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SPIRITUALITY OUTREACH STEWARDSHIP

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.

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

RCIA
 For information on the process for adults being fully initiated into the Catholic Church, please call the Pastor.
Tues. 6:30 PM
Sat. 4:45 PM

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.

Little Rock Scripture Study (LRSS) Information Workshop is a great opportunity to empower laity. It will be held on Sat., Jan 24 from 9:30 til 2:30 at St. Polycarp, Smyrna. LRSS is parish based, affordable and designed to be used, led and coordinated by lay people. It offers over 30 Old and New Testament studies. A four week Leadership Training course prepares small group facilitators in their own parishes. The Jan. workshop gives an overview and the basic knowledge to establish in their parishes. Pre-registration is required by Jan 10. If interested check with the pastor.

LRSS increases the content input on the individual books of the Bible while maintaining faith sharing. This could be a very good option for some to use after the fourth session of our small groups. It has been used for years across North America and Canada.

Dorothy Day loved to quote St. Catherine: "All the way to heaven is heaven, because He had said, 'I am the Way.'"

Just as we waited with anticipation for the birth of Christ during Advent, the start of a new year always leaves me with a sense of anticipation. Many people will make resolutions to loose weight, exercise more, drink less caffeine, etc. While I always try to keep the Lord in my head and in my heart when making decisions; this year especially, I resolve to keep the Lord in mind during my big decisions. The year 2009 will be a big one for me as I will be getting married and starting a new chapter in my life. I suspect that a large portion of my year will be spent writing thank you notes, doing seating charts for our large families, and endlessly talking with vendors for our wedding day. With so many stressful times ahead of me, I must remind myself that the sacrament of marriage is a joyous celebration. I want to view my wedding day not only as a celebration, but the start of a journey that take place for the rest of my life. So I will leave you with a prayer that I find appropriate for a new year and wish everyone a most blessed 2009! ~Vanessa

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
 O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
 --St. Francis of Assisi

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Dec 29	8:30 am	+Amato Conte
Tuesday	Dec 30	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Dec 31	8:30 am	
Evening	Dec 31	5:00 pm	
New Years Day	Jan 1	10 am	Parish Community
Friday	Jan 2	8:30 am	
Saturday	Jan 3	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Jan 4	8:15 am	
Holy Family	Jan 4	10:30am	
	Jan 4	5:30 pm	Parish Community

A (+) next to a name denotes deceased

STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“Whatever you do,” says St. Paul to the Colossians, “...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him.” And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him, with Him and in Him, in unity of the Holy Spirit...”

During November, you contributed \$9,398 electronically and \$32,150.38 though the offertory collection.

Please remember to fill out your **Stewardship pledge** card, even if you are not changing your commitment. Thanks

PARISH WIDE EVENTS

Dec. 28	Novena for Peace & Justice	9:30 am
Dec. 30	AA Meeting, Room. 3	7:00 pm
Jan. 4	Novena for Peace & Justice	9:30 am
Jan. 4	New Confirmation Class	2:00 pm

Please check our website for updates and changes
<http://resurrectionde.org/>

LITURGY

Liturgical Ministers Schedule is available online at:
<http://resurrectionde.org/Lsched.html>.

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish Family: Lord, allow your healing hand to assist Sharon McDermott, Lauren Wisniewski, Sharon Dudek, Joey Genovese, Paul Roman, Bob Hanson, Betsy Barber, Kyle Rzucidlo, Richard Kelly, Rosemary Barbati, Kathy Bernardin, John Houtman, Marjorie Swain, Mike Turano, Scott Hicks and all the needs in our Book of Intentions.

PARISH FAMILY LIFE

40th Anniversary Survey Cards: Members of Pastoral Council's History group are doing research for the upcoming observance of 40 years. Survey cards are to be picked up from and returned to the gathering space. Cards ask to record memories, thoughts, and suggestions to move us into the future. Comments will be preserved for the future as well used during the anniversary events. We hope to compile the cards during the month of February. Thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Tax-free IRA GIFTS

Federal law changed in 2006 to allow tax-free charitable distributions from your IRA. Charitable taxpayers can direct “qualified charitable distributions” from their fund administrator directly to the charities of his/her choice, including one's parish or favorite ministry. Anyone with an IRA who is 70 ½ years of age at the time of the distribution should explore this possibility. This provision expires on Dec. 31, 2008. Call the business manager if you need a sample form letter. Thanks.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: Catholic Social Teaching tells us that the family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, and not undermined. For more information on Catholic social teaching, or to arrange for a speaker at a parish function, contact Andy Zampini at Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624 or azampini@ccwilm.org.

As we move into the **New Year**, recall the old adage: “If life gives you lemons: Two thousand aught eight was a lemony year; A real lemon of a year. We’re now looking ahead at what we hope will be a vintage year for lemonade.

Married Couples: Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Want time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities? Want a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you? If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information about the January 23-25th weekend in Rehoboth Beach call Jack & Bridget O'Connell at 302-653-1434.

Parish Nursery Volunteers: The nursery is open every Sunday except the 4th Sunday of the month. We are in need of volunteers to cover the nursery once a month. For more information, please contact Joanne at 368-0146, ext. 104

Resurrection Prayer Chain: If you or a family member needs prayer please call Valerie Werner 239-2220 or vjw302@verizon.net. All prayer requests are confidential.

Small Group Faith Sharing: The fourth session of small groups will begin the week of January 18th. Signups will start January 3rd through the 18th. Look for the list in the Gathering Space at that time. There are groups meeting each day of the week. So, look ahead and see what day is good for you and/or your family. You do not have to have belonged to a group earlier to join. New groups are encouraged to form. So please consider joining one of the groups. The book for this session is called "*The Mass is Never Ended, Rediscovering our Mission to Transform the World*".

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Novena for Justice and Peace: Please join our community in praying the Novena beginning December 28 at 9:30 am in the chapel and continuing each Sunday through January and February. The Novena is rooted in our biblical tradition and Catholic Social teaching. It is intended to promote justice and peace in our lives and our world. "Spirit of God, fill our hearts with peace so that we may bring peace to our community. Amen

It can be both frightening and fearful to work for justice. We don't always know what we are walking into and we often do not see successful results to our efforts. The angel's words to Mary can also bring us comfort: "Do not be afraid..." Nothing will be impossible for God.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Read Your Way to a Richer Spirituality: Stop by and visit our parish library.

CFP Elementary Calendar: Dec 28 no CFP; Return on Jan 4 & 11; no CFP on Jan. 18; held on Jan. 25

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 9am. Please remember to pray for our candidates. Sign up to be a prayer partner in the Gathering Space.

God, our loving Father, these young people come before you ready to do your will. Send the Holy Spirit upon them that they may be witnesses of peace and reconciliation as they live their lives as your disciples. We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude. – Martin Luther King

Catholic Internet Sites: The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet. The goal is to support the church's professional ministry of

religious education and faith formation in cyberspace. The VLCFF is coordinated and sponsored by the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives (IPI) at the University of Dayton - a Catholic Marianist Institution. Affordable on line courses begin on Jan. 11 to Feb. 14, cycle 2 is from Mar. 1 to Apr. 4. Web site is <http://vlc.dayton.edu>. Loyola University is also offering affordable on line courses that begin on Jan. 20. Web site is <http://lim.loyno.edu>

The Light Weigh: Would you like to learn how to eat the foods you enjoy while you lose weight? Would you like to get peace with food and get off the diet roller coaster? Give God a chance and rediscover the freedom from food you had as a small child! A Light Weigh Orientation Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 10:00 to 11:30 am in Room 4. Come and find out about the Light Weigh Bible Study and video series, and how this program has been a blessing to others. For more information, contact Joanne at 368-0146, ext. 104 or email at jhuhn@resurrectionde.org. Bring a friend.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Group: Epiphany Party: 12 – 1:30 PM January 4th. Please bring a \$5 present for the gift exchange and a yummy snack to share. **Middle School Youth** are invited to attend but must also attend their regular CFP class at 6:30PM.

Middle School Youth Group: We meet on January 4th from 6:30- 8:00 pm.

YNIA January 6th at 6:30PM

New Confirmation Preparation Process: Parent orientation and student registration will be January 4, 2009 at 2:00 PM. Confirmation preparation begins in 9th grade with confirmation being received in November of 10th grade. Students must currently be enrolled in religious education class or a catholic school to participate. Of course, the family needs to be members and registered in this parish. (A check: do you get the Diocesan newspaper, The Dialog?) Call the office if you are not sure. Thanks for your cooperation.

Jesus Christ will be Lord of all, or he will not be Lord at all. St. Augustine

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adults If you are 18-35, please e-mail Vanessa at youth@resurrectionde.org so that you can be informed of all upcoming events. Vanessa will be updating our young adults about parish, Diocese of Wilmington, and other young adult events in our area.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Webcasts: More than 100 past programs, including presentations by journalist John Allen, theologians Lisa Sowle Cahill and Bryan Hehir, and author George Weigel, available online at www.bc.edu/church21/webcast.html

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas. Charles Dickens

JESUS HOUSE

Come visit the Jesus House Prayer & Renewal Center where you can relax and enjoy some quiet conversation or for some solitude in the beautifully decorated chapel which will be open to enjoy some prayer time & respite from the busyness of the season. For information, contact Jesus House at 302-995-6859.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Child Abuse – Many Catholics are unaware of the Church's effort to address the tragedy of Child sexual molestation by clergy or Church related personnel. Find out what the Diocese of Wilmington does when a report of abuse is given. Learn about the outreach the Diocese makes to victims and/or their families, and what is being done to prevent abuse. This information and more is available on the Diocese of Wilmington's web site at www.cdow.org.

The Grotto at Salesianum School: Salesianum is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Our of Lourdes by building a large scale Grotto shrine. It will be a place to gather, pray, and seek intercession of Mary, Mother of God. It will gather people who seek comfort, hope, and spiritual healing. For more info, or learn how you can be part of this monumental project, contact the School at 654-2495 or visit the www.salesianum.org.

Our Parish Community is a Holy Family. This parish family helps the members of the parish to listen to the voice of God found in our individual lives and the events of our community. Please consider a bequest in your will to help our parish continue to be a living holy family in the future. For specifics on bequests or other planned gifts, please contact Sister Margaret Mahoney at (302) 573-3125 or mmahoney@cdow.org.

Donut Man Family Concert at Malvern Retreat House Families are invited to a live concert at **Malvern Retreat House** featuring Rob Evans—**The Donut Man**—as he performs his fun and inspirational Bible story songs on **Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 2 to 4 p.m.** at the McShain - Hortsmann Family Life Center. Cost: \$10 per person or \$30 per family. To register call: (610) 644-0400.

The National **Pastoral initiative for Marriage** publishes backgrounders on marriage related topics. All backgrounders are posted on the website (of US Bishops): <http://www.usccb.org/laity/marriage/Makingacase.shtml>

Roe vs. Wade Anniversary: Delaware Right to Life along with other pro-life organizations will host several events to mark the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and to prepare for the new presidential administration. The events are as follows:

Holy Family's Respect Life Committee will host a discussion on the Freedom of Choice Act and its implications. FOCA is a bill that would eradicate all pro-life accomplishments at the local, state, and federal levels from the last 30 years. Jim Sedlak from American Life League will be the featured speaker. It will take place on Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Event is free and open to the public. Contact Christine at 302-325-8185 or cferraro15@verizon.net for more information.

DE Right to Life will sponsor its 3rd annual Wilmington March for Life on Friday, January 16th in downtown Wilmington. We will meet at the statue in Rodney Square across from the DuPont Theater at 12:00 noon. It is a prayerful, peaceful walk in honor of life. Signs will be provided. Visit www.derighttolife.org for more information.

Pro-lifers across Delaware will gather at Holy Spirit Church (15 Winder Rd) on Saturday, January 17th to pray for an end to abortion, and for President-Elect Obama to have a change of heart on life issues. We will gather for 8:00 am Mass and then stay for a short prayer service afterwards.

DE Right to Life will sponsor two busses to attend the National March for Life in Washington on January 22. Busses will depart at 10am from the Christiana Mall DART Bus Depot and leave Washington at 6pm. Cost is \$25/person and \$40/family. For more information or to register, visit www.derighttolife.org or call Janet at 302-661-1877.

"Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind." John F. Kennedy

The 40 Days for Life campaign is over, but our job is not. DRTL would like to continue a weekly prayer presence at the AWMS abortion clinic (2809 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington) on Saturdays from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. We are looking for a once-monthly commitment for two hours, ex: every second Saturday from 9:00 – 11:00 am. This is a great volunteer opportunity for parish and student pro-life groups. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kathy at 302-456-5710 or volunteers@derighttolife.org.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK JANUARY 4-10, 2009

This is part of the Pope's 2009 message on migrants. Jan 4, 2009 begins the week of National remembrance of Migrants and Refugees: "*St Paul migrant, 'Apostle of the peoples'*". It is inspired by its felicitous coincidence with the Jubilee Year I established in the Apostle's honor on the occasion of the 2,000th anniversary of his birth. Indeed, the preaching and mediation between the different cultures and the Gospel which Paul, "a migrant by vocation" carried out, are also an important reference point for those who find themselves involved in the migratory movement today.

"Guided by the Holy Spirit, he spared no effort to see that the Gospel which is "the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rm 1:16) was proclaimed to all, making no distinction of nationality or culture. On his apostolic journeys, in spite of meeting with constant opposition, he first proclaimed the Gospel in the synagogues, giving prior attention to his compatriots in the diaspora (cf. Acts 18:4-6). If they rejected him he would address the Gentiles, making himself - an authentic "missionary to migrants" - as a migrant and an ambassador of Jesus Christ "at large" in order to invite every person to become a "new creation" in the Son of God (2 Cor 5:17).

PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS (from U. S. Bishops)

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds. Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,


- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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