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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.

Make soup with the bones!

Thanksgiving always left plenty of bones for the soup. The bones simmered for hours on low heat of the marvelous gas stove (this is to say, I hate electric). Warming memories!

Sooner or later you may have a bone to pick with me or someone else on staff. A pillar and former trustee of a parish said to me: "Father, when you have something to say to me say it directly to me rather than through another". So, a few months later when it came time to say "it" to his face, my two associates, who were nearby, ran from the room. They could feel that it was time for me to make my comment. Another person decided to write to the Bishop suggesting that he made a mistake in sending me to that parish. It used to be that when "the diocese" received a signed letter about a priest, the diocese would ask whether they could share it with the priest. Comments, written or spoken, are always welcome. But often that cannot be adequately responded to. Just an acknowledgement of receipt gives the sender the satisfaction that the comments were digested. Often a full response takes too much work and takes me or any receiver away from other important ministry.

I had one parishioner who was an intellectual, former federal agent, and retired professor. He clearly had time on his hands. He spent much of his time emailing various Cardinals and archbishops of the church. That would occasion another email or having his say: "That was a rather curt reply." I recall spending hours on a reply to him and writing pages. But I concluded that there was not going to be an acceptable reply from his point of view. (continued, next page Bill Graney)

The Language of Reconciliation

As Catholics we know many blessings and challenges. One of the blessings is a unique language that has deep meaning to our Catholic understanding of life. Words like "incarnation", "sacrament", "Eucharist", "holiness" all speak to us of the presence of God and his love for his people. The challenge comes in how to deepen our understanding of these terms and what they mean for our spiritual lives. This is especially true when talking about our faults and how our mistakes break our relationship with God. The word for that is "sin". Take the following test and see how well you can match the terms in the left column with the correct meaning on the right.

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|-------------------|---|
| A – Mortal Sin    | 1 – The remnant of Adam and Eve's sin passed on to us       |
| B – Metanoia      | 2 – Sin that weakens our relationship with God              |
| C – Penance       | 3 – The process of conversion, turning back to God          |
| D – Venial Sin    | 4 – The place for final purification of God's chosen people |
| E – Concupiscence | 5 – Sin we know is bad, we thing about it and do it anyway  |
| F – Purgatory     | 6 – How we make up for the sin we commit                    |

For answers to this quiz see the Adult Faith Formation section on page 3. For more information on what to do about "sin" join with your fellow parishioners of Thursday evening December 11<sup>th</sup> for Deacon Tom Bailey's presentation on the Theology of Reconciliation. It will begin at 6:30 PM and conclude by 8:00 PM. Advent is a good time to begin the process of Reconciliation.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Dec 8	8:30 am	+John Meys
Holy day	Dec 8	7:00 pm	+Michael Williamson
Tuesday	Dec 9	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Dec 10	8:30 am	+Jack Mudrock
Thursday	Dec 11	8:30 am	Daniel Weimert
Friday	Dec 12	8:30 am	
Saturday	Dec 13	5:30 pm	+Robert Doherty
Sunday	Dec 14	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30am	
		5:30 pm	

A (+) next to a name denotes deceased

### STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion; the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

**During November**, you contributed \$9,398 electronically and \$32,150.38 through 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 7	CLOW	10:30am
Dec 9	Gospel of Mark	7:30 pm
Dec 11	Reconciliation Talk	6:30 pm
Dec 13/14	Alternative Christmas	All Masses
Dec 16	Gospel of Mark	7:30 pm

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

### LITURGY

As "we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ," we focus on silence in our liturgical celebrations – charged silence, filled with the prayer and reflection of each member of the community regarding their own life and faith journey. In last week's bulletin we noted the silence before Mass begins and the pause for silent reflection after the call to prayer in the Penitential Rite. We are silent also after the priest says the words "Let us pray." These words begin the opening prayer. 'At this invitation we pray, we pray hard and we do so together, so that when the priest speaks the opening prayer, all of our prayers are drawn to those words like

metal shavings to a magnet. One voice breaks the silence with words of prayer, and one mighty voice, spoken from all our throats, seals that prayer: "Amen!" (from *Saving Signs, Wondrous Words*.)

From our liturgy on the Second Sunday of Advent:

Let us pray...[all pause for silent prayer]

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

The approach to music during the Advent season should reflect and evoke a sense of nighttime watchfulness and alertness. On the First Sunday in Advent the Gospel according to Mark warns, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come," (Mark 13:33). How can music ministers accept this call to heightened awareness? How can the assembly be invited to do the same? One way is by simply making a change: from the first note of the first liturgy on the First Sunday of Advent, let the music have a sound distinctly different from what the assembly is accustomed to.

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For the season of Advent, The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, paragraph 313, cautions musicians to exercise "moderation" in the use of musical instruments, so that the music does not bring us too soon into the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord, which we celebrate in the Christmas season. So we use more a capella singing, more unison singing and musical accompaniments that are a bit more spare during Advent. In doing this, we give renewed focus to voice of the assembly. And then -- with the voice of the assembly as fundamental -- when we again add more instruments, more harmonies, more sound, our Christmas season music will ring out ever more fully with joy in praise and thanksgiving.

### (Bill Graney continued from front page)

I recall one of the issues was that his God was very transcendent and my God was very immanent, down to earth, incarnate. God is truly both transcendent and immanent. But the professor's differences with me would impact style of worship (he offered to buy dress shoes for the altar servers to wear), social concerns, budget, and basic mission of the parish. In comparable circumstances, world views, perceptions, and assumptions are so different that it is impossible to reply to a comment or complaints to a satisfactory way.

I think healthy give and take is a blessing; it is often a way of enriching one another. I don't want to discourage comments by this article, or by my personality, or your perceptions that I or the staff do not want to hear comments. This parish has always been very participatory, and the pastor does not have to be right or have all the answers. Clearly, my teachers encouraged us to get people to ask the right questions. They saw that as the best teaching tool rather than just giving answers.

Some bones have more meat on them than others. But having a bone to pick is not a bad thing. But we don't have to stay up at night thinking about bones to pick. Through it all we develop a thick skin while digesting the comments. And my fans will say: "What was he trying to say?" Love and peace, Bill Graney

**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**

**Small group Faith Sharing:** The fourth session of small groups will begin the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>. Signups will start January 3 and run through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Look for the list in the gathering space at that time. The book for this session is called *The Mass is Never Ended, Rediscovering our Mission to Transform the World*.

**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](mailto:snapdelaware@yahoo.com). We hope that you will join us for this informal and confidential meeting.

**Life Gets Even Busier:** Please pick up a copy from the gathering space of *"five minutes with the Word."*

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

**Parish Nursery Volunteers:** The nursery is open every Sunday except the 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**AA Meeting every Tuesday evening beginning at 7pm in Room 3. It is an open meeting.**

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Christmas Giving Tree** Please pick up a tag, purchase the appropriate gift and return the wrapped gift and place it under the tree. Please cut the label where designated and attach it to the gift. All gift certificates need to be put in a gift bag or a wrapped box. Please return all Gifts for the Outreach Electric Fund to the office in an envelope marked Holiday Outreach. Contact Cindy Mooney at 302-893-8891 or [cindymooney@comcast.net](mailto:cindymooney@comcast.net)

*"The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness."*  
Wm. Blake

**Novena for Justice and Peace:** Please join the community of Resurrection Parish in praying the "Novena for Justice and Peace" 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 and 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

### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**Read Your Way to a Richer Spirituality:** How about spending some time during Advent for spiritual enrichment? Our parish library has much to offer. I invite you to stop by and check out some books as we prepare for Christmas. Donations and suggestions are always welcomed.

**CFP Elementary Calendar:** Dec. 7, 14, Dec. 21 no CFP Return on Jan 4 & 11.

**First Reconciliation** – Our next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 11 at 6:30pm. Deacon Tom Bailey will be presenting the "Theology of Reconciliation". All are welcome to attend. Please remember to pray for our candidates. Sign up to be a prayer partner is the gathering space.

*God, our loving Father, these young people come before 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*

### **Catholic Internet Sites:**

[www.usccb.org/nab/bible/index.htm](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/index.htm) New American bible online with search engine.  
[www.salvationhistory.com/home.cfm](http://www.salvationhistory.com/home.cfm) Resources for Bible study from Dr. Scott Hahn.  
[www.YourAgingParent.com](http://www.YourAgingParent.com) Spiritual resources and information for Catholic caregivers.  
[www.CouraggeRC.org](http://www.CouraggeRC.org) For men and women who wish to live chaste lives in accordance with the Church's teaching on homosexuality. There is a link to Encourage, a ministry for parents and siblings of people with same-sex attraction.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**High School Youth Group:** We meet on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00-1:30PM and December 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30-8:00PM. **Epiphany Party:** 12 – 1:30 PM January 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30- 8:00 pm.

**For all Youth** and others willing to help. We are assembling "care packages" for college & military members of our parish. We are asking those in the youth ministry program and people from the parish to donate snacks for the care packages. Microwave popcorn, granola bars, "Easy Mac" and other quick cooking meals are all good ideas. Chocolate and other items that melt are not suggested. Items can be brought to the youth room by 12:30 pm December 7th (which is when we will be assembling the care packages).

**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.

**St. Mary's Dance:** Attention 6th, 7th and 8th Graders our next dance will be held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-10:00 pm in the Social Hall. All dances support St. Mary's Youth Sports Programs

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Young Adult Dinner** is scheduled in conjunction with several other parishes in our diocese at 6:30pm on December 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas More Oratory at the University of Delaware. Please bring a \$5 gift card if you wish to participate in the exchange. Notify Vanessa 368-0146x107 or email youth@resurrectionde.org no later than Dec 12<sup>th</sup> to RSVP and for directions.

**If you are 18-35**, please email Vanessa at [youth@resurrectionde.org](mailto: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.

**Theology on Tap is back!** This popular discussion program for young adults in their 20's and 30's, married or single brings talks to Catherine Rooney's Irish Pub. Topics focus on faith and contemporary issues that affect the lives of young adults. The evening begins with a social at 7:00 pm, the presentation begins at 7:15 pm, followed by discussion. The talks are free and are being offered as a Young adult Ministry program of the Office for Catholic Youth Ministry. Speakers for the Tuesday Evening Advent Series have been announced:

December 9: *Top Ten Habits of Highly Effective Christians, According to St. Paul* with Rev. Stephen Alcott OP from Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware.

December 16: *Top Ten Misconceptions of our Faith: Explained* with Rev. Leonard Kempksi. Hosted by Catherine Rooney's Irish Pub, Phone: (302) 654-9700 <http://www.catherinerooneys.com/>

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Gospel of Mark:** With our new liturgical year B we focus on the Gospel of St. Mark, the first written about Jesus. There will be an Advent Scripture Study on Tuesday, Dec. 9 & 16 after the 7:00 pm Mass. It will last until 9:00 pm. The study will meet in room 4 and be facilitated by Mary Louise Chesley-Cora. Bring your bibles. All are welcome.

**Second Sunday of Advent:** In our reading from Isaiah today, the prophet is speaking to a people exiled and living in a land that holds different values than the Israelites. Those who work for justice may often feel as if they are in a strange land, too, as their values are likely to be counter-cultural. Isaiah's words reach across the centuries with comfort from God, the encouragement to praise God even in adversity, and the assurance that God will build a road that enables us to get to our true home. For more information on Catholic social teaching, or to arrange for a speaker at a parish function, contact Andy Zampini at Catholic Charities at 655-9624 or [azampini@ccwilm.org](mailto:azampini@ccwilm.org).

**Answers to the reconciliation quiz** on the front page. A-5, B-3, C-6, D-2, E-1, F-4

### JESUS HOUSE

**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](http://www.bc.edu/church21/webcast.html)

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**St. Elizabeth Church:** Our Shopping Extravaganza is on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Grant Hall. For information call Gina at 654-7088.

**Advent is preparation time.** Celebration of **Penance** is a great way to allow the Lord to enter your more fully. Times: 7:00 PM—

Dec. 15: Our Lady of Fatima

Dec. 16: St. Mary's in Hockessin

Dec. 17: St Catherine of Siena

Dec. 17:& Dec 22 St John the Beloved

**Archmere Academy** invites interested 8<sup>th</sup> graders to take our Entrance Exam on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.** Call Mr. John Jordan, Admission Director, for more information or directions at 302-798-6632 or 610-485-0373, ext 703, or visit our website at [www.archmereacademy.com](http://www.archmereacademy.com).

# Alternative Christmas Store



**December 13 and 14, 2008**  
**After All Masses**

Once again Resurrection Parish is offering this unique opportunity to present your friends and family with a special gift card that indicates a donation has been made to one of the charitable organizations listed below in their name. Gift cards will be provided for your purchases. Please join us to shop for great "alternative" gifts at our annual Alternative Christmas Event.

***The Bayard House***, Wilmington, DE

A residential program for women who lack the support they need during pregnancy.

***Emmaus House***, Newark, DE

A temporary shelter for families who do not have a home.

***Voices Without Borders***, Wilmington, DE

A community organization seeking to empower their local members to improve their lives.

***Sojourner's Place***, Wilmington, DE

A shelter for the homeless providing treatment for them to become productive members of society.

***Midwives for Haiti***, Richmond, VA

Support for training and medical equipment assist Haitian midwives to care for pregnant women.

***Habitat for Humanity***, New Castle County, DE

Builds new homes for low-income families who also help in the production process.

***Jesus House Prayer & Renewal Center***, Wilmington, DE

Provides a quiet, reflective atmosphere for retreatants to grow spiritually.

***St. Martin's Ministries***, Ridgeley, MD

Provides transitional housing for mothers and children with distribution of clothing & food.

***Friendship House***, Wilmington, DE

A shelter that helps adults re-establish themselves to be self-supporting

***San Marcos Water Project***, San Marcos, Guatemala

Building safe drinking water facilities for the San Marcos community.

***Project Amigo***, Oaxaca, Mexico

Offers support to two schools in two poor communities of Oaxaca, Mexico.


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