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Church of the Resurrection, Hopewell Junction, New York

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And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:10-11

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No Worries...

As many of you already know, Paula and I are preparing for the newest member of our family to arrive sometime in November. Many of you also know that we have been down this road once or twice (ok, five times) before. We are all too aware of the fact that life in the Shriver house is about to change... again. Routines firmly established in the running of the household are about to be revamped, modified, or in some cases, eliminated altogether, only to be replaced by a new way of doing things. But there are no worries because, having been through this before, we know that even though things must change the overwhelming joy that an addition to the family brings makes all the change worth it, regardless of the difficulty change itself might bring.

It certainly is no secret that our parish family is growing as well. As we look around on Sunday mornings we see new faces, new "additions" and I ask you, how awesome is it to watch God at work. Just look at how much we have already been blessed and enriched by the lives of people whom God has brought to the doors of this church. Sure this means change, but no worries, just look at the overwhelming joy we experience when our parish family grows.

Change. The very mention of the word brings such different feelings from one individual to another. For some, the



word brings feelings of uneasiness, caution and sometimes trepidation; an anxiety of what effect change has on a predictable outcome. It is as nerve-racking as waiting for results from a medical test of some sort. For others the word means excitement, challenge and opportunity, a chance to watch in expectant anticipation of what the change will bring. It is as exciting for them as it is for a child opening a present on Christmas morning.

If we're truly honest, many of us find ourselves vacillating wildly from one extreme to the other depending on what "change" we're talking about. I can give you a very practical example in just two sentences. "Honey, can you change the baby?" and "Honey, the company has informed me that my job is changing."

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For the first, life will be much better for all concerned after the change is made. For the second, the outcome is unknown and therefore the unpredictability brings, in many cases, fear and anxiety. Yes, the Church of the Resurrection is changing. The family is growing. Routines firmly established in the running of the "Parish" are about to

be revamped, modified, or in some cases, eliminated altogether, only to be replaced by a new way of doing things. But there are no worries because we know that even though things must change, the overwhelming joy we experience as a Christian, a member of God's family, makes all the change worth it, regardless of the difficulty change itself might bring.

Pray for your parish family. Trust that God holds us in the palm of his hand. And have "no worries" because through it all God is in control and all will be well. In all matter of things, all will be well.

Peace,
Mic +

Know Thy Neighbor

Hi everyone!!!

For the newcomers: welcome to the Church of the Resurrection - I'm glad you have choose our Church on top of the hill!!!

My committee is "Know Thy Neighbor" and what I do is send questionnaires out to our Parishioners homes, so that we all might know more about our Parish family. When you receive my questionnaire, please

fill it out and mail to to the Church office. I will then contact you to setup an interview with you at a time when you're available. I will gather up your questionnaires and notes from your interview. Then I will post it in the undercroft for one month and put one in each mailboxes downstairs in the undercroft.

There is no obligation to take part in this interview. If you prefer not to respond to the questionnaire that is fine. However, If you want to be in the

Know Thy Neighbor and be put on the bulletin board in the undercroft, please contact me or see me at coffee hour on Sunday mornings. If you want me to give you more information about Know Thy Neighbor committee, then please see me at coffee hour on Sunday mornings. Then I will give you some more information about Know Thy Neighbor committee.

Craig Russo

Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction

The Silent Auction Committee has met and is planning an absolute grand night of celebration, fun, camaraderie and of course hoping to set another new record for monies raised to help in the ministries of the Church. The date is OCTOBER 4th, 2008. Location will be announced within the month and the cost will also be announced shortly.

Please look for more information in the bulletin or listen for announcements at the Church from Joe Haubrich, Chairman and /or Tracy Segnit, Co-chair.

If anyone would like to join this committee just speak with Joe or Tracy any Sunday. We will be meeting on May 22, June 19, July 24, Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 4, Sept. 11, Sept. 18, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. at 7pm in the

Undercroft. All you have to bring is a smile and lots of energy.

Again, the money raised is to help in the ministries of the Church.

At this time I want to announce the committee to everyone. Besides myself and Tracy, the committee consists is Bert Mazzuto, Jody Durso, Joetta Lisowski, Paula Shriver, Bob and Jean Hoose, Tom Starzyk, Eileen Doherty, and Sherry Savoury.

I also would like to thank all previous members of this committee who put a ton of dedicated work and lots of energy into making this event a very special night for all to enjoy. Finally, thanks to all of you, who donated gifts and who helped us raise over \$15000.00 over the last 3 years. We hope to see all of you and all our new-comers at this year's event.

Joe, Tracy and the Silent Auction Committee



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Youth Group

Youth Group has been busy already this year. During Lent we attended a "Shadow" Stations of the Cross acted out by the youth at Zion Church, our very own Emily Scribona helped them out that evening as they were shorthanded, thank you Emily!

Several youth and adults from our Parish went on a trip to the Cloisters, a Bible Museum and The Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC. Both events were Regional Youth Events and our youth group showed quite a presence, yes a positive one! My favorite trip was to the Cathedral to see Serena Starzyk be confirmed. It was my first trip to the Cathedral and I was very excited. It was a very busy and inspirational day; the confirmation, the Bishop's sermon, the breath taking cathedral and of course the peacocks in the garden. I can't wait until the restoration of the cathedral is done and it is fully reopened. I am anxiously awaiting new "NightWatch" dates for our youth to attend. Here is what we have planned for the next few months:

6/7 - Mexican Night - Annual Fundraiser

*6/8 - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group in undercroft*

*6/22 - 3:30 pm
Youth Group in undercroft*

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Family Service

5:45 p.m. Pot Luck Supper

7/9 - Trip to Blue Man Group NYC (details to follow)

*7/13 - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group in undercroft*

*7/27 - 3:30 p.m.
Youth Group in undercroft*

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Family Service

5:45 p.m. Pot Luck Supper

*8/10 - 4:30 -6:30 p.m.
Youth Group in undercroft*

*8/24 - 3:30 p.m.
Youth Group in undercroft*

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Family Service

5:45 p.m. Pot Luck Supper

*9/14 - 4:30 -6:30 p.m.
Youth Group in undercroft*

*9/28 - 3:30 p.m.
Youth Group in undercroft*

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Family Service

5:45 p.m. Pot Luck Supper



Thank you to all who help support our Youth! Here's a challenge, talk to a "Youth Grouper" at coffee hour. Ask them what's going on with Youth Group or better yet, ask them their favorite question....where have they seen God at work in their life this week! One of them may surprise you. Please continue to keep our Youth and all young people in your prayers.

Debbie Evans and Brenda Curran



Youth Group's Partido Mejicano

A Mexican Party is scheduled on Saturday evening June 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We are selling tickets in advance as we are having it catered this year by TACO LAND. For tickets for the event you can contact Brenda Curran at bqcurran@frontiernet.net or Patti Anderson in the parish office. Don't miss out on this evening of good food and fellowship!!!

We have lots of fun plans for the evening, and the kids will be working

very hard serving and running most of the events we have planned. We are very excited about this event which is our biggest fundraising event of the entire year. We use the proceeds to help run youth group outreach opportunities, activities and trips throughout the year.

The kids, Debbie, Bren and Father Mic really appreciate all your support and hope that you will be able to attend this wonderful evening we have planned.

Resurrection's Youth Group

Five Lessons to Make You Think About the Way to Treat People

1 - First Important Lesson... Cleaning Lady.

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "hello."

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

2. - Second Important Lesson... Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 p.m., an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 60s.. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab.

She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then

you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away.

God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others.'

Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole.

3 - Third Important Lesson... Always remember those who serve.

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked.

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it.

"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired.

By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient.

"Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied.

The little boy again counted his coins.

"I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies... You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

4 - Fourth Important Lesson... The obstacle in Our Path.

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none

did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand! Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

5 - Fifth Important Lesson... Giving When it Counts...

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare & serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness..

The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes I'll do it if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheek. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded.

He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her but he had chosen to save her anyway.

Adult Education

The Adult Education Bible Study class has just begun to study the Book of Psalms - why don't you drop in on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and discover for yourself the richness and variety of these 150 "poems?"

The 45 minute class-time is workable with attending either Eucharist. Bring your own Bible (or Prayer Book) or use one of ours, grab a cup of coffee and a nibble from the kitchen, and then come! You can actively participate or just quietly listen. Consider yourself invited - you will be welcomed!

Get the Picture?

Over the past year, lots of newcomers have made Resurrection their parish home. Many of our congregation have been here for decades. There are several ways to get acquainted with one another:

- 1) Smile, say hello to someone you don't know, and introduce yourself!
- 2) Put on your nametag when you enter church. If you are fairly new and don't yet have one, ask the Greeter for the temporary stick-on variety and request a permanent one be made up for you!
- 3) Make sure that your picture is displayed on the bulletin board - and, if it doesn't resemble you any more, it doesn't count! You need a new one!

Regina Furphy is in the process of updating and expanding our picture boards in the narthex. She, or Anne Kasin, will be happy to take your picture at Coffee Hour or you can submit your own snapshot.



Angels Anonymous of Resurrection

Since 2002 angels have been anonymously helping members of our own congregation who temporarily find themselves struggling with health, financial, or emotional hardships. Sometimes the need is great, sometimes small. Sometimes the help is tangible, sometimes spirit-lifting. Always the givers and the recipients are kept anonymous. The inspiration for this ministry can be found in Matthew 6: 1-4. If you would like to know more about how you could be an angel, speak to Anne Kasin.

Sunday School

Our Church School year will culminate with a picnic on June 15th, Fathers Day. There will be food, fun and our annual softball game, Sinners vs. Saints.

We hope everyone will be there to enjoy the festivities.

Thank you,
The Church School Teachers

Parish Life Committee

The Parish Life Committee is a new group created and designed to plan and coordinate the annual activities of our church. Its charter members are Bert and Rena Mazzuto, Deke and Debbie Rothacker, Jorge and Marisol Cintron, and Gayle and Gerri Rhodes. Anne Kasin is the Chairperson.

The newly designed undercroft bulletin board has a large annual calendar display of our monthly activities - check it out at the next Coffee Hour! Some events are annual favorites and some are brand new. The Committee welcomes suggestions from you too - speak to any of them if you have an idea!

The Committee itself isn't in charge of organizing and running these events but rather it is their job to choose, coordinate, and plan for the activities, find and guide chairpeople, and assist wherever necessary. If you see an event that's of special interest to you, please volunteer to organize it: better yet, find and ask someone to chair it with you!

The Committee is sending out a Monthly Calendar of Events that will be snail-mailed to each home in our parish membership. Please take the time to read it, put it up alongside your own family calendar and mark the events that you want to attend. The goal is to publicize in a more timely fashion and the hope is to thereby attract more active participation.

Service on the Parish Life Committee is for three years but the initial terms will be staggered in order to create and continue continuity. Is this something you would like to do?

Speak to Anne Kasin!

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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>

Missions Outlook / Update

As you may be aware, some years ago the priest and vestry of Resurrection resolved to use one tenth (a tithe) of our pledged income on outreach (to benefit other than our own parish). This year, this amounts to \$10,000. Resurrection's Missions committee submits recommendations on how to use this money for the vestry's approval. Thus far, the recommendations are as follows.

\$1000 - The House of Faith women's shelter, as suggested by Debbie Evans' group.

\$1000 - Virginia Theological Seminary for the Adam P. Goren Memorial Scholarship¹.

\$1000 - Love INC², a "clearinghouse" organization that connects people in need with area church ministries and church volunteers to meet those needs.

The committee has also been collecting needed supplies for Hudson River Housing. In March, you were asked to donate personal hygiene items such as toothpaste and deodorant. The parish collected more than 60 of these items which were delivered to Hudson River Housing. The May drive for small soaps, shampoos, etc. is now underway. Thank you for your generosity.

¹ Adam Goren was a classmate of Father Mic.

² INC is an acronym for In the Name of Christ.

United Way to Salute Three Volunteer Champions from Resurrection

Three parishioners from Resurrection have been nominated for 2008 Spirit of Dutchess County Awards, a program of United Way of Dutchess County which recognizes outstanding volunteers in our community.

Anne Kasin, along with our Youth Group leaders Debbie Evans and Brenda Curran will be honored at the presentation ceremony taking place on Thursday, June 5th at The Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls.

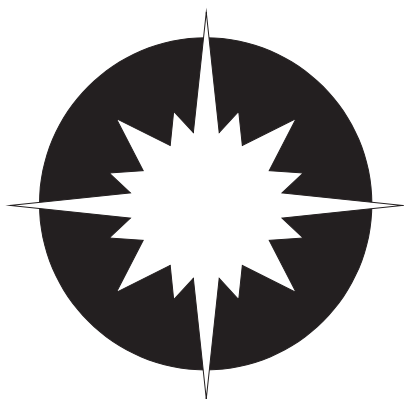
Parishioners wishing to attend may do so by reserving a seat at the event. Reservations can be made by calling the United Way offices at 471-1900 or by visiting their website at... www.unitedwaydutchess.org



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

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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

June Birthdays

- 1 Monique Diano
- 2 Danielle Beitzell
- 2 Marc Duvivier
- 4 Michaela Starzyk
- 8 Dianne Walsh
- 15 Marilyn Ciancio
- 27 Fr. Domingo Shriver
- 30 Alexandra Pagan

June Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Rayanna Furphy
- 1 Richard Hadad
- 2 Susan Blodgett
- 6 Anne Kasin
- 7 Marie Metzger
- 8 Lynn Kasin
- 14 Scott Neely
- 16 Dennis Haubrich
- 23 Joseph-Paul Angot
- 28 Julian Benson

July Birthdays

- 3 Jean Hoose
- 6 Rachel Shriver
- 12 Patti Anderson
- 16 Lucy Simone
- 18 Stephen Beitzell
- 18 Kara Neely
- 19 Mary Crisman
- 27 Jeremy Schokman
- 30 Matthew Segnit
- 30 Joseph Tutoni
- 31 Susan Blodgett

July Baptismal Anniversaries

- 14 Amy Haggerty
- 21 Dana Anderson
- 24 Fr. Domingo Shriver
- 25 Matthew Evans
- 29 Dianne Walsh

August Birthdays

- 3 Abigail Segnit
- 5 Mary Isabelle Duvivier
- 5 Nicholas Benson
- 13 Theresa Simone
- 14 Tracey Segnit
- 17 Fran Farnorotto
- 21 Reilly Curran
- 25 Betty Richter
- 30 Ashley Shriver

*Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here? Please contact the church office at 226-5727, or by e-mail at...
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***Coming Soon... Parish Picnic and Baseball Game
at Dutchess Stadium!***

Come out to Dutchess Stadium on Route 9D in Fishkill on Tuesday, July 22 to see the Hudson Valley Renegades take on the Williamsport Crosscutters.

Game time is 7:05 p.m. with a large picnic included in the ticket price - so grab your glove, don your favorite Renegades gear and bring a hearty appetite. We'll give the crowd a roaring rendition of "Take Me Out to The Ballgame"... Resurrection style!

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and include a seat to the game plus unlimited hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, chips, salads, and soft drinks during the 90-minute picnic.

For tickets see Deke Rothacker, Joe Haubrich or Jorge Cintron or call the Parish office at 226-5727.

Seating is limited so get your tickets today!