

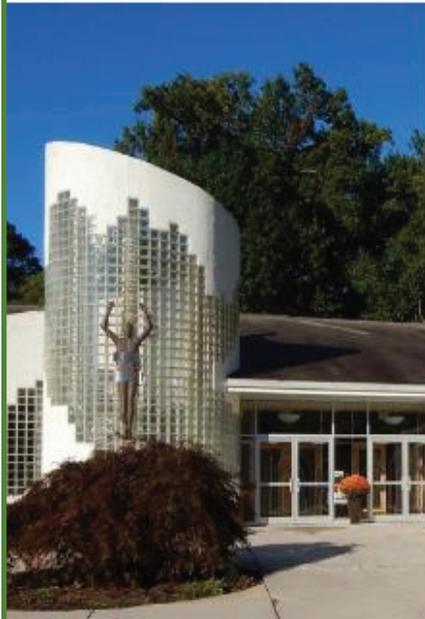
Resurrection Parish

January 20, 2019

A Catholic Christian Community 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.
Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:30 a.m.
Tues. 7 p.m.



Rev. William Graney, Pastor
Rev. Gregory Corrigan, Assoc. Pastor
John Falkowski, Deacon
Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon
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Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns
Tina Donald, Bookkeeper
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Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
6:00-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

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Reconciliation

Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sat. 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please contact Deacon John.

Marriage

Contact clergy one year prior.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

For hospital and home visits
contact clergy or the office.

Becoming Catholic

Learn more by contacting
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

The gospel story we hear this year from John is the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. This gospel story interestingly has a connection to the feast of the Epiphany. So this gospel forms a perfect transition from Christmas into Ordinary Time.

Many scripture scholars divide John's gospel between the Book of Signs and the Book of Glory (Though most scripture scholars now consider this division too simplistic. Though all miracles are signs, not all signs are miracles). The Book of Signs is essentially the seven signs that Jesus performs during his ministry, which are signs of his divine nature. The wedding feast at Cana where Jesus turns water to wine serves as the first of these signs. The Book of Glory essentially is the time during which Jesus enters into the fulfillment of his ministry, the high point of which is his death on the cross (This would be considered Jesus' greatest sign). Interestingly, the events at the wedding feast of Cana hint at this moment of Jesus' glory. The water jugs used to turn the water to wine are the same jugs used for ceremonial purification rituals. Just as Jesus changes the water into wine so by his death on the cross, in which his blood is outpoured, he will bring redemption and salvation. And so through his death and resurrection, Jesus makes us clean; our humanity is reunited with his divinity. This sign, the sign of turning water to wine, is a sign that Jesus, as God, will offer the very gift of his life so that we might have life. And as Mary the Mother of Jesus points out to the servants, we are to follow as true disciples and do whatever Jesus instructs us to do.

Some say that the wedding is merely a prop that John uses for the setting in which Jesus turns the water into wine. But nothing in John is without meaning. John rarely cites scripture, but often alludes to Old Testament themes. In particular, the first four chapters of John often allude to the nuptial theme of the covenant relationship between God and Israel. So the wedding imagery in John is particularly evocative of this covenantal relationship. Jesus is now the divine spouse and the church is his bride. In this light it is interesting that the chief steward identifies Jesus as the true bridegroom who sets forth the good wine because we are his delight. No longer shall we be called forsaken.

This notion then that Jesus is the true bridegroom, fits well into this wedding theme. In John's gospel, we are given the new command, "to love one another." Where is there a deeper symbol of love than when two people make a commitment to become one? There is also no mention of the actual names of the bride and groom. Could it really be that Jesus is the groom and we, his Church, are the bride?

LITURGY

Jesus is wedding heaven and earth, divinity and humanity with God and us. So yes the wedding imagery is particularly important, not to be ignored in light of the sign that takes place because it is here, where the kingdom of God, often imaged as a wedding banquet, to which Jesus invites us. It is here where Jesus as Lord, lover and groom longing for his beloved demonstrates his willingness to undergo the depths of his love. Jesus images the hour of the self-surrender of his life and love on the cross. In this act, the ultimate lover offers the very gift of his life as proof of the love God has for us. Jesus now replaces his very self as the one who incarnates God’s presence among us as the light of the world. God indeed is love and if we abide in that love through our lover Jesus we abide in God. And what does this say about our relationship with God; that we indeed have been chosen! Deacon John

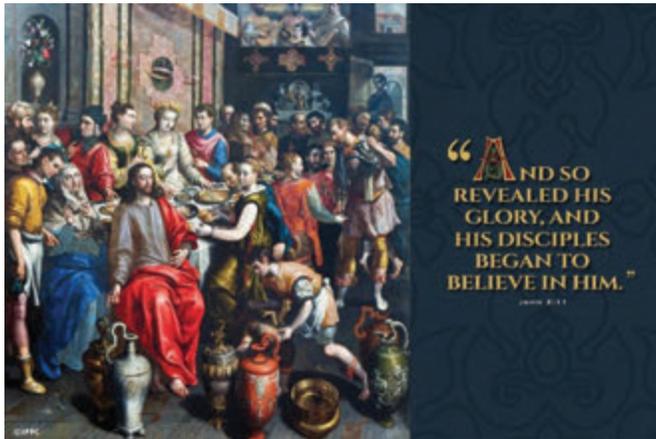
Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention--January 2019



Evangelization – Young People: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Virtual Workshops

EMs, Sacristans, Greeters, Ushers, Bread Bakers and ALL who are interested Attend one, two or three!



As people who have been touched by the love of Christ and are committed to discipleship, we invite you to join in a wonderful opportunity to nourish and deepen your life of faith, as well as your ministry. We are offering a series of three workshops that will engage us in learning, reflection, prayer and conversation on the role of the Eucharist in the life of the Church and in our lives of discipleship. The workshops are:

Living as Christ for One Another -- Eucharistic Spirituality:

February 19, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00pm ET

The Eucharistic Prayers as an Expression of Faith

February 5, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00 pm ET

Understanding Eucharistic Theology

January 22, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:30 pm ET

These virtual workshops will bring presenter Christina N. Condyles to us through the magic of the internet, and guide those attending to embrace the mission of discipleship in their daily lives so that they may truly become what they receive. So that we’ll have plenty of space and handouts for all who wish to participate, please contact Ruth Sanders to sign up, rsanders@resurrectionde.org.

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son." [John Paul II, Homily, 17th World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002]

INTENTIONS

Monday	Jan. 21	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Jan. 22	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Jan. 23	8:30 am	Parish Community
Friday	Jan. 25	8:30 am	+Ken Pfeiffer
Saturday	Jan. 26	5:30 pm	+Gary Morton
Sunday	Jan. 27	8:15 am	+Raymond Speiler
		10:30am	+Richard McCracken



God is the source of all healing and hope, to whom we lift up in prayer the needs of the sick and those who care for them. **Lord, allow your healing hand to assist** Eva Skripchuk, Linda Scarola, Burt

Strasser, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Kevin Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Pete DeAscanis, Anna Catriew and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

PARISH LIFE



Annual Winter Arts Festival

Saturday

January 26, 2019 6:45 PM

Go to the Resurrection website under Christian Formation to sign your act up, donate a dessert, or display art. Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend! Tickets will be available at the door. Thank you in Advance.

<https://resurrectionde.org/winter-arts-festival-sign-ups-2019>

FREE BOOK: The parish was pleased to provide each family with a copy of The Biggest Lie in History of Christianity by Matthew Kelly. This book is a very helpful guide to living our personal calling amidst the cacophony of modern culture. If you did not receive a copy, please pick one up in the Gathering Space or parish office. Happy reading!

SACRED a.k.a. Salesianum's Adult Religious Education Day is held Saturday, February 23rd from 8 AM until 3 PM at Salesianum.

Please review our course offerings and you will see that many of our courses are geared to help those who need to reassure our youth that Catholic Faith not only still matters but is also essential to thrive in our modern world.

Register online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>.

Coffee & Donut Ministry: Thank you for helping to make our Sunday mornings a joyful time of fellowship. We are always looking for smiling faces to serve following one or more Sunday morning masses. Please sign up in the Gathering Space or online with the sign up genius schedule, or contact Doug Keilman or Ellen Pringle if you would like to help.

Charitable Donation Receipts: Receipts are printed if requested by a parishioner. Please add your name to the request form in the Gathering Space by the welcome table or on the parish website under the welcome tab. Contact Debbie at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 or office@resurrectionde.org. Thank you.

Welcome and Please Ring the Door Bell

The Main Doors are locked during normal business hours. Visitors should please ring the bell located on the side wall to the right of the Main Doors. The bell rings the phones in every staff office. A staff member will answer, "How may I help you?" and the visitor will identify themselves and the reason for their visit. The staff member will gladly come to unlock the door and allow entry.

Parish office hours are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. We are closed Monday January 21.

The Diocese of Wilmington Native American Ministry and the Saint Kateri Circle will hold their 4th Annual Native Dinner Celebration at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall in Bear, Delaware on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 6 – 9 p.m. Chicken and beef tacos, beverages and desserts. Performances by Aztec Dancers and Spirit Wing. \$10 per person, 13 and older. Tickets available at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish office or by calling Sharon Ward at 302-545-3383.

Join our parish email list by visiting the parish website. The link is under the welcome tab, and the about us heading. <http://www.resurrectionde.org/join-our-email-list>.

The parish email list is used to send important notices such as obituaries and snow closings. The email list is also used to promote parish events. We also Friday newsletter

You may also opt in by giving permission to us via email at dseymour@resurrectionde.org

New Parishioners: We welcome you! Please register with the parish. Registration forms are always available after Masses on the table by the main entrance or in the Parish Office. For more information, call (302) 368-0146 x0

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be March 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information, visit our website at www.me-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our K to 5 Elementary Program



will meet on 1/13/19, and 1/27/19
from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Drop off begins at 9:10am. See you there!

See our website or gathering space for a full calendar and other registration forms.

Would you like more information?

Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 ext. 104.

Sacramental Preparation Schedule

Sunday, January 27th, First Communion Blessing at Mass, 10:30am Mass

Wednesday, February 20th, Sacramental Preparation Class, 5:45-7:00pm

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Annual Youth ministry mini retreat

Saturday February 2- 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM.

Lunch and snacks included! Bring a friend! Please **RSVP to Elaine** at elittle@resurrectionde.org.

Faith Environment/Safe Environment

Did you know that every adult volunteer that is engaged with children 5 hours or more a year undergoes a criminal background check, signs a volunteer covenant that sets for acceptable and appropriate behaviors as a role model and participates in an educational process that prepares them to foster safety in all relationships.? For more information go to www.cdow.org and click on "For the Sake of God's Children".

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Food Closet News

Jamie Moulthrop, from St. John Beloved Outreach is localizing a regional Outreach Program. The present facility at St. John's is being planned to move a few blocks south on Milltown Road at the Community Church. **Resurrection Parish has joined the collaboration by supporting the food closet.** Around 80 clients a week receive outreach. Our deanery includes many working poor.

Food donations may be dropped off in the bin in the Resurrection Parish Gathering Space. The food is delivered to St. John Beloved on Monday morning.

Zingo Donations

The tapes for past six months totaled 80,824.88! ZINGO will send a check for our outreach program for \$808.25. We thank everyone who shops at ZINGO and saves their tapes but especially we are grateful to Zingos for having this program to help feed those in need. The total amount for 2018 that Zingos donated was \$1,412.92!!!! The box to deposit ZINGO tapes is on the table in the hall by the nursery.

Creative Mentors needed at Newark High School

As a Creative Mentor you can make a difference in the lives of our students. Spend an hour per week with a student, all it takes is the desire to help a student become all he or she can be. Connecting Generations Creative Mentoring program will train you. For more information, visit www.connecting-generations.org, call 302-656-2122, or you can reach out to Patti Tobin, the Mentor Coordinator at Newark High School via email patti.tobin@christina.k12.de.us.

VOCATIONS

He wants your unique combination of gifts. St. Paul reminds us that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit. All the baptized share in that same Spirit, and, from among them, God calls some to serve as priests, deacons and religious. If you believe God might be calling you to the priesthood, to the diaconate, or to religious life, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations !



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL - LUKE 1: 1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Gospel Reflection: The choice of this passage to begin our journey with Luke is most appropriate. We have the first four verses of the gospel in which the writer makes his purpose clear. We then skip over all the infancy narrative and pick up again in chapter 4 of the gospel, where Jesus makes his first public appearance. Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshiped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, "to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free." This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel.

The gospel of Luke is characterized by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden. It is often described as a gospel of compassion. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus enact the verses from Isaiah—bringing good news to the lowliest of society; inviting the least to share in the reign of God. In fact, having read from the scripture, Jesus' very simple homily on the text is "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen." Jesus declares himself to be acting out and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah.

This short extract from Isaiah that Jesus adopted as his own "mission statement" is indeed a mission statement for all Christian people. This is what we too are called to do.

Framing: On either side of the quote from Isaiah in today's gospel there are very symmetrical actions. Before reading, Jesus stands, is handed the scroll, and then unrolls the scroll. On completion he rolls up the scroll, hands it back, and then sits down. There is a balance to every action. This framing or bracketing technique is used throughout the gospel of Luke as a cue to the audience.

Whenever this framing occurs, it means that there is a very important teaching or action that occurs within the frame. On this occasion, the frame surrounds Jesus declaring his intentions for his ministry.

Different accounts: The gospel of Luke begins, "Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us ..." It indicates that there were many different accounts of Jesus' life circulating at the time of writing. In the years following Jesus' death there developed many different oral traditions that described the life and teachings of Jesus. A large number of these traditions were written down as what are now regarded as non-canonical or apocryphal writings – not recognized as part of the "canon" of the Bible. They include gospels of Thomas, Peter, Mary, Phillip, and Barnabas.

Theophilus: The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work (Luke-Acts) as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as "lover of God." Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Others argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

- Q. How can the mission Jesus claimed be seen as a mission for all Christians?*
- Q. Which people in your community are really trying to bring about this mission?*
- Q. How do / how can you contribute to this mission?*
- Q. Why was it significant that Jesus returned to Nazareth to begin his ministry?*

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