

Resurrection Parish October 15, 2017 28th 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.



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
Deb Salvati, 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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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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each October, the celebration of World Mission Sunday leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission, as Pope Francis explains in his message for this year’s celebration on October 15.

The collection is unique. It is truly a global effort for the entire Church. It is a central moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God’s love and mercy, His hope and peace.

The materials for World Mission Sunday from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith encourage an ongoing formative relationship for mission, offering portraits of today’s missionaries inspired by the words of our chief missionary, Pope Francis.

I invite all of us in this Diocese to see World Mission Sunday as a special moment of encounter with the Pope’s missions throughout the world. Meeting the priests, religious and lay leaders who, day in and day out, witness to the Gospel and serve the poor, will, as Pope Francis says, “enable the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.”

As I remain grateful for your generosity, I ask your full support, through prayer and sacrifice, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, as you are able.

Gratefully in the Lord,
Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly

Bishop of Wilmington

INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct. 16	8:30 am	+Ann Quinn
Tuesday	Oct. 17	7:00pm	+Margaret Brennan
Wednesday	Oct. 18	8:30 am	Parish Community
Friday	Oct. 20	8:30 am	+John Scholz
Saturday	Oct. 21	5:30pm	+Daniel Falkowski
Sunday	Oct. 22	8:15 am	+Susan Leach
		10:30am	+Bette Duff



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 Ciabattoni, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera, David Heckman, Carol Strasser, Burt Strasser, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Elba Arroyo, Joan Corridori and Family, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention--October 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 November 12.

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

PARISH LIFE

Parish Cleaning & Maintenance Day



What: Please come to help with special cleaning and maintenance projects around the church. As we look around our parish home, there is always something to clean, polish, repair, or even paint. There are tasks for any and all ages.

When: Saturday October 28, 9 a.m. to noon.
And Friday October 27, 9 a.m. to noon.

Bring: a bucket, gloves, rags, knee pads, etc. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help make God's house shine.

Contact: the parish secretary at 302-368-0146 ext. 0, office@resurrectionde.org

San Marcos Guatemala Sister Diocese

Our Wilmington Diocese and Resurrection Parish has enjoyed a sister relationship with the diocese of San Marcos for the past 15 years.

Padre Rigoberto Matias will visit Resurrection Parish on Sunday October 29 at 8:15 a.m. Mass. A presentation in the Gathering Space will follow Mass.

Thursday, October 26 at 7PM at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bear, DE. Everyone in our diocese is invited to this event and it is an opportunity to learn about life and faith in Latin America. Visitors from this Guatemalan diocese, Bishop Carlos Trinidad, Padre Rigoberto Matias, and Sister Bernarda Rojas will be giving a presentation in the church hall Refreshments will be served. No need to RSVP~just come! Bring a friend!

For more information or questions, please call/text or email Mary Jo Frohlich at 302-559-7766 or maryjofrohlich@gmail.com.

Dual Recovery Anonymous 3rd Anniversary

Monday October 16, 2017

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Food and Fellowship

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Meeting

All are Welcome

Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA) is a Fellowship of men & women who meet to support each other in our common recovery from two No-Fault illnesses: an emotional or psychiatric illness and chemical dependency. Open Meetings are held every Monday in room 4 at 6:30 p.m.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. This year we can even “chat” with our chief missionary, Pope Francis, and learn more about his missions and missionaries. Learn more at ChatWithThePope.org. Chat – Pray – Give this World Mission Sunday.

Chandler Funeral Home is sponsoring a free document shredding event on Saturday October 21 from 10 am to 1 pm. This event will be held in our parking lot at 7230 Lancaster Pike in Hockessin and is rain or shine.

Little Sisters of the Poor 35th Annual Spaghetti Dinner: Sun, Nov. 5th, noon to 5p.m. Please join us for great food, home-made bake goods, raffles featuring theme baskets, Take out available and more. Cost \$10 adults, \$5 Children under 12
185 Salem Church Rd. Newark Delaware 19713

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome!

K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 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

Sacramental Preparation Classes meet 10/25 and 11/8 at 5:45-7:00pm.

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

CFP'S FALL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

We are collecting canned food items and toiletries for Resurrection Parish's Food Pantry. The Fall Community Service Project is throughout the month of October. Please donate your items in the green totes located by the Youth Room and Gathering Space. Thank you in advance for your support.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

October 15 6:30-8:15 PM

Middle School: Making the Right Decision: Forming Conscience
High School: Welcoming the Stranger: Migrant, Immigrant, Refugee

Friday Nov 3, 2017- 5:00 PM: Family Promise at Ebenezer United Methodist prepare and serve tacos.

Saturday November 11 9:00-12:00
Yard cleanup at the rectory.

Confirmation 2018

Current 8th and 9th graders are invited to register and prepare to be confirmed fall of 2018. We will begin with a parent meeting on December 10 at 12:00 noon in the youth room. The first gathering for the youth will be on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 12:00 noon-2:30 PM.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

FAMILY PROMISE The next hosting week for homeless children and adults of Family Promise is the week of October 29. Your help is needed to help provide dinners for 2 nights, to-go items for breakfasts, serve as overnight host (2 adults needed per night) and to help drive the Family Promise van to/from the Family Promise Day Center off Kirkwood Hwy to Ebenezer Church. Contact Deb Buckels, dbuckels@verizon.net or 302-239-2275 if you are able to be an overnight host or van driver. To sign up for providing food or to-go items, please click here <http://resurrectionde.org/volunteer>. Thank you for your generosity!

The Caregiving.com Second Annual National Caregiving conference will take place on Friday, November 10, and Saturday, November 11, at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare. **Register virtually at:** www.caregiving.com/ncc17/register/ and watch our conference from the comfort of your home. Our Boldest Hours, this year's conference theme, refers to our time spent before, during and after our caregiving experience. The theme also encourages us to take bold action before, during and after our conference.

TAKING IT HOME

This weekend Matthew yet again gives us another image of the kingdom. The kingdom is like a wedding banquet. This is a powerful image because it is an image that reverberates throughout the scriptures. The people of Israel have constantly been described as having been betrothed to God - God is the bridegroom who loves Israel and takes her as his bride. We have continued to employ this image even to the point of using it to describe our sacred liturgy. When we celebrate the liturgy it is often described as dining in the kingdom of God. It is described this way because when we gather around the banquet table of the Lord, we gather to partake of the rich food and choice wine of the wedding banquet now offered as the body and blood of Christ. Here at this wedding banquet we come to sing and dance and to celebrate that we indeed are the ones espoused to the bridegroom, Christ the Lord. And in and through this sacred liturgy we enter the sacred space and time of God's kingdom, where death and sadness have been destroyed forever as Isaiah proclaims in our first reading. And so yes, when we gather at this banquet we are dining in the kingdom of God.

Matthew's parable is about a king who invites special guests to his son's wedding banquet. These guests unfortunately reject the king's invitation even beating his servants whom he sent to make the invitation. So then the king sends his servants to the highways and byways to invite everyone whom they find to the wedding banquet. The point of the parable is not to focus on the guests who did not come, but on the fact that now everyone is invited. God through the Son, Jesus Christ, extends an invitation to everyone regardless of status, economic condition or stain of sin to come and to partake of the rich fare now offered as the food of life. But not only is everyone invited, everyone is also presented with the opportunity to come as a bride for the son. The expectation is that we are not only guests but also participants in the wedding. We are participants to the extent that more is asked of us than simply attendance. And so the parable makes note of the fact that one of the guests does not have on a wedding garment. We need to be prepared to marry the son and not just simply witness a wedding.

The wedding garment symbolizes baptism. It symbolizes baptism because it is through our baptism that we are guaranteed a place at the table of the Lord. It guarantees us a place at the table because it is through baptism that we say "yes" to Jesus' invitation to enter into his life, death and resurrection and to become another Christ. And so the symbolism of bride and groom is appropriate because baptism binds us to Christ and His Church as bride and groom are bound to one another in marriage. But baptism not only binds us to Christ, his

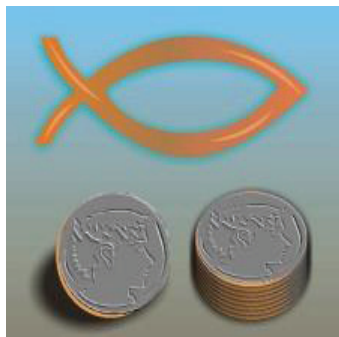
church and allows us a place at the wedding table, it also has us participate in God's plan of salvation for the transformation of the world. Baptism sends us on mission, the mission began by Christ to announce the presence of God's kingdom among us. We now are the continuing presence of that kingdom as the body of Christ in the world. This means that we share with the world that same grace, mercy, justice and compassion that Jesus had for all people, especially the poor, the outcast and the brokenhearted. And so our wedding garment is our baptism. Deacon John



Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **2:00 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017** at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by October 16** by filling out the information below and returning it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, or by emailing ljackson@cdow.org, or by calling 302-295-0657.

Last Name: _____
 Husband's First Name: _____
 Wife's First Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Zip Code: _____ Phone # () _____
 Email Address: _____
 Number of Years Married: 5 ___ 10 ___ 15 ___ 20 ___
 25 ___ 30 ___ 35 ___ 40 ___ 45 ___ 50 ___ More than 50?
 ___ Years
 Parish: _____
 Total # of persons attending (include guests): _____
 In order to best plan for seating arrangements, do you
 and/or your spouse utilize a wheelchair ___(X)
 or motorized chair ___(X)



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 22: 15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion:

Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?

Show me the coin that pays the census tax.” Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

Gospel Reflection: The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent “safe” answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority—leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome. Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn’t appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees’ disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees’ disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

What’s in a face? The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition—grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai—forbade the use of “graven” or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.

Jesus and the Pharisees: The gospel of Matthew tends to treat the Pharisees rather harshly. In fact they had more in common with Jesus’ style of teaching than other religious groups of the time and some have suggested that Jesus may even have been quite closely associated with the Pharisees. The role of the Pharisees was to interpret the Torah—the Law—for everyday people. They were teachers and preachers who often had a group of disciples who were their followers. The community in which the gospel of Matthew was written regarded the Pharisees harshly because they saw Jesus—not the Pharisees—as the rightful interpreter of the Law.

A simple question? This gospel passage is sometimes interpreted as Jesus’ endorsement of the Christian responsibility to state authorities. It has been interpreted as affirming the obligation to pay taxes and participate in the processes of government. In fact, Jesus neatly avoided the direct question put to him and never gave a response to the question of paying taxes. Rather, he made the question a much broader one and reminded people that their first obligation was to God, not the state. It is an excellent example of the need for critical interpretation of scripture.

- Q. The Pharisees deliberately set out to trap Jesus. Why did they fear him?*
- Q. How can we apply today Jesus’ words, “give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God”?*
- Q. What are some of the “obligations” of society that “get in the way” of giving to God what belongs to God?*
- Q. In what ways can you better give to God what belongs to God?*

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