

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening.....5:00 PM

Sunday.....8:30 AM, 11:30 AM, and 6:30 PM

Daily:

Monday.....6:00 PM (Miraculous Medal Novena Follows)

Tuesday thru Friday.....9:00 AM

Holy Days.....See Schedule in the Bulletin or the website

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Daily.....After the Mass Saturday.....4:00 PM to 4:30 PM or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism:

First and third Sunday of each month. **Advance notification is required as well as participation in a Pre-Baptism class for parents.**

Sacrament of Marriage:

Prospective Bride and Groom are required to make arrangements in person with the pastor, **at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding.**

All couples are required to attend a Pre-Marriage preparation program.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins:

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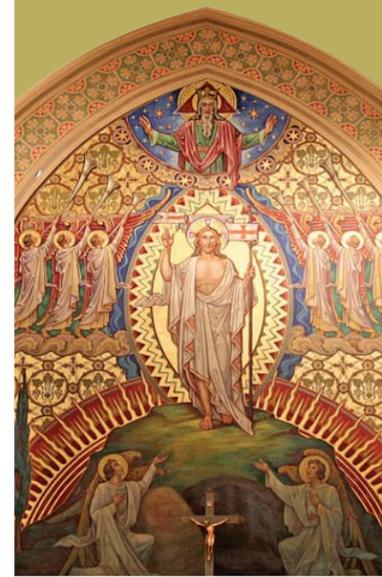
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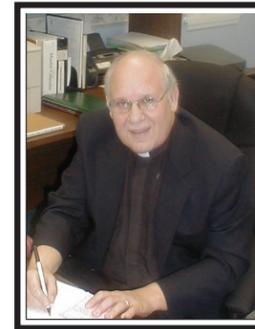
We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

Mission Statement

Resurrection Church is an apostolic community of baptized Catholic Christians committed to embracing the mission of Jesus Christ by proclaiming and witnessing to the Good News of the Gospel. We are family oriented, liturgically centered and mission bound. We are rooted in faith and prayer, sharing our gifts wherever they are needed. We respect human rights and protect human dignity. Through outreach services we are responsive to the poor and oppressed. Embracing all, rejecting none, we refuse to accept any form of prejudice or discrimination. We are a parish committed to the education and needs of young and old alike. It is in this spirit that we carry out our parish mission to remember, to celebrate and to believe.

From the Desk...

Of the Pastor



Fr. Frank Mitolo

"They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith..."(Acts 14:27).

In the Acts of the Apostles, we learn that God has opened the door of faith for the early Church, but did you know that God has opened the door of faith for each one of us, and he invites us to step through the threshold into a deeper relationship with him. This Year of Faith is an opportunity for every Catholic to turn towards Jesus Christ, encounter him in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and rediscover our Faith and our Church. Here at Resurrection we as a community of believers are living witnesses to this commitment.

With his Apostolic Letter, *Porta Fidei*, Pope Benedict XVI declared that a "Year of Faith" would begin on October 11, 2012, which was the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and also the twentieth anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. During the Year of Faith, Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the Catechism, so that they may deepen their knowledge of the Faith. The Year of Faith will conclude on November 24, 2013.

"The 'door of faith' (**Acts 14:27**) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church."—Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Letter, *Porta Fidei*, for the Induction of the Year of Faith.

This Year of Faith is a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world" (*Porta Fidei* 6). In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The "door of faith" is opened at one's baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church. Here at Resurrection we have a number of programs being offered to reignite the flame of Faith. From our adult bible series to a variety of other offerings, including the National Series on Catholicism by Father Richard Barron, there are a whole host of resources available to you. Please take the opportunity to grow in Faith and your relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Father Mitolo with Don and Bernie

Volunteers of the Year Awards

Don Abbott loves to travel. He loves to spend time with friends and family. He loves reading the newspaper and his beautiful dog, Blue Boy, and he loves being involved in the church.

“His faith is probably the most important aspect of his life,” says his son Kevin. “The way that it affects him as a person is that it defines him. He cherishes the various roles that he plays with the church. His sense of service to his church has always been a major part of his life.”

Don certainly is a part of Resurrection. He is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. He serves at daily mass and also at funerals and weddings. He is a money counter. He is a Finance Committee member. He volunteers at Fun Flair.

Don grew up in Allentown, the youngest of five – three boys and two girls. He has sons of his own and will be a great-grandfather in June! He’s very proud of his family. Says Kevin, “Probably the fondest memory I have is him taking me to various movies growing up. These were usually John Wayne westerns, World War II, and pretty much any action movie that a little boy would like to see in that era. I think he did it to please me, I do not think that these were his couple of tea.”

It just goes to show that family comes first for Don, and that he understands that sometimes, to make people you care about happy, you put them above yourself. He has done that consistently for this church, making it as much a priority as his family.

Bernadine Vargo, affectionately known to the parishioners at Resurrection Church as Bernie, is 2012’s Volunteer of the Year.

Bernie grew up in Hazelwood, the oldest of four. She has two sisters and a brother. She attended St. Stephens in Hazelwood then St. Rosalia in Greenfield. Her father worked long hours in the mill, so it was up to her to keep the siblings in line. Early on, she developed a love for crafts and decorating, and through the years, worked as a florist, creating flower arrangements for holidays, weddings, banquets and funerals. She also spent time oil painting and cake decorating. As her son Joe likes to say: “She has a natural talent for creating beauty.”

That natural talent has been a part of Resurrection Parish for many years. Whether it’s making Christmas decorations from scratch, creating and organizing the items for the annual Fun Flair’s massive Chinese Auction, building centerpieces, or crocheting, her artwork can be seen all around the church. The altar looked especially lovely this past Christmas, punctuated by poinsettia plants and candles that Bernie arranged.

Bernie’s natural leadership talent also is a wonderful attribute to Ressi. She is always willing to help and is on the committee of several organizations, including being a co-leader of the Funeral Luncheon Committee and working at Monday Night Bingo.

We here at Ressi are so grateful. Thank you, Bernie! You’re a wonderful volunteer, and a wonderful woman.

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**Fourth Wednesday Morning
9:45AM
Library**

**Discussion Moderator
Bernice Dumitru**

**Fourth Wednesday Evening
7:00 PM
Library**

**Discussion Moderator
Deacon Rich Longo**

- I: Amazed and Afraid: the Revelation of God Made Man - October 24, 2012**
- II: Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus - November 28, 2012**
- III: Nothing Greater Can Be: The Ineffable Mystery of God - January 23, 2013**
- IV: Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, Mother of God - February 27, 2013**
- V: The Indispensible Men: Peter Paul and the Missionary Adventure - March 27, 2013**
- VI: A Body, Suffering and Glorious: Union of Christ and the Church - April 24, 2013**
- VII: Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: Mystery of the Liturgy - May 22, 2013**
- VIII: Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints - August 28, 2013**
- IX: The Fired of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit - September 25, 2013**
- X: World without End: The Last Things - October 23, 2013**

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**When Do We Seek God In Our Lives?
Deacon Rich Longo**

Frequently bad times shake us at the very core of our existence, but be not dismayed. You have simply been released and/or liberated for what God has planned for you next. Watch how you respond to these life situations because like Joe, this trial could be testing your ability to either succumb or persevere. Had Joe given up, who knows what would have become of him. He passed the test and so can you!

“The vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.” Habakkuk 2:3.

If you don't give up you'll always have a chance to succeed. Remember what Tom Hanks said in his hit movie **Cast Away**? When he was about to give up hope of being rescued, he told himself that all he needed to do “was just breathe” and stay alive. As long as he was breathing, there was a chance he could be saved. He said, *“One day the tide came in and brought me a sail, and I was able to leave that island.”* Everyday is new and you never know what the tide will bring in. Yet the “sail” of Faith in the best and the “worst of times” is the key to a life of hope and the fullest encounter with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Father Mitolo / Ginny

Manifestation of the Kingdom Award

Ginny Fauth has been a parishioner of Resurrection Parish all her life. She lives in the same house she grew up in, and she and her whole family attended Mass almost daily. A Brookline girl through and through, she's tough and funny and honest and kind. She always says, “I woke up this morning, thank God!” She also has an incredibly caring heart, and she makes sure to use her gifts and talents for the good of her church.

On any Thursday or Saturday of the week, you can find Ginny at the rectory, volunteering her evenings and part of her weekend. During Lent, you can find her working at the Fish Fry hours before it opens and

hours after it closes. During July, look for her at a Fun Flair booth. She'll be there with her beautiful smile on. And every Monday, you can be sure to find her at Monday Night Bingo. And with hardly any notice, she'll drop everything and help the Funeral Luncheon Committee when she is called.

Dolly Bolla, a longtime friend says, “Ginny means a great deal to me. The most important thing she taught me was the joy of volunteering.”

It's definitely a joy having Ginny be a part of this parish. Her faith is so important to who she is. She had a brother who was a priest and two sisters who were nuns. She places all her troubles in God's hands and trusts in Him completely. We're so lucky to have someone like Ginny on board here!



Caitlin McNulty

YOUTH GROUP Caitlin McNulty Director/Youth Ministries

Youth groups take on many different forms. Some are small, others large, and some, like ours at Resurrection, is somewhere right in between. In the four years that I have been the youth minister at Resurrection, our group has grown from ten to forty, and our experiences have become both more abundant, as well as, more varied. An interesting, but little know fact is that our youth group's full name is the H.Y.P.E.R. Youth Group. For those of you that know us well, you may assume that it is just a description of the typical youth group personality. However, it is much more. Happy Youth Practicing Everyday Religion (H.Y.P.E.R.) is a motto that we allow to guide our thoughts, activities and service. Our group is not just one event, one person, or one mission,

but seeing the whole picture. We strive to uphold the most basic and important teaching of Jesus; to love one another, but also to do so with open, loving and fun-filled hearts.

This year our focus has been on new experiences. In July of last year, we chose a new organization, YouthWorks, to serve on our annual mission trip. Ten students traveled to Charleston, West Virginia during the aftermath of a severe storm that left the area without water and electricity for most of the week we were there. Our time there, while brief, was one full of ups, downs, but certainly lasting memories. This year, the youth group also entered the Highwoods Gingerbread House contest. Our gingerbread tree house was on display at the PPG Wintergarden and won 2nd Place for Non-Profit Youth. For our first gingerbread making attempt, it was certainly something to be proud of. 2012 also marked the first youth group sponsored craft show at Resurrection. We were blessed to have had such a successful first year. Yet, most of the credit is due to help from volunteers, wonderful vendors and an outpouring of support from the parish and community. Although this past year has been focused on new opportunities, we have kept many of the same traditions. The Souper Bowl of Caring, Lovewalk for the Poor, 30-Hour Famine, Club 52 Fundraiser, the Jumonville Retreat, Christmas Caroling at Marian Manor, the float in the Memorial Day Parade and All-night movie night, which brings a number of neighboring parish youth groups to Destinta-Bridgeville for a night of movies, are just a few. Some of these yearly events are just around the corner, and we hope that we will have your continued support. Without the assistance and encouragement of our parish we would not be the strong and thriving youth group that we are currently.

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“Called to Serve?”

By our Baptism we are called to serve. Created in the image and likeness of God we have all been given unique talents and gifts. Jesus said “for those given much the same desired back”. No greater way to give back than to serve your Parish. From a ministry to general volunteering there is always a need and the needed resource to fill that need. Offer some time and talent and your life will be forever changed. In learning more about how you can serve Resurrection please contact 412-563-4400. Visit the parish web site at www.eresi.com and learn more about the various programs and services being offered



Bernice Dumitru

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH 2013 by Bernice Dumitru

We have witnessed history! Many people saw and heard Pope Benedict XVI's final public words to the Church and the world on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, the day before he left Rome and his ministry as Pope of the Catholic Church. He spoke how he felt God's Presence with him when he consented to his election and asked everyday of his life as Pope, "**Lord, what do You want me to do?**" During those years, he said there were many days when the sea was calm and he felt joy and peace as he captained the bark of Peter. On other days the sea was rough, and he wondered if Christ were asleep in the boat. But **he trusted Him because the boat, the Church, is the Lord's and He will never let us drown.**

He went on to say that he knew that when he became Pope, his private life ended, and he now belonged to the whole church all over the world. **He would be a Father to them and take each of them to his heart.** Even now he was not returning to his private life but would continue to belong to the church and spend his days praying for everyone. **And the world responded to him with love.** Seeing the crowd that gathered in St. Peter's to say goodbye was to see the church alive, the living body of Christ full of faith, hope and love.

Sometimes as Catholics in our parishes that are more or less alive and active we may forget that we belong to something greater. We belong to a world-wide church that extends 2000 years back in history and is present in every nation of the world. It speaks every language and wears every native dress. **This Body of Christ reaches out in love to touch the poor, the suffering, the imprisoned throughout the world and rejoices with all peoples in triumph of peace, justice and love. This is our Church. This is our Catholic faith.**

Throughout this year of faith, Pope Benedict has called for us to deepen our understanding of our faith and to renew our commitment to it. He has even granted a plenary indulgence to anyone who **makes a pilgrimage to their place of Baptism, the place where they received that gift of faith,** and renews their baptismal vows as they place their hand on the baptismal font.

In honor of this year of faith we have been showing a special series of videos called **Catholicism.** Father Robert Barron produced this series of videos in which he celebrates the truth, goodness, and beauty our Catholic faith in breathtaking cinema-tography. He takes us on a journey to 50 locations throughout 16 countries to view spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda, from the glorious shrines of Europe to the streets of Mexico, Calcutta, and New York City, the mysteries of CATHOLICISM are revealed. **Pope Benedict saw first hand many of these sights and that is why, despite the enormous knowledge he has of what is going wrong in the church, he is filled with hope at the holiness and Presence of God with His Church.**

Join us to be inspired and to celebrate your faith. The schedule for the rest of the year is given below. For those of you who get the TV channel EWTN you can view these videos on that channel at various times. **Be proud of your faith, and celebrate it with our new Holy Father!**

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Deacon Rich Longo

When Do We Seek God In Our Lives?
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Throughout my years in business I have encountered the gamut of problems people face, from loss of job, family issues, addictions, and stress, to mental/functional imbalances, etc. Many people desperately wallow in these issues with despair, anger, fear and most of all loss of hope, often finding themselves yearning for a better tomorrow while facing the bitter reality of the present. Just think about the current economic times: so many people out of work, mortgages in foreclosure, loss of savings and investments, and the list goes on. Traditional families are falling apart, and above all, there is the pervasive influence of secularism in our daily lives. Can there be any question, then, why we often lose hope?

Yet this is the very time when hope in the Lord is needed most, for in these "worst of times" come the best realization that only in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ can we find the solace, grace and fortitude to carry on. While it is understandable that desperate times may lead some to question the existence of God, those who believe in the existence and presence of God as the one great hope tend to fair much better in these "worst of times."

Surrounded by secularism and relativism, it is easy for anyone to fall prey to these subjective notions and question where God is in these situations. Chapman Cohen once said, *"God is a fragile thing, he may be killed off by a whiff of science or a dose of common sense."* Comments like this are what drive many people of faith, and especially those who want to believe but are unsure, to refrain from incorporating religion into their everyday lives and the good or bad issues that they face. Instead, they turn to him in despair. Yet this absence of hope, grace and love is the very thing they need. The following verses remind us of the saving and sustaining power of God:

"In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6.

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary." Galatians 6:9.

As an example, it is difficult to ask someone who is about to lose his/her home or job to keep a cool head and not be anxious. Yet in spite of the difficulties we face, it is important to remain spiritually calm and confident. Joe, a colleague of mine, was downsized, and after four months of being unemployed, he lost his home to foreclosure, he lost his car to the repo man, and his family had to move in with his in-laws nearly 200 miles away. During these darkest of times, Joe kept his chin up, kept his attitude positive and when he interviewed for a new job, the hiring managers were astonished by his resiliency and perseverance. Through a background check they found he had become financially destitute, but the way he was handling this misfortune demonstrated the exact qualities they needed in a leader with their firm. He was offered a job on the spot. When asked how he was able to maintain his positive outlook he said, *"The good and gracious Lord has blessed me with life."*

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed." 2 Corinthians 4:8-9.

"Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised." Hebrews 10:35-36.

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