vineyard image so relevant for Jesus’ audience?*
- Q. How has God shown the patience and benevolence of the landowner in the story?*
- Q. How do people of the world today act as though God is not the “landowner”?*
- Q. How do you think you need to respond personally to the message of this gospel?*

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