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**SPIRITUALITY    OUTREACH    STEWARDSHIP**



**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.

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.

Mary Birmingham is the director of music, liturgy and Christian Initiation and Whole Community Catechesis at **Ascension Catholic Community** in Melbourne, FL. She is a wife and mother. But she took time to pull together wonderful commentaries for each Sunday. She reminds us that the Gospel according to Matthew often referred to the kingdom of heaven or God. Mark's Gospel is about the person of Jesus. Luke rooted his Gospel in history. When we get to the Nativity we hear that Jesus was born during a specific time, that is, during the reign of Emperor Augustus and while Quirinius was governor of Syria. In a like manner, John the Baptist is born in the days of King Herod of Judea. And Mary lives in a town of Galilee called Nazareth. This is Luke's way of saying we are dealing with real people. So, the eventual Christianity is meant to be an encounter with real people. Christianity is not meant to be a book on a shelf in a library. We can only learn about Jesus Christ by real people passing on a real lived faith to others.

So, thanks for being a part of the Parish of Resurrection whether that means a holyday visitor, an occasional participant, or a regular face. Christmas is so much more than a story book tale. Thanks for the mutual strength we are as we celebrate our faith and tell of the goodness of God.

In my own name, as pastor, and in the name of the staff that serves us, I wish a very faith filled Christmas season (it goes until January 9) that is shared by the people you meet and relate to (whether known or just occasionally meet them). The staff is here to serve and is always willing to listen and discuss ideas for a better parish and a future church. For me, Christmas is spent with family. So, many memories come alive. We recall how faith in Christ and God was passed on to us.

With peace, love, and joy, Fr. Bill Graney

Help us put a name to your face and personalities. Sign up for a picture for our directory.

Take a bit of time. But free photos by a professional. Thanks for your cooperation.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	Dec. 26	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Dec. 27	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Dec. 28	8:30 am	Lazarus
Thursday	Dec. 29	8:30 am	
Friday	Dec. 30	8:30 am	
Saturday	Dec. 31	5:30 pm	
Sunday	Jan 1	10:30 am	
		5:30 pm	

**LITURGY**

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world. [Eucharistic Prayer III]

**Prepare for Holy Family, FRIDAY December 30—** Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40: Christ dwells in each one gathered as one family around the table. Young and old, male and female, everyone has a right to be heard, whether in instruction, prayer, or song. We may be aged, like Simeon and Anna, and feel that we have nothing to say. Yet they are models for today. They recognize Christ in their midst, and they fearlessly proclaim God's saving light to all peoples. Their message gives hope to those who look forward to God's deliverance. Like the prophets before them, their words are filled with blessing and gratitude, sorrow and pain. Not all will accept their words. The child of peace will be opposed by conflict and disunity.

Mary and Joseph show us how to walk in God's ways. Submissive to God's word, their child is filled with wisdom and the grace of God. Like them, we are called to be a "holy family." Our words of correction must be tempered with humility and love. Whether in speech or action, whatever we do must be done in the name of Jesus.

**For Reflection:** *Is my family united in peace and love? Can Mary and Joseph be examples for families today?*

**Mary, Mother of God, SUNDAY January 1—** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21: God's messenger is *Yeshua*, "Jesus," the one who comes as a voiceless child. Yet through him, God's ways of mercy and peace are known on the earth. In him, we are coheirs with Jesus, sons and daughters, adopted children of God. With Jesus we can invoke God's name and cry out, "Abba!" "Father!"

Mary is the privileged instrument of God's self-disclosure in her son, Jesus. Woman, wife, virgin, and mother, she is a model for all who seek salvation. She is not nameless; she is the *Theotokos*, the "God bearer." Her voice is heard in the poor and lowly who treasure God's word in their hearts and ponder what they see and hear. When they understand what has been told, they cannot restrain their lips. As "Christ bearers" to the world, God's glad tidings are announced to all who will listen: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look kindly upon you and grant you peace!"

**For Reflection:** *Like Mary, have I given birth to Jesus in my life? Do I announce good news to others?*

**THE WORD TO GO** scripture reflections for the season of Christmas are available on the table by the doors, and are on our website: <http://resurrectionde.org/new/liturgy/scripture-reflections-the-word-to-go>.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
**Prayer Service at Resurrection, Sunday January 22, 7 pm**  
*We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ*  
 (cf. 1 Cor 15:51-58)

Traditionally celebrated from January 18 to 25 (in the northern hemisphere) or at Pentecost (in the southern hemisphere), the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity enters into congregations and parishes all over the world. Pulpits are exchanged, and special ecumenical worship services are arranged. All are welcome to participate as Resurrection Parish and Ebenezer United Methodist Church gather to pray together on Sunday January 22 at 7:00 pm. Learn more at the World Council of Churches website: <http://www.oikoumene.org/programmes/unity-mission-evangelism-and-spirituality/spirituality-and-worship/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity.html>

**Please pray for those in our Parish Family who are sick:** Lord, allow your healing hand to assist MaryAnn Ciabattoni, Jayne Straub, Hank & Lauren Wisniewski, Sharon Dudek, Pat and Hank Krysiak, Molly Dunne, Jim & Buddy Sheehan, Joan Rzucidlo, JD Howell, Betsy Barber, Kathy Bernardin, Paige Becker, Alice Weaver, Bill Eichelberger Jr., Joseph Hemphill, Bernie Gross, Nancy Bunting, Renee Roder, Alyssa Stover, George Cora, Tim O'Neill, Steve O'Kane, Nick Gambino and all the needs in our Book of Intentions.

**PARISH FAMILY LIFE**



And she gave birth to her firstborn,

She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7

## **Epiphany Party - Save the date!** On

**January 8, 2012**, after 10:30 Mass

Resurrection will be hosting an Epiphany Party. There will be food and opportunity to socialize as well as carols and crafts for little ones. We will bless the doors to our church! Don't miss this great opportunity to be part of our community!

**Dialog:** Our diocesan newspaper keeps us informed about issues and events of concern to the Catholic community. Please pick up a copy at the doors of the church.

The *Dialog is building up an E-Community* enabling parishioners to receive timely information and updates via e-mail regarding news and events from the parish, the diocese, and the Church. If you want to be on this list please update your email address by sending it to [secretary@resurrectionde.org](mailto:secretary@resurrectionde.org). Thank you for your cooperation.

**Catholic Charities Counseling Service:** With the holidays quickly approaching, feelings of depression, anxiety, and grief due to separation or past losses can be felt even more keenly than usual. Our licensed therapists have decades of experience, and use their clinical skill, based on a foundation of Faith and Prayer, to benefit their clients. All insurances are accepted, and Catholic Charities mission remains to provide services to those in need regardless of their ability to pay. Call the office nearest you in Wilmington at 655-9624 to make an appointment.

**Resurrection Prayer Chain:** Please consider joining the Resurrection prayer chain to pray for the needs of our parishioners and their immediate family members. *If you or a family member needs prayer*, please contact Valerie Werner on 239-2220 or [yvw302@verizon.net](mailto:yvw302@verizon.net). All requests for prayer are kept confidential.

**New Parishioners:** We welcome you! Please register with the parish. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. How do you know if you are already registered? Registration forms are always available after Masses on the bulletins rack by the main entrance and in the Parish Office. Please complete one today and return it this week to join our community. For more information, call 368-0146 x101.

More information than you can imagine is found on our website: <http://www.resurrectionde.org>

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Emmanuel Dining Room:** The spirit of joy and giving touched many this season especially at the EDR. Ruth Mayer bought a brand-new restaurant size can opener for large family size cans that we open for our Shepherd's pie; a wonderful gift to make our service to the hungry much easier. We also were blessed this season with a generous donation from the Red Hats of Resurrection that provided a meal for 200 people on this

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cold Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. It costs about .95 cents to provide a meal of Shepherd's Pie, fruit cocktail, and a delicious desert donated by Cannon's bakery. Those volunteering this month were: Eileen Craig, Burt Strasser, Ruth Mayer, Susan & Fred Whitcraft, and George & Judy Ward. We hope to continue with such enthusiasm in 2012. Many thanks.

## **ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

*May the blessings of Christ's birth be with you and your families!*

We look forward to seeing you and your children on January 8 back at St. Mark's for CFP! Other **January CFP Classes:**

*January: 1, 1/15-Off, 1/22, and 1/29*

**1st Reconciliation will be celebrated on January 7, 2012 at 9:00AM.** If you cannot attend this time, please contact Cory at [czolandz@resurrectionde.org](mailto:czolandz@resurrectionde.org) with questions.

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## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

*Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:*

High School and Middle School- Jan 8: 6:30-8:15 Epiphany celebration and gift exchange! Bring a \$5 or less wrapped gender neutral gift to exchange. Also, please bring a coat/ blanket to keep warm as part of our night we be spent outside in the prayer garden roasting marshmallows and drinking hot apple cider.

Jan 28th Winter Arts Festival! Share your talents or come support your friends.

High School and Middle School- Feb 3 6:30-10:30- Movie night! Soul Surfer: Finding Hope Amidst Life's Struggles

High School and Middle School- March 31- Pilgrimage March through Wilmington with Bishop. Families welcome! Sign up by February 15.

High School Only- please sign up for our Facebook Group- just look up Resurrection Youth in Wilmington DE. We send out updates, prayers, topics for discussion, etc.

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Taking it Home:** A little girl was standing with her grandfather by an open well. They had just lowered a bucket and had drawn some water to drink. "Grandfather" asked the little girl, "where does God live?"

Without responding the grandfather picked up his granddaughter and held her over the open well. Then he said, "look down the well and tell me what you see."

I see the reflection of myself," said the little girl. "And that's where God lives," said the grandfather. "God lives in you."

Much of the joy, hope and the truth that we celebrate at Christmas is contained in this little story of a grandfather and his granddaughter. Indeed, because God chooses this day to enter our world as a little child – as one like us – the grandfather's response to his granddaughter is resoundingly true. God dwells in us. We are the dwelling place of God.

I think children really get this idea about Christmas because so much of Christmas is about children. In the dreams and hopes and child-like innocence of children, they come to understand the meaning and importance of Christmas. They recognize that this child born to us is no ordinary child and that this day is no ordinary day. This child and this day contain all of our hopes and dreams about us and about how we should live together in this world. That's why this day we constantly look at the eyes of our children for our own inspiration and faith.

But within our faith tradition, Christmas is really a feast for grownups. Yes, it has to do with the birth of a child, but more than that, it has to do with the significance of this child become a man – one like us in the flesh. And just why is this significant? It is significant for two reasons.

First it says something about God's love for us. In the incarnation (the meaning of God taking on our human nature), God chooses to limit the Godself within the confines of this world so that we might know the compassion, care and love of God. God chooses to take our flesh and to absorb the Godself in our concerns, worries and cares in order that God would more intimately connect with us. In Jesus God shows us how to live. Secondly, it says something about our humanity. St. Augustine put it this way: "God became human so that we humans might become God." We are the dwelling place of God. God's coming as one like us is a symbol of our original goodness – our better nature. Christmas then is not one day out of the year where we ideally dream of the way things ought to be, but it is the reality of who we are as we live in a world that is really an illusion.

We are the body of Christ and the power of his Spirit flows in us. And so with and through Christ and the power of the Spirit, we can heal, forgive sins, love others, be compassionate and have the promise of eternal life. Christmas is the realization that God dwells in us just like the little girl came to see in her reflection. And if this is what Christmas means, how do we live like God really does dwell in us?

A Christmas prayer to help us discern the wonder and awe of God dwelling in our hearts:

**Lord, I know I have eyes that see not, and ears that hear not. Today, something I see may cause me to pause; something I hear may invite me to ponder. Keep my eyes and ears open so I may follow what calls to me into the grace of Christmas where**

**midnight unfolds into dawn and dawn into day. Amen (Let it be).** (Deacon John)

## JESUS HOUSE PRAYER & RENEWAL CENTER

**Mass:** Tuesdays - 12:15 pm. See Gathering Space & website for information on other offerings. [www.jesushousecenter.org](http://www.jesushousecenter.org). To register for programs, call Edie 995-6859, [edie2501@comcast.net](mailto:edie2501@comcast.net).

**"Forgiveness Prayer Weekend Workshop** will be held on Friday, January 27 – 29, led by Therese Saulnier. Come to the Forgiveness Prayer Workshop and explore the need for forgiveness, the nature of forgiveness, and how to forgive. **Cost: \$195** includes two overnights and all meals. **Centering prayer experience recommended.** To register, call Edie (302) 995-6859 or [edie2501@comcast.net](mailto:edie2501@comcast.net).



### Time, Talent & Treasure **Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life**

#### This Week's Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

*In gratitude for God's gifts of time and talent to us, we gratefully acknowledge and salute:*

#### **Meg and Jim Hutchings**

A husband and wife team at CFP! Jim serves as a Hall Monitor and Meg as a classroom assistant. They both serve part-time, but are very faithful in getting their son, Evan, to class every week.

#### Stewardship Thought for the Week

I Peter 4:8-10: As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

#### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

##### Regular Sunday Offertory

*In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a Joyful return to the Lord.*

**During November, you gave \$29,343.57 in the offertory baskets and \$13,592 electronically.**

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Are we willing to have the faith of Mary in believing the angel? Do we have faith in God that all things are possible in our marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned for February 11-13 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at: [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call John and Kat Molitor at 302-422-1235.

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