



# News Views

from the hill

Church of the Resurrection, Hopewell Junction, New York



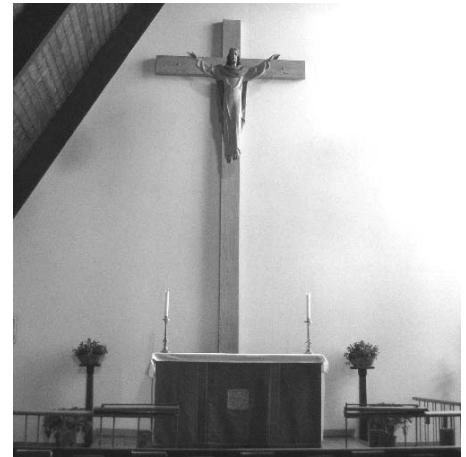
RESURRECTION

*O sing unto the LORD a new song:  
sing unto the LORD, all the earth.  
Sing unto the LORD, bless his  
name; shew forth his salvation  
from day to day.*

*Psalm 96:1-2*

## **Welcome Back Sunday!**

The kids are back in school. There's a crispness to the night air. And before you know it we'll be watching the leaves turn once again. The fall is absolutely my favorite time of the year. Now, I know that each of the seasons has its own particular magic but to me, nothing even begins to come close to the awe inspiring splendor that is on display during Autumn. For this is the season for football and jumping in the leaves, for cool nights and pumpkin pie. Oh man I Love it!



I for one am so excited about this coming year. Your parish life committee has many events planned for the entire parish family to gather and simply enjoy one another's company. Sunday school has started up again along with a number of different opportunities and programs designed to help us all grow in our discipleship. Can't you just feel the excitement?

So don't forget to take those bulletins home and mark your calendars because it just isn't the same without you there.

Take Care and God's Peace,

Fr. Mic +

---

## **Volume 7, Number 3 - 2008 Pentecost**

---

<b>From the Rector</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Pictures Needed</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>It's Your Money</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Know Thy Neighbor</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Save 3 Lives</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Angels Anonymous</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Parish Life Committee</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Silent Auction</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Caring at a Distance</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Ushers Needed</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Words to Live By</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Online Store</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Abundant Life</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Save the Dates</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>9</b>

Some people don't like the fall because they view it as a precursor to the bleakness of winter. They see this season more as a transition time from the life of summer to the death of winter, but I can't go along with that because I see the life of our community coming more alive as the weather starts to bring people inside and closer together. For the most part vacations are over, the program year has begun, and we get to see people we missed because of schedules that keep us from making those connections.

That's what welcome back Sunday is all about, it's our chance to reconnect!

---

**Mark your calendars...**

**2008 Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction**  
**Saturday, October 4, 2008 - Gian Bruno's Restaurant**

## *It's Probably Boring...*

.... to read the same column over and over in our Newsletter, but - we still have some parishioners that are not pictured on our three Know Thy Neighbor boards in the narthex. Regina Furphy is in charge of this ongoing project and will happily take your picture any Sunday during Coffee Hour. You can also bring in a photo of your own - snapshots gratefully accepted!

## *It's Your Money*

On Tuesday, September 30th, the Parish Life Committee is pleased to present a program on basic household budgeting and money management.

With the economy as it is and many families burdened with financial worries, this topic seems most timely and appropriate. It is open to all families in the parish as well as to any others that might benefit from the information.

A Pot Luck supper will start the evening at 6:00 p.m. with the Hudson Valley Credit Union starting their presentation and question / answer program at 6:30PM. The evening should conclude by 8:30PM. For further information, please speak to Deke Rothacker.

## *Know Thy Neighbor*

Hi everyone, from the "Know Thy Neighbor Committee". I want to meet some of the parishioners first! I know they are very shy about this committee, but it's ok. When I first started this committee, I wasn't sure how it worked, but of course now I know.

Now here's some information about this committee. Many years ago this committee was held by the youth group. They would ask parishioners if they

wanted their pictures posted on the bulletin board.. Then they took the information off the "Know Thy Neighbor" bulletin board and put it in the newsletter.

Then this past year Fr. Mic asked that the "Know Thy Neighbor" information be posted on the bulletin board downstairs in the undercroft. So if you would like me to put your information on the bulletin board downstairs, just let me know and I will send a questionnaire.

Some of you may be too nervous to do this, and I will certainly understand that.

Please see me between the services on Sundays if you're interested, or you can E-mail me at russoc1990@gmail.com, call me at 845-632-1291 on my cell as well at 845-705-9340.

I can tell you more about Know Thy Neighbor at that time.

***Craig Russo***

## *Save 3 Lives*

Did you know that is exactly what only one pint of your blood can do? Please! Will YOU give - so that another can live?

What if you or a loved one needed blood?

Resurrection's next Blood Drive is on Saturday, October 18th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 PM. We need our regular donors, we need new donors, and we need others from the community!

If we don't collect at least 35 pints this time, we will probably be dropped from our Saturday date preference in the future. We've done well on our first two drives but we really need to do even better this time. Mark the date on your calendars, eat your red meat and spinach, and ask some of your friends and neighbors to come and donate with you!

## *Angels Anonymous*

Financial help with bills and doctors' co-pays, gas and grocery cards, recreational opportunities, spirit boosters ... these are just some of the ways that Resurrection's Angels give in love. The donors are anonymous as are the recipients. This is an ongoing ministry within our parish family ... for more information contact Anne Kasin.



## News + Views

from the hill

### ***Parish Life Committee***

This newly created group has been in existence since last January. Have you noticed the expanded bulletin board wall of notices, pictures, and information in the undercroft? Check it out to keep up with what's going on at Resurrection! As we get ready to start planning next year's Calendar of Events, we welcome your suggestions and ideas! Speak to any of us - with constructive critiques of events we've done or events you'd like to see added.

*Bert and Rena Mazzuto*

*Deke and Debbie Rothacker*

*Gayle and Gerri Rhodes*

*Jorge and Marisol Cintron*

*Al and Kathy Pagan*

*Anne Kasin, chair*

### ***Men's Group... New Night!***

The men's group will be having their annual dinner at Handshakes on Monday, Aug. 25 at 7:00 p.m. This is our last meeting of our 7th year together.

Starting in September we will be meeting on Tuesday (NEW NIGHT) evenings in the undercroft at 7:00 p.m. Our get-togethers usually last between 1 and 1 1/2 hours. Great friendship and commardarie are guaranteed. Look for more announcements in the Sunday bulletins.

### ***Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction***

Our very busy and enthusiastic Silent Auction Committee has been meeting more frequently as we get closer to the Oct. 4th. date at Gian Bruno's. We have some wonderful gifts already and will be accepting gifts up until Sept. 21st. If you see our sign in the undercroft you will find something new that we added this year. We are listing the gifts at least once a week so you can have a head-start on what you want to bid on that evening. Tickets are now available for \$40.00/person.

Also new this year is a raffle on The American Girl Doll "Mia" and hand-sewn clothing. The raffle tickets are available for \$1.00 ea. or 6 for \$5.00. Baby-sitting will be available thanks to our youth group. The dinner includes a choice of 4 meals, appetizers, soda on each table and cake and coffee. We have been very successful for 3 years now thanks to all of your support and contributions. This, our 4th year, looks to be even better.

Please support the ministries of our church by attending, and bring a friend or two. You will not be disappointed. For raffles and tickets see: Joe Haubrich, Tracey Segnit, or Jody Durso anytime after the 9:30am service.

God Bless you all!



***Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.***

Matthew 15: 21-28

## *Caring at a Distance*

by Fr. Tony Clavier

Try as we may, we do not always find ourselves comfortable when we are among people we don't know. Visiting a new church can be nerve wracking, unless we are among the extroverted class.

Even within our own country we find cultural and ethnic differences that may challenge the best of us. Traveling abroad may similarly pose challenges, particularly if we stray outside the usual tourist bubble and find ourselves lost among people whose language we don't speak and who look different.

It is easy for us to be caring at a distance. Writing checks to help other people in need is a vital and good service, but it is perhaps made easier because we don't have to rub shoulders with the people we are helping. If we volunteer in a thrift shop or help feed the needy, we may wonder what on earth we would say to such people if we had to be in their homes or on the street.

In Matthew's Gospel, chapter 15, Jesus has a discussion about the way we think. He points out that what we say, perhaps how we act toward others is much more indicative of how we think than keeping certain religious rules about what we eat or drink.

It seems his comments offended the pious. One is reminded of the story Jesus told of the pious person who went into the temple to pray. He stood there in the attitude of prayer and said, "Thank God I am not like other people." It would be dreadfully offensive if we said, "Thank God I am not of another race or culture." Yet we do find ourselves thinking such things as we watch the news or engage in heated conversations about those people who don't agree with our politics or religion or social attitudes. It makes it worse when we are sure we are right and they are wrong.

This Gospel goes on to tell a story about Jesus leaving his homeland and going into what we would now call Lebanon. There are only two recorded occasions when Jesus leaves Jewish territory.

There was a long-standing ethnic feud between the people of the Holy Land

and the people of Lebanon. There still is. This might well be a contemporary story.

Jesus is approached by a local woman who wants him to heal her daughter. The Israelites called such people "dogs." And remember that dogs didn't enjoy the privileged place in society then as they do for many of us now.

It was obvious that the woman was desperate. She would have been brought up to despise Jews. She risked being rebuffed and insulted. There are moments of desperation in our lives when we are impelled to step out of our safety zone, our secure society. Our need overcomes fear and even prejudice.

Jesus tests the woman. He even uses the common racial slur. "We don't give dogs human food." Please note that Jesus is not merely saying that dogs shouldn't beg at a table. He is using a dreadful slur to test the faith of the woman. We may find that shocking. Please note he is not being a racist. He is testing the boundaries that have been set. May they be crossed? The woman is desperate, but can she, is she able, to step through pride and prejudice and reach the point of acceptance and healing?

Yes, Jesus comes to us, but we also must make that step of faith toward him.

In the Rite 1 Eucharist there is a lovely prayer that begins with the words "We do not presume to come to this thy table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercy." The prayer is built around this gospel lesson. Jesus is different. He isn't a nice friendly American or a person we would meet at church. We have to admit our need as we approach him. "Our own righteousness" won't hack it. By "righteousness," we can mean pride, or confidence in our own culture, or learning, or intellect, or good taste, or manners. We might mean our own racial, or political, or national roots.

Jesus is for all; and because he is for all, he belongs to no one.

The woman replies with some good humor. She points out that even dogs get the scraps that fall from a table. Jesus tells her that her trust has made it

possible for her daughter to be healed. The woman is being a conduit for another. There is an extraordinary reminder here that we may become "go-betweens" for others and be the means by which God's gift of healing love may be extended to others.

All too often our prayers are safe. They are prayers at a distance. They cost us little. They trip off the tongue at bedtime or even in church when that long list of sick people is read during the Prayers of the People. We risk nothing when we say, "God bless Annie."

When Jesus says that if we are to follow him we must be cross-bearers, he invites us into uncomfortable, painful, and hurting places where those who need our prayers live. He invites us out of our comfort zones. He invites us to experience the tragedy and hurt another one is suffering. He invites us to be with those who may be called "dogs," or think of themselves as "dogs" – unclean, apart, perhaps at the bottom of the social or class ladder, or perhaps "apart" because of their lifestyle or habits.

The woman from the region of Tyre and Sidon came to Jesus where he was. He came to her. They met and exchanged barbed words, and another was healed. Here is an extraordinary example of reconciliation and grace.

It is clear that none of us has the strength to reach out beyond our comfort zones. Yet at the table spread each Sunday we step from our own world into the unknown place where Jesus is and he feeds us with more than crumbs or scraps. We receive him. We live in him and he lives in us. The question remains, For who is our encounter with the Lord intended? Is it intended for another, a person who may live in a place or have an experience outside the normal routine of our life, or whose habits or lifestyle may offend us greatly?

Dare we step out to the table at which the Lord sits and beg for his aid? Dare we be a channel of healing and love to that other person or group who, too, belongs to God and for whom Jesus died?

# News + Views

from the hill

## Ushers Needed

We need a few more volunteers to assist with ushering at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. service for the year. The job is not physically challenging and requires a commitment of only 5 or so Sundays for the year. Full on the job training is available! We are willing to schedule around vacations and other personal preferences. Note that lay readers can usher and read at the same service and we can try to schedule compatibly for those individuals.

Also, it appears that we have never had a woman usher. We have checked with the church canons and it turns out that there is no gender restrictions on ushering. Be a trailblazer! Be among the first of the Resurrection women ushers this year.

Ushering is also a great job for teens.

To sign up or ask questions, please see Paul Curran or call him at 845-226-6861 or email him at paul.curran@bqenergy.com

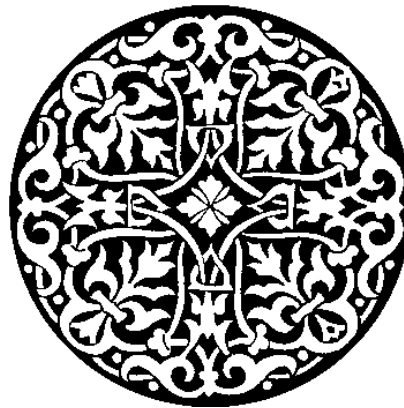
## Sunday School

We hope everyone had a safe and happy summer. We will be starting our Church School year on Sunday, September 7th with a dedication and picnic. If the weather cooperates, we will have games and our Sinner and Saints softball game.

This year we will have a Pre-School class for three year olds through kindergarten. We will also have our Primary, Intermediate and Jr. High School classes. Registration will also take place that Sunday.

Thank You,

## The Church School Teachers



## Words to Live By

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered...

**Love them anyway.**

If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish motives...

**Do good anyway.**

If you are successful, you may win false friends and true enemies...

**Succeed anyway.**

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow...

**Do good anyway.**

Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable...

**Be honest and transparent anyway.**

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight...

**Build anyway.**

People who really want help may attack you if you help them...

**Help them anyway.**

Give the world the best you have and you may get hurt...

**Give the world your best anyway.**



The Episcopal Church  
of the Resurrection

Hopewell Junction, New York

Items for parishioners of The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. We are located in Hopewell Junction, NY

Apparel

[Back to Top](#)



Hats & Bags

[Back to Top](#)



Stickers, Buttons & Magnets

[Back to Top](#)



## Resurrection's online web store...

Items like coffee mugs, hats, t-shirts and more, all with the Resurrection logo imprint, can be purchased online. A portion of the proceeds from sales at the store is returned to Resurrection. You can visit the site anytime. If you have any suggestions or questions you can speak to any Vestry member. The address is...

<http://cafepress.com/nyresurrection>

## ***Abundant Life?***

*From the Editor*

One of the most memorable passages in the New Testament, for me, is found in John's Gospel, Chapter 10 verse 10...

***"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."***

What does it mean to have abundant life? Does it mean we are knee-deep in riches and material goods? Does it mean we have lots of food and drink? Does it mean we're driving along in the latest and greatest BMW SUV?

I hope many of us would agree that true abundance of life is not found in these earthly goals, but rather in a holistic true connection with God through his Son Jesus - a connection that guides each and every step of our daily lives, everyday, all the time.

Being "one" with the Holy Spirit of God is atune to leading a life filled with the "abundance" Jesus speaks of in John's Gospel.

But how do we truly know if we are being lead by this Holy Spirit, and not a spirit of our own making. How many times have you asked yourself... are the thoughts in my head God whispering in my ear, or are they my own thoughts whispering in my own ear.

Early Christians were puzzled by the very same challenge, and thanks to Saint Paul we have a very answer. In his letter to the Galatians Paul writes, "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Cultivating and nourishing these "fruits" of God's Holy Spirit is at the very center of our abundant living.

A number of years ago I made these very same points in a discussion with a then 13-year old young man who was preparing for confirmation. I'll never forget his question at the end of our session. At the time he fully understood my thoughts on John 10:10 and how a

life filled with the Holy Spirit was at the center of an abundant Christian life. He also fully understood the fruits of the Spirit, and how recognizing these "outcomes" in ones life was a sign that they were indeed following the true Holy Spirit of God.

Still... his question puzzled me. He said...

"Is happiness one of the fruits of the Spirit? Are we as Christians supposed to be... well... happy?"

"Of course God wants us to be happy" was my instant response. We closed our session in prayer.

Hmmm... wow... what a question. I did of course rush home, hop on the computer and search all the possible biblical translations I could find for the word "happy" and "happiness" - don't worry - there are lots!

My favorite, of course, is found in Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son, and the expressions of joy and happiness from the master at the return of his wayward son. The fulfillment of this story, in and of itself, speaks volumes to us in terms of God's hope that we all will live happy lives. It also reminds us that true happiness cannot be found in the endless pursuit of material comforts.

With thanks to Anne Kasin for sharing this information, a recent article by columnist Arthur C. Brooks (reprinted in The Readers Digest) helps shed some light on the roots of happiness in our post-modern, new millenium, digitally enhanced and remastered modern-day world.

Before you read on, ponder for a few moments on what the top five keys to happiness might be? Close your eyes and think for a minute or two about what makes you happy...

How interesting, and appropriate for this newsletter, that the #1 predictor of happiness in this article is FAITH! Endless survey data has shown that, when comparing the reponses from secularists to people who describe

themselves as people who attend regular worship and apply their faith, the survey finds that nearly twice as many "faith-filled" respondants say they are happy compared to those living a life void of any faith.

Number two on the list of happiness predicators...? You might want to sit down for this one... WORK! (oh... you must be kidding, I hear you cry!)

Despite the common misperception that all Americans hate their jobs, recent surveys point to 89% of workers being satisfied with - some even "loving" - their jobs. But there's more to this data.

The value of spiritual fulfillment gained from the dedication and commitment of one's work cannot be overlooked, and often leads us to feel a sense of happiness from our completion of our daily activites - whatever they may be.

***"Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness you are able to give."***

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

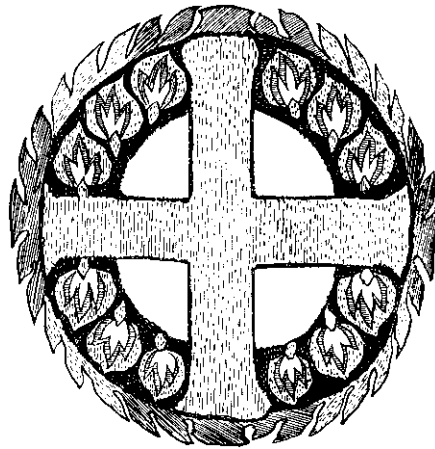
## News + Views

from the hill

In third place on the happiness predictor meter is MARRIAGE AND FAMILY. There's two sets of data fueling this portion of the surveys - married people are happier, and married people live longer lives. As compared with single individuals, twice as many married adults respond that they live happy, fulfilling lives as compared with single adults. Interaction with family is vital too. Of the single adults surveyed who have large families, and who spend at least 4-6 hours with their families each week, three times as many respondents say they live happy lives as compared to those singles who have little or no interaction with family members.

The forth predictor of happiness is CHARITY (did I mention that we have a blood drive coming up on October 18th?)

It's long been known that gifts of charity - time, talent and treasure - bring substantial life satisfaction to the giver. When we give, we are following our internal desire to have a positive and lasting impact on our neighbors - both locally and globally.



Finally, the fifth predictor of happiness is FREEDOM. This is something our forefathers new all too well. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Freedom and happiness are intimately related - people who consider themselves free are quite a bit happier than those who don't, and American's who have come to this country from lands which do not afford such freedom, when surveyed, respond that the most important factor in their happiness is American freedom.

So as you go about your daily activities, give some thought to what makes you happy... and praise God for the smile on your face. You're indeed living by the Spirit!

***Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.***

***While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.***

***Put not your trust in princes, nor in the sons of men, in whom there is no help.***

***His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.***

***Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:***

***Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:***

***Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:***

***The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:***

***The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.***

***The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.***

*Psalm 146*



***SAVE THE DATES !!!***  
*Please mark your calendars with  
these upcoming events*

*Welcome Back Sunday - September 7th*

*Community Day - September 20th*

*“It’s Your Money”...  
Family Budgeting Seminar - September 30th*

*2008 Annual Benefit Dinner &  
Silent Auction - October 4th*

*Church Blood Drive - October 18th*

*What do Lands End, Kitchen Etc, Eddie Bauer, Barnes & Noble, Pets.com, and Hickory Farms have in common?*

*They are all among more than 600 companies that will donate a percentage of your on-line purchases to the Church of the Resurrection (or hundreds of other nonprofit groups) if you access them through the iGive.com web site. (iGive is not altruistic - they also get a percentage)*

*We don't want anyone to spend more for an item just to support the church, but if the price is right, please consider making a few extra keystrokes to help the Church. Simply visit [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com).*

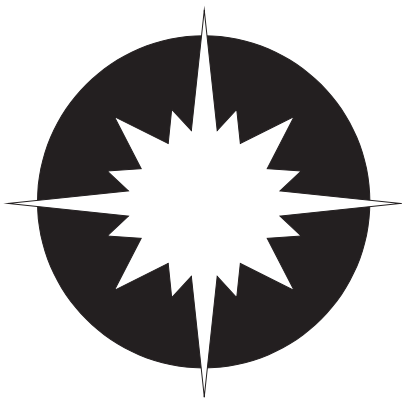
*Thank you.*



*O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

*BCP p. 830*



*Grant, O Lord, that as we have been received into the congregation of Christ's flock and signed with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter we should not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, so we may manfully fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and may continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.*

*Amen*

**September Birthdays**

- 2 Joseph Haubrich
- 3 Debbie Rothacker
- 17 Rose Simone
- 18 Trish Anderson
- 20 Joetta Lisowski
- 25 Linda Hoerter
- 27 Ed Plog
- 28 Mildred Doughty
- 29 Debbie Evans

**October Birthdays**

- 4 Elizabeth Triano
- 8 Brittany Lisowski
- 10 Christina Farnorotto
- 11 Ashley Hajosch
- 13 Thomas Nemeth
- 24 Maya Shriver
- 28 Serena Starzyk
- 31 Lisa Hadad

**November Birthdays**

- 4 Gregory Simone
- 5 Tory Starzyk
- 6 Craig Russo
- 8 Gregoery Anderson
- 12 Micayla Durso
- 22 Silvio Ciancio
- 24 Jody Durso
- 24 Ronald Sella
- 26 Katelyn Metzger-Warren
- 26 William Nemeth
- 28 Lauren Nemeth

**September Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 1 Marilyn Ciancio
- 1 Bert Mazzuto
- 5 Patti Anderson
- 5 Mary Crisman
- 12 Audra Furphy
- 13 Lois Harbart
- 18 Trish Anderson
- 19 Megan Haggerty
- 23 Tracey Segnit
- 25 Joseph Haubrich
- 25 Lucy Simone

**October Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 2 Mildred Doughty
- 5 Mary Belle Duvivier
- 7 Jean Hoose
- 12 Liz Pavelka
- 13 Reilly Curran
- 15 Abby Segnit
- 18 Matthew Segnit
- 22 Kara Neely

**November Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 1 Sherry Metzger
- 1 Michaela Starzyk
- 1 Gabrielle Tutoni
- 1 Nicole Tutoni
- 4 Rachel Shriver
- 6 Daniel Tutoni
- 7 Ashley Shriver
- 10 Elizabeth Triano
- 15 Rose Simone
- 19 Christina Farnorotto
- 24 Carleigh Koren
- 24 Ronald Sella

*Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here? Please contact the church office at 226-5727, or by e-mail at...*

*nyresurrection@gmail.com*

**News + Views**  
from the hill



RESURRECTION

---

**Church of the Resurrection**  
**Hopewell Junction, New York**

*182 Route 376*  
*Hopewell Junction, NY 12533*

*Phone: 845 226-5727*  
*E-Mail: [nyresurrect@yahoo.com](mailto:nyresurrect@yahoo.com)*  
*<http://nyresurrection.homestead.com/>*

---

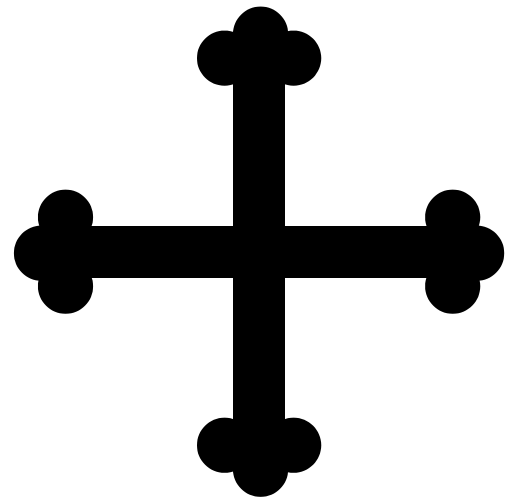
---

---

*Dear God,*  
*My name is Robert, I want a baby*  
*brother. My Mother said to ask my father.*  
*My father said to ask you. Do you think*  
*you can do it?*

*Good luck,*

*Robert*



*Excerpt from "Children's Letters to God"*

*Simon & Schuster - 1966*