

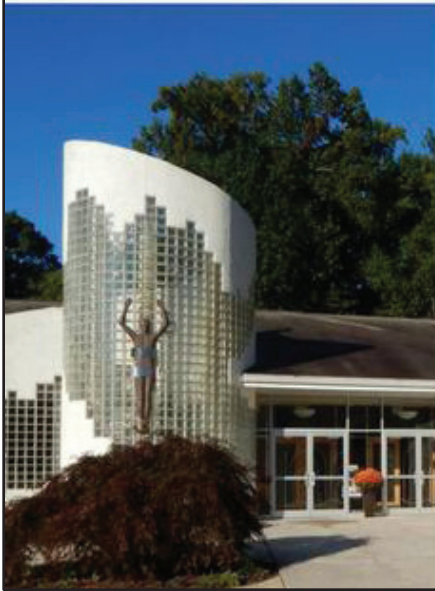
Resurrection Parish October 29, 2017 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Wednesday, November 1

8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mass

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Thursday, November 2, 8:30 a.m. Mass



November – The Month of All Souls

During the month of November, we are called “to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest” (Eucharistic Prayer II). The walls of our Worship Space will be graced with the images of many of the saints of our Church – the cloud of witnesses. AND we invite parishioners to **bring small framed pictures** of dear ones who have died – the saints of Resurrection Parish – to be displayed in the Gathering Space near the Chapel. The display space will be available the last Sunday in October. Throughout the month of November the **Book of the Names of the Dead** will be available near the baptismal font so that all may inscribe the names of their beloved dead who are especially remembered in prayer throughout the month.

INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct. 30	8:30 am	Parish Community
Tuesday	Oct. 31	7:00pm	
Wednesday	Nov. 1	8:30 am	
All Saints	Nov. 1	7:00 pm	Parish Community
Thursday	Nov. 2	8:30 am	All Souls
Friday	Nov. 3	8:30 am	
Saturday	Nov. 4	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Nov. 5	8:15 am	+Dominic Picollelli
		10:30am	+Beth Callahan



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, Kevin Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera, David Heckman, Carol Strasser, Burt Strasser, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Ed Baum, 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.



Adults interested in joining the Resurrection Parish **Music Ministry** are most heartily welcomed! Please contact Ruth Sanders, 302-368-0146 Ext. 106, rsanders@resurrectionde.org.

PARISH LIFE

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.

Resurrection Parish Fair Trade Coffee Tasting Event.

The Resurrection Parish Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate project is winding up its 14th year. Over the past 14 years, Resurrection Parishioners have purchased (at wholesale cost!) about \$50,000 worth of Fair Trade items, supporting small local farmers around the world. Many parishioners who are new to the parish may not be aware of this project so, with that in mind, **following both morning Masses on Sunday November 5th**, we will be hosting a FREE Fair Trade Coffee tasting event in the Gathering Space. Come sample over 10 different Fair Trade coffees from around the world. This event coincides with the final Coffee sale for 2017 so, if you find one you like, you can order a case of it!



Shawl Ministry: We welcome all knitters and crocheters. The next meeting is Monday Nov. 13 at 12:30 pm. in the Library.

Maintenance List

- Clean Gutters
- Floor Machine to clean floors
- Leaf Blower
- Painting Walls
- Replace ceiling tiles

Holiday Hope: an afternoon of information, support, and remembrance

As a service to the community, Doherty Funeral Homes will sponsor a free program designed to help grieving families and individuals cope with the holidays. You and your guests are invited to attend on Sunday November 12, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 pm, at Deerfield Golf Club in Newark. Refreshments will be provided, for more information or to register, please call (302) 999-8277 by Friday November 10.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate Sale: Chocolate is back! Now that the weather has cooled, it is practical to order Fair Trade Chocolate again ... a great way to fill Christmas Stockings with sweets that support small farmers around the world. Our next Fair Trade sale is the weekend of November 4/5 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of November 25/26. Thanks for your continued support for small farmers around the world.

CHRISTIANS LIVING UNDER OCCUPATION

St. Joseph on the Brandywine, Greenville, DE Thursday, November 2nd at 7p.m. Please join us for an inspiring evening with Dr. Sa'ed Atshan, Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and an alumnus at Swarthmore College. Dr. Atshan will speak on the situation of Palestinian Christians living under occupation and their vanishing population in the land where Christianity was born.

Hosted by Pacem in Terris Palestine-Israel Human Rights Initiative, Delaware Churches for Middle East Peace, and Delaware Episcopalians for Middle East Peace

Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry Ministry with recent donations of food or money. It is a testament to your care and compassion for those in need in our community.

With your generous support, Resurrection Parish will provide a bountiful Thanksgiving meal to 50 families. Thanksgiving Food Lists are available for pick up at Oct. 28 - 29 and Nov. 4 - 5 Masses. Three lists (Bag A, Bag B, Gift Card) combine to go to one family. Please attach list to completed Food Boxes and return to Gathering Space by November 12.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome!

K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 11/5, 11/12, and 11/19 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
www.resurrectionde.org

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

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

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

Nov 5 6:30-8:15 PM

Friday Nov 3, 2017- 5:00 PM: Family Promise at Ebenezer United Methodist prepare and serve tacos. Contact Elaine if you are able to join us. Bring a complete diocesan Form B.

https://www.cdowcym.org/documents/resources/Form_B_Revised_0715.pdf

Rectory Yard Clean Up

Join us as we rake leaves, plant spring bulbs, and perform general yard clean up at the rectory on November 11 beginning at 9:00 AM. Youth and families are welcome. If you plan to attend or have a pickup truck we can use to haul leaves to the yard waste on Polly Drummond Hill, please contact Elaine at elittle@resurrectionde.org

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.

VOCATIONS

All Christians are called to love the Lord with all their hearts, souls and minds, and to love their neighbor as themselves. Some are called to express that love in lives of service to God's people as priests, deacons, religious sisters or religious brothers. Are you being called to live out your life in one of these vocations? If you think so, 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/

TAKING IT HOME

Why is it that we always want to compare things instead of looking at them from a holistic point of view? We constantly want to know right from wrong, what is good or bad or which is greater than the other. We never seem to want to see things from an integrated point of view where everything comes together and embraces the whole picture. We are typically like the lawyer who approaches Jesus in the gospel this weekend in order to test him. We want to pick and choose one thing over the other. We want to set things apart. But Jesus will have none of this.

In a world where there are 613 individual commandments, the lawyer wants Jesus to pick just one which is the greatest. Of course, the lawyer's motive is not good. The lawyer is not about fact-finding as the lawyer is about setting a trap. The lawyer wants to trip Jesus up. But Jesus, looking at the law not as some mindless, meaningless game of one-upmanship, puts everything in perspective. Jesus tells the lawyer, and you and me, that the law makes sense only when it helps us do the one thing from which the law has its force; helping us to love. Jesus integrates the law into the whole of our relationship with God. Instead of limiting the law as the Pharisees do into individual commandments that are kept or not, Jesus teaches that the demand of the law embraces the totality of our relationship with God (including love of self and neighbor, because you cannot love God without love of self and neighbor). Love is the wellspring of obedience to any commandment. It truly defines the whole of God's law. But what does it mean to say that love is the whole of God's law?

By saying that love is the greatest, we are not simply talking about romanticized love. We are talking about love as commitment; love as self-sacrifice and self-surrender, and love as honoring and respecting the source of one's affection. This kind of love is not easy. It comes with its own pitfalls. But this is why Jesus chose it as the greatest because when one truly loves, one is willing to do whatever it takes to demonstrate that love because it encompasses everything. Witness the decision of Jesus to die for those whom he loved.

But because the love of which Jesus spoke seems hard, we may choose to limit our love – to divide it as we tend to do everything. But this is not what Jesus had in mind. If love encompasses all the commandments and love gives them their force, then we must take our cue from Jesus, who made no distinctions about those for whom he would die. He died for all. And so our love for God and for neighbor has to be as deep and as all-encompassing as Jesus' love for us. Yes, this is not easy. But faith was never meant to be a lifestyle decision. Instead it is meant to challenge us beyond our desire to lesson our love and to divide it for our own purposes. And so when Jesus calls us to fulfill the one command that embraces the whole of life, can we be free enough to obey the totality of our relationship to God and neighbor by loving everyone? Deacon John

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

Monday November 13, 2017, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Evenings of Reflection, Teresa of Avila: Your Pearl of Great Price, the final program of the series-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.

Wednesday mornings, from October 25 through November 8, 2017, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Autumn Bereavement Support Group: Are you struggling with enduring your daily life without your loved one? Are you feeling overwhelmed by the grieving process? If you are newly bereaved or have been struggling alone with the weight of long term grief, Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center's Bereavement Ministry invites you to join us.

Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection: Quaker Spirituality with retreat leaders Richard Bernard and Charles Jackson of Hockessin Friends Meeting. Participants should expect to gain both knowledge and experience of Quaker Faith and Practice. In the morning we will answer the questions "Who are the Quakers, what do they believe, and how do they practice their faith?" Questions and discussion will be encouraged. In the afternoon, there will provide the opportunity to experience Quaker worship and worship sharing.

Thursday, December 7 through Sunday, December 10, 2017. Advent Retreat: What are you waiting for? Led by Sr. Joan, a Franciscan sister and Fr. Nick, a Dominican priest, the presentations are Scripture based and inspiring. This is a wonderful way to enter into the Advent Spirit of Patient Waiting for the Manifestation of the Christ, the Prince of Peace, in our chaotic world. Come and be immersed in the hope and anticipation of the graces received and the gifts to give as we return to our lives in preparation for the Christmas Blessings to come!!

Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) or call our office for more information or to register. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858.



**31ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 23: 1-12**

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.

Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen.

They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation ‘Rabbi.’ As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

Gospel Reflection: This gospel passage is a lesson on leadership. The gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practicing what they preach—a rather familiar criticism often leveled at politicians, teachers, and church leaders in our own society today. When the criticism is used, today it often implies that if the person fails to practice what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. However, rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say—as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition—but not to follow their example of behavior. Throughout Matthew’s gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual.

The community for whom Matthew’s gospel was intended was struggling with being both Jewish and Christian. They were coming to realize that to be followers of Jesus’ way they needed to cast aside some of the attitudes and behaviors of their Jewish tradition. That applied particularly to the model of leadership that they had inherited from Jesus: a model of leadership through service, not power and authority. This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus’ time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead.

Laying down the Law: Throughout Matthew’s gospel Jesus is portrayed as the new law-giver, the new Moses. The five-part structure of the gospel reflects the five books of law that make up the Torah. This gospel is the beginning of an extended passage of criticism against the Pharisees. The sustained criticism is about how the Pharisees have actually “got in the way” and made it more difficult for people to come to know God. Jesus, as the new law-giver, tells the people to put aside the distractions of the Pharisees and to recognize that God alone is the source of what is right and wrong; that the Christ is the only teacher.

Christian Leadership: The Christian model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power *over* others. People are praised for showing “strong” leadership when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others’ opinions. While this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term, there is certainly nothing “Christian” about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led. Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than power *over* others, it embraces power *through* and *with* others.

Contrasts: By their actions, the Pharisees place burdens on the shoulders of others—burdens of guilt, shame, duty, and punishment. Throughout his ministry, Jesus acted to lift such burdens from the shoulders of the downtrodden and marginalized. Jesus accuses the Pharisees of being motivated by drawing attention to themselves—the way they dress, the way they like to be addressed, even where they sit in the synagogues. In contrast, Jesus’ ministry was typified by his humility and focus on others.

- Q. What styles of good and poor leadership have you experienced / practiced?*
- Q. How do you respond to someone you feel is not “practicing what they preach”?*
- Q. How do people not in a “leadership role” have opportunities to demonstrate leadership?*
- Q. In what ways can a Christian model of leadership be difficult to practice?*
- Q. How is it possible to challenge poor leaders to practice a more Christian model of leadership?*

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