



REACHING OUT

Parish Mission Statement

Resurrection Catholic Community is dedicated to growth in Christ and to the challenges of loving service.

Easter 2020



Hello, Resurrection Family!

I pray this newsletter finds you safe and healthy during this challenging time and brings some much-needed hope and inspiration as we all adjust to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Some of our amazing ministries have had to suspend operations for the time being. Others are still bravely providing essential services to those in need and actively need our support.

What can we do as we struggle in our own lives with all this?

This newsletter is one way to highlight the exceptional volunteer efforts made by many of our parishioners. It is also a means to convey the needs in supplies, volunteers and prayer necessary to continue to support these efforts. May we all be guided by the Holy Spirit during this difficult time to help in the ways we are meant to and give thanksgiving and appreciation to those that serve in so many vital ways.

From my family to yours Peace, Health and Easter blessings!
Kendra Rickwald (Editor)



The Food Pantry (*Still in operation!*)

Resurrection Food Pantry is part of our Parish Assistance Ministry (PAM). Our pantry is an official food distribution center for Second Harvest Food Bank in Watsonville. Because of that, we are able to purchase food at a fraction of retail prices, and we also get many free items. We also receive many generous and wonderful donations of food from parishioners, especially on our First Weekend of the Month "Food for God's People" collection in the church entrance.

Our Food Pantry volunteers keep

our pantry full and our food bags ready to distribute by our PAM desk volunteers each Monday and Friday morning.

Our Food Pantry has been designated as an "essential activity" during the pandemic shutdown, as it basically serves as a grocery store for the poor.

In fact, we've been offering our clients twice as much food each visit so that they don't have to make as many trips out for food.

We thank all of you who so generously support our food pantry with

your donations of money and food. And the Risen Christ, who still hides amongst the poor, begging for food, thanks you!

Current Team Fran Bruce, Maggie Cross (Team Leader) and Rosalyn (Rody) Hilbert welcome you to join us!

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Resurrection Parish Assistance Ministry (*Still in operation!*)

The Parish Assistance Ministry provides:

- Groceries and toiletries
- Limited financial assistance
- Bus passes
- Referrals for resource information

Training for all volunteers is provided.

Precautions are currently being used by the use of masks and gloves for volunteers and hand sanitizer for clients.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

The desk is staffed each Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon by two volunteers.

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Get on the Bus (**Scheduled*)



We are supporting Get on the Bus again this year. Our Parish is sponsoring a bus full of children journeying from Los Angeles to Soledad for a special early Father's

Day celebration May 23. Prison visiting rooms will be transformed into family-centered spaces for children to visit, hug, play games, pray, and share a family lunch with their incarcerated fathers for an entire day. Your family's donation to Get on the Bus will bring hope, love, and great joy to the children

and to their parents.

This year is very important since many of the prisons have been closed to visitors due to the pandemic. The cost to sponsor one bus is \$2,000.00. If you would like more information about Get on the Bus, go to <https://crjw.us/programs/get-on-the-bus/>

Donations can be made payable to Resurrection Church and mailed to PO Box 87, Aptos, CA 95001. Please indicate on the memo line of your check that it is for "Get on the Bus". You can also give on our website and donate under "Outreach", indicate that it is for Get on the Bus. It is better to give to Get on the Bus

through our website (rather than directly to Get on the Bus) to ensure that your donation is supporting the bus to Soledad. **All donations must be received by April 26.** All donations received will go toward the Get on the Bus trip planned for the Soledad prisons as indicated even if the date is changed.

***Event will not be canceled but may be postponed due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic.**

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Homeless Shelter Goes Round the Clock!

Our Tuesday night shelter welcomes around 15 guests each week, a stable community formed by our Faith Communities Shelter (FCS), which is a program of the Association of Faith Communities (AFC—Resurrection is a founding member of the AFC).

Before being accepted into the community, each applicant is interviewed by FCS social worker Debbie Bates to see if they are ready for

this type of program (sober, responsible, ready to move out of homelessness).

Some of the community members are employed and have cars, reminding us how fragile housing can be in this area.

As with the Food Pantry, our shelter has been designated as an essential activity by the County and by Bishop Garcia. We are taking extra precautions at this time by having our wonderful parish dinner teams

drop off the meals instead of serving the guests as they usually do.

The guest community members are well-organized and serve the dinner and clean up afterwards. They depart by 7 am each Wednesday morning, and always leave Markey Center clean and tidy.

We have just been asked by the AFC and the County if we would consider allowing the shelter to *(continued on next page....)*



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remain open to the guest community round the clock during the pandemic shutdown, both for the protection of our guests and to comply with the shelter-in-place strategy for the prevention of the spread of the coronavirus. The County has given the AFC a grant to pay for full-time staffing, food, supplies and everything else needed. The only thing that the parish needs to provide is the

space and the bathroom supplies. The AFC will give the parish a grant to cover utilities, the bathroom supplies, and any other expenses that we may incur for the shelter.

We believe that we are called to do this, not only for the sake of public health, but also for the sake of our brothers and sisters who are the Risen Christ in disguise. This will begin as soon as possible.

Dinners and breakfast food will continue to be supplied each night

by the various churches as usual, and AFC will provide the lunches.

We thank our dinner teams who always provide such wonderful meals and hospitality. We know that you miss being with the guests each week, and we pray for the day when that can resume.

For more information about our shelter program, please contact Pat Lorenzo at

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The Gabriel Project *(Still in operation!)*

By employing our individual talents, collaborating with various ministries, and utilizing community resources, the Gabriel Project at Resurrection stands ready to provide pregnant mothers with friendship, pastoral care, and/or counseling together with tangible support. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual support, the "Gabriel Angel" helps the expectant mom with

various practical needs, including finding resources such as the following:

- Pregnancy information and assistance with prenatal care
- Maternity and baby clothes, cribs, strollers, and various baby items
- Referrals for housing, medical care, and counseling
- Parenting support or adoption information

The Gabriel Project can always use diapers, wipes and onesies, socks, and

blankets. Please coordinate the donations with the Resurrection Parish Office.

We need your help. Please!

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Shower the People! *(Still in operation!)*

Resurrection, as a member of the Mid-County Homeless Coalition, co-owns and operates a mobile shower trailer that travels around the county each day offering the dignity of a nice, hot shower to those without homes of their own.

The "Shower the People!" trailer comes to Resurrection twice a

week in conjunction with other ministries to the homeless: every Tuesday evening when our shelter is open, and every Saturday afternoon when the Manna Ministries lunch is served in our cemetery parking lot.

Our volunteers welcome the guests and put their names on the list for a shower. The trailer has two showers that can serve about 8 people an

hour. Guests are provided with soap, shampoo, and fresh towels. Volunteers sanitize the showers after each use.

To learn more about this essential ministry, contact Steve Sage at stephensage@hotmail.com (831) 761-5869



Resurrection Catholic Community Outreach Ministries

Outreach Ministry/ Organization	Contact	Outreach Ministry/ Organization	Contact
Angel Tree Christmas gifts for families in need	Deacon Patrick Conway pfconway@sbcglobal.net 831-840-3750	Nursing Home Ministries Mass & Communion Services at Aegis and Hearts & Hands	Deacon Patrick Conway pfconway@sbcglobal.net 831-840-3750
Association of Faith Communities 25 Churches serving the Homeless	Pat Lorenzo pat.lorenzo@yahoo.com 831-708-2068	Parish Assistance Ministry Food, referrals, bus passes, financial assistance	Jan Finney jannyg38@yahoo.com 831-684-2879
COPA Faithful Citizenship	Mary Litel-Walsh mlitelwalsh@comcast.net	Prime Timers Social and educational gather-	Erma Coty, RN elcoty@att.net
Dominican Wellness Mobile Clinic On-site mobile clinic	Sr. Michaela Siplak, OP Michaela.siplak@dignityhealth.org 831-457-7168	Prison Ministry-<i>Christian Hope</i> Weekly Christian meditation pro- gram at CA state prisons	Valerie Roach vmd@cruzio.com 831-234-1625
Food Pantry Distributing donated food to those in need	Rody Hilbert darhilb@got.net 831-688-2270 Maggie Cross rmbcross@cruzio.com	Ruby's Outreach Helping people in need apply for benefits	Margaret "Ruby" Caylor- riteaidruby@yahoo.com 831-662-3585
Gabriel Project and Siena House Helping Women	Crockett Hinga thinga@sbcglobal.net 831-684-0953	Senior Resource Ministry Assistance for our Senior Members	Erma Coty, RN elcoty@att.net 831-688-4300 x17
Get on the Bus Helping children to visit their parents in Prison	Karen Victorino kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net 831-688-4300	"Shower the People" Mobile Shower Ministry Mobile shower unit	Steve Sage stephensage@hotmail.com (831) 761-5869
Homebound Communion Ministry Weekly Communion & support	Deacon Patrick Conway pfconway@sbcglobal.net 831-840-3750	Siena House	Marie Harris info@sienahouse.org 831-425-2229
Homeless Shelter Ministry Food and shelter for homeless men and women in Markey	Pat Lorenzo pat.lorenzo@yahoo.com 831-708-2068	SPIN-Socks for People in Need Providing new socks for people in need	Pat Lorenzo pat.lorenzo@yahoo.com 831-708-2068
Hospice of Santa Cruz Support and care for those approaching the end of life	Shirley Sapena ssapena@hospicesantacruz.org 831-430-3078	St. Francis Catholic Kitchen Providing weekly noon lunch, clothing and showers	Kathy Manus kathrynmanus@gmail.com 831-688-0129
Jail Ministry Weekly Communion services for those in County jails	Bill Littell blittelljr@aol.com 831-688-8599	Thanksgiving Boxes Providing Thanksgiving food box- es to families in need	Deacon Patrick Conway pfconway@sbcglobal.net 831-840-3750
Jesus Mary Joseph Home Sheltering homeless women, children & the impoverished	Kathy Manus kathrynmanus@gmail.com 831-688-0129	Tutoring Ministry tutoring children of farm workers	Hugh Voris hugo6184@gmail.com 831-688-7288
Knights of Columbus Catholic men serving our parish and community	John Simon johnsimonjr@comcast.net 831-212-3357	Wings Helping homeless and recently- housed people with simple tasks	Peggy Benedum peggy.benedum @wingsadvocacy.org
Manna Ministries Free hot lunch every Saturday at noon in cemetery parking lot	Kathy Manus, 831-688-0129 kathrynmanus@gmail.com Mike Howley, 831-688-8273 mikehowley1941@yahoo.com	Women's Guild Women of the parish serving parish & community	Barbara Sissom bsissom@sbcglobal.net 831-708-2888
Mantles of Caring Knitting items with love for those in need	Pat O'Brien fpob69@gmail.com 831-685-8639		Updated 12/18/19