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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

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.

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.

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

PASTORAL VISIT OF BISHOP W. FRANCIS MALOOLY

It is not our turn to host our New Bishop. He was here for Confirmation in November but now comes for the whole parish next Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. Plan to be here a linger as he will converse with the people before and after the Mass. As most know he comes from Baltimore.

Wishing Peace with justice in the New Year

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

40th Anniversary year

Please find (in basket in gathering space) and fill out the anniversary cards seeking your comments for the future of the parish as well as past and present comments about the parish. They will be used in comments during the anniversary year. They will also be saved in albums for a future generation. Thanks for your interest.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Jan 5	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Jan 6	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Jan 7	8:30 am	
Thursday	Jan 8	8:30 am	+Robert Schwarz
Friday	Jan 9	8:30 am	
Saturday	Jan 11	5:30 pm	
Sunday	Jan 11	8:15 am	Parish Community
	Jan 11	10:30am	+Larry Mazzenga
	Jan 11	5:30 pm	

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 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

Jan. 4	Novena for Peace & Justice	9:30 am
Jan. 4	New Confirmation Class	2:00 pm
Jan. 11	Bishop Malooly Visit	10:30 am

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

LITURGY

Novena for Justice and Peace: Please, join our prayer for justice and peace each Sunday morning during January and February at 9:30 am in the chapel. Prayer and works are not separate experiences - if prayer leads us into deeper unity with our compassionate God it will deepen our desire to act for justice; and if acts of justice lead us into solidarity with the poor and down-trodden they will increase our longing to seek God in prayer.

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

The **Blessing of the Home** is a popular Epiphany custom. Using blessed chalk (your parish priest will bless the chalk, if you ask, or use the **prayer of blessing**

below), many households mark their entrance door with the year and with the inscription CMB, the initial Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the names of the three wise man in legend. The inscription also stands for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "Christ, bless this home." The popular form the inscription takes is **20+C+M+B+03**. It remains above the doorway until Pentecost.

Blessing of Chalk

Let us pray. O Lord God, bless this creature chalk to make it helpful to man. Grant that we who use it with faith and inscribe with it upon the entrance of our homes may enjoy physical health and spiritual protection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

House Blessing

Lord God of Heaven and Earth, who revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star: Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their love for others may truly reflect thy love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For more on Epiphany customs, visit the Women for Faith & Family website at: <http://www.wf-f.org/epiphany.html>

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 Rzuclidlo, 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

Three friends die in a car crash, and they find themselves at the gates of heaven.

Before entering, they are each asked a question by St. Peter himself, "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning upon you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first guy says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and schoolteacher who made a huge difference in our children."

The last guy replies, "I would like to hear them say ...
LOOK!!! HE'S MOVING!!!!"

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

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: CFP 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 is 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. High School Youth group on Jan 18th from 6:30 to 8:00.

Middle School Youth Group: We meet on January 4th an 18th 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.

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

According to the Web site, usa.gov, the most popular New Year's resolutions are:

Lose Weight

Pay Off Debt

Save Money

Get a Better Job (in 2009, get a job)

Get Fit

Eat Right

Get a Better Education
Drink Less Alcohol
Quit Smoking Now
Reduce Stress Overall
Reduce Stress at Work
Take a Trip
Volunteer to Help Others

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

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. We hope that you will join us for this informal and confidential meeting.

Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops National Migration Week 2009 will be observed January 4 through 10. This year's theme—*Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice*—reminds us of our obligation to bring hope to the hopeless and to seek justice for those who are easily exploited. As Catholics, we are called to create a sense of hope and justice acknowledging the vital contributions of migrants, refugees, and other newcomers to the United States.

Catholic Charities has an Immigration Program in Wilmington and Salisbury. The program assists individuals and families with immigration and citizenship issues related to their legal status in the United States. Catholic Charities offices are located at: 2601 W.4th Street, Wilmington DE 19805, phone 302-654-6460 National Migration Week was created over 25 years ago by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to be a moment for Catholics to take stock of the wide diversity of the Church and the ministries serving them.

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 2:00 – 4:00 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.

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., on Saturdays from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. 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.

**Do you SING? DANCE? TELL JOKES?
CAN YOU PLAY THE SPOONS? Or the Flute? Do
you know STORIES ABOUT RESURRECTION
WHEN IT WAS FIRST BEING BUILT?**

If you answered yes to any of the questions above or have another talent you would like to share- then we need YOU!

Sign up today for Resurrection's first annual

Winter Arts Festival!

**Do you PAINT? DRAW? MAKE POTTERY?
TAKE PHOTOS?**

Well don't worry- we have a space for you too!

THIS IS A TALENT SHOWCASE FOR ALL AGES- ALL ARE WELCOME TO PERFORM OR DISPLAY THEIR ART!

**Contact Vanessa at youth@resurrectionde.org
or 368-0146 x107 to sign up for this special event!**

**This festival will take place on
February 7, 2008 at 6:30!**


**We need your help- so please sign up and share
your talent!**

**All proceeds will benefit the Young Neighbors in Action work camp trip to
Massachusetts during the summer of 2009!**

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