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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.

**Understanding the Gift of Reconciliation**

In the tenth chapter of John's gospel we find the familiar story of the woman caught in adultery. Not only is this a story about mercy and forgiveness, it is also a deeply moving exchange between Jesus and the woman that addresses the drama that exists in every one of our lives; namely that gap we live in between the person I am and the person God created me to be. Jesus met her at the point of her brokenness. He engaged her in a conversation in which he gave her the grace and strength to change her life. This same forgiveness, that grace and strength, is available to all of us today in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It's no secret that over the past several decades we've seen long lines of people coming forward to receive Christ in the Eucharist. At the same time the lines of folks waiting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation have become shorter and shorter. There are a number of reasons for this which probably could be summed up in a statement made as far back as 1946 by Pope Pius XII when he said, "the sin of the century is the loss of the sense of sin". Whatever the reason God, like the father of the Prodigal Son, is constantly looking out into the distance for us hoping we will take the time to humbly come home to acknowledge our failings.

The Adult Faith Formation Committee in conjunction with our sacramental preparation program is offering all of us an opportunity to become more familiar with the gift of Reconciliation. On Thursday evening December 11<sup>th</sup> Deacon Tom Bailey will present a discussion on the Theology of Reconciliation. It will begin at 6:30 PM and conclude by 8:00 PM. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate as a way to refresh ourselves on the important role reconciliation plays in our lives as Catholic Christians.

**Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It's a time to be with family and friends and you don't have the hustle and bustle that accompanies Christmas. Generally, we spend a lot of time sitting around the dining room table and share stories. When my children were in college and had part time jobs, I always asked them to schedule Thanksgiving Day off. This was a time to be with family. One tradition that we have is to go around the table and say what we are thankful for. This year, I feel especially thankful for the sacrament of reconciliation. This sacrament has helped me to bring healing and wholeness into my relationship with God, myself and my neighbor. We live in a culture that promotes preventative medical care. We see our dentist twice a year to prevent tooth decay. We see our physician for our annual physical and often submit to some very uncomfortable tests for the prevention of disease. What are we doing to prevent the disease of sin from entering into our relationships and causing a terminal break? This sacrament is so often avoided because it's uncomfortable and we really don't like to admit we may be at fault. I believe that this sacrament is vital for the maintenance of wholesome relationships in the same way that seeing our physician annually is for the good physical health. I encourage you to consider participating in this great gift from God during the Advent season.

Peace and all good fruits, Joanne

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Dec 1	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Dec 2	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Dec 3	8:30 am	
Thursday	Dec 4	9:00 am	
Friday	Dec 5	8:30 am	+Jim Pohlen
Saturday	Dec 6	5:30 pm	+Joseph Malgieri
Sunday	Dec 7	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30am	
		5:30 pm	

A (+) next to a name denotes deceased

### STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

**Paper Recycling** netted \$80.65 this past month. The check notes that we saved 14.94 cubic yards of landfill space. Congratulations!

### PARISH WIDE EVENTS

Dec 2	Gospel of Mark	7:30 pm	
Dec 4	Taizé Prayer	7:00 pm	
Dec 6	Potluck Dinner	6:45 pm	
Dec 7	CLOW	10:30am	
Dec 9	Gospel of Mark	7:30 pm	
Dec 12	Healing Mass	7:00 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

In a certain sense, liturgical time is always Advent. During every liturgy we pray for Christ to come again when we pray the Lord's Prayer; and in the Eucharistic prayer, we hear another Advent prayer: "we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." But during this Advent season, we focus more intently on that holy waiting, emphasizing for the first two weeks the second coming of Christ and for the last two weeks the incarnation. Often expectant waiting is characterized by silence and our liturgical celebrations call for silence at many moments. Liturgical silence is not that contemplative silence where we empty our minds and let

distractions fade away. It is a charged silence, filled with the prayer and reflection of each member of the community regarding their own life and faith journey. In Advent, let us give the silences in the liturgy more breathing room. On this first Sunday of Advent – and each Sunday of the season -- you may notice especially that before Mass begins, we sing a simple refrain, praying "Be still and know that I am God," and then observe a period of silence as we prepare ourselves to celebrate this Eucharistic liturgy. The second silence we observe together occurs after the Call to Prayer in the Act of Penitence. The priest invites us to inner reflection: "As we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, let us take a moment to be aware of the sins and failings that blind us to the radiance of his presence in our world," and we take time to reflect before we sing together a litany of praise for God's mercy: "Lord Jesus, come to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy. You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy." In coming weeks, we'll look at the other times of silence during the liturgy.

Adapted from *Sourcebook 2008*

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

**Advent Taizé Prayer**--Thursday, December 4th, 7 pm:  
 To open the gates of trust in God, nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song. This beauty can give us a glimpse of "heaven's joy on earth," as Eastern Christians put it. And an inner life begins to blossom within us.

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 Rzcudlo, 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



**Parish Potluck Dinner: Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm.** All are welcome. Plan to come and share a meal and fellowship with your parish family. This meal is organized by the small faith sharing groups. We plan to first take some time to eat and socialize, and then we will move into the worship space and break up into small groups. There will be a scripture sharing experience based on *Lectio Divina* followed by some sharing of the participants as to their small group experience thus far.

Please respond to [office@rseurrectionde.org](mailto:office@rseurrectionde.org) or 302-368-0146 x101 by December 3 and let us know how many people will be attending and what dish you'll be sharing.

**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 18th. 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*.

**LIFE GETS EVEN BUSIER.** Please pick up a copy from the gathering space of five minutes with the Word.

**Donut Ministry:** The following parishioners served us at the Donut Counter during the month of October: Kate Arnold; Don, Laura & Marie Coons; Brian & Mary Beth Cote; Lisa & Maitland Elder with Megan Reynolds; Dave & Sharon Gargula; Gail & Sullivan and Diane Terranova. Thank you all for helping to make our Sunday morning a joyful time of fellowship. The Donut Counter is always looking for smiling faces to serve one or more Sunday morning Masses. Please sign up on the schedule posted by the kitchen or contact Doug Keilman at 239-5554 or Don Coons at 369-6802 if you would like to help. Training is always available.

**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.

**College & Military Care Packages:** The high school youth group is planning to send care packages to college students in time for finals. We will also be sending care packages to any immediate family members serving in the military. Please give us the address so that your loved one may be included. Email [youth@resurrectionde.org](mailto:youth@resurrectionde.org)

**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.**

### 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)

**Many Hands Make Light Work at Emmanuel Dining Room:** 239 hungry people were served a hearty lunch on November 12th at the Emmanuel Dining Room. Those parishioners who participated were Bob Straub, Don Sturmfels, Anna Mae and Ralph Cimperan, and Bill and Betty Eichelberger. Please check the bulletin board in the Gathering Space to see when YOU can help with this rewarding ministry. Your time of only one day a month does so much for those who have so little.

Respecting Life: This teaching [condemning abortion] has consequences for those charged with caring for the common good, those who hold public office. The unborn child, who is alive and who is a member of the human family, cannot defend himself or herself. Good law defends the defenseless. Our present laws permit unborn children to be privately killed. Laws that place unborn children outside the protection of law destroy both the children killed and the common good, which is the controlling principle of Catholic social teaching. One cannot favor the legal status quo on abortion and also be working for the common good. This explains why the abortion issue will not disappear and why it is central to the Church's teaching on a just social order. Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., Statement, Sept. 2, 2008

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

#### **Read Your Way to a Richer Spirituality**

Have you visited our parish library recently?? Donations and suggestions are always welcomed.

**CFP Elementary Calendar:** Dec. 7, 14, Dec. 21 no CFP 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 in the gathering space.

God, our loving Father, these young people come before you knowing you are a forgiving God. Send the Holy Spirit upon them that they will be both enlightened and strengthened to ask for and be strengthened by your forgiving love. We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Catholic Internet Sites:**

[www.catholichistory.net](http://www.catholichistory.net) – history of Catholicism in the U.S. [www.catholicshrines.net](http://www.catholicshrines.net) list of all Catholic shrines in the U.S. [www.divinemercysunday.com/index.htm](http://www.divinemercysunday.com/index.htm) information about the devotion of divine mercy [www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php](http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php) biographies of many of the saints

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**High School Youth Group:** We meet on Dec. 7th 12:00-

1:30PM and December 21st 6:30-8:00PM.  
**YNIA Meeting** Tuesday December 2nd from 6:30 - 8:00PM

**Middle School Youth Group:** We meet on December 7th and December 21st 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 between now and 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 2PM. 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

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 2: An Evening with the Bishop hosted by Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington.

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 Kempfski. 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. 2, 9 & 16 after the 7pm Mass. It will last until 9pm. The study will meet in room 4 and be facilitated by Mary Louise Chesley-Cora. Bring your bibles. All are welcome.

### JESUS HOUSE

**Help Wanted:** Jesus House needs someone to prepare meals Monday-Friday for retreats. This is a paid position with volunteers to help serve and clean up. For more information contact Angie Malmgren at 302-995-6859 or [angie2501@comcast.net](mailto:angie2501@comcast.net)

### Days of Prayer & Reflection:

**Dec. 2 – 9:30 am to 1:30pm** "Elizabeth, Beloved Cousin" a one act play with Gina McKenna-Smith. More programs can be found on the web site – [www.jesushousecenter.org](http://www.jesushousecenter.org)

**Online Adult Education: Encountering Jesus in the Scriptures – An interactive Advent workshop – Dec. 1-12, 2008 Website registration opens Nov. 24.** 617-552-4705 or [www.bc.edu/c21online](http://www.bc.edu/c21online)

**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: We are having a Shopping Extravaganza on Sunday, December 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Grant Hall. For more 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: St John the Beloved.

**Catholic Charities will be collecting new and/or "gently used" coats and blankets** throughout the months of November, December and January. Don't miss this opportunity to share God's love through your generosity to those who seek warmth during the cold winter months. Please bring your donations to any one of the Catholic Charities locations listed below between the hours of 9:00 – 4:30, Monday through Friday. 4<sup>th</sup> and Greenhill Ave., Wilmington DE 19805, 302-655-9624 or 1320 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Wilmington DE 19802, 302-764-2717




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