

# Resurrection Parish

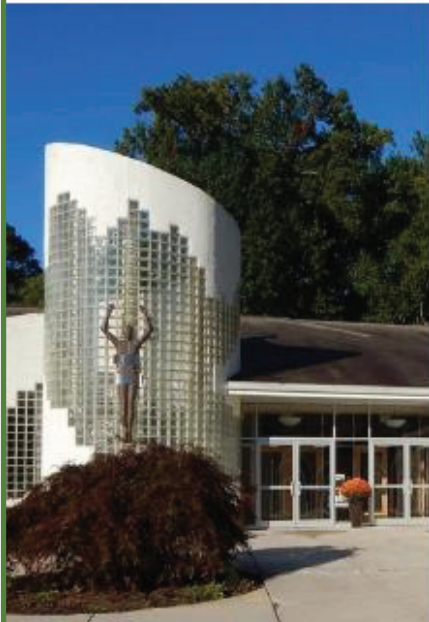
January 27, 2019

A Catholic Christian Community

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3000 Videre Drive  
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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  
Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music  
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation  
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry  
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns  
Tina Donald, Bookkeeper  
Debbie Seymour, Admin. Asst.  
Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.  
6:00-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

### Pastoral Council

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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**



## INTENTIONS

Monday	Jan. 28	8:30 am	+George Ward
Tuesday	Jan. 29	7:00 pm	+Carol Strasser
Wednesday	Jan. 30	8:30 am	Lazarus
Friday	Feb. 1	8:30 am	Parish Community
Saturday	Feb. 2	5:30 pm	+Carol Strasser
Sunday	Feb. 3	8:15 am	+Frieda Shebel
		10:30am	+Adam Caliguiri



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.

## LITURGY

### 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 or two!**

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:

### The Eucharistic Prayers as an Expression of Faith

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

### Living as Christ for One Another -- Eucharistic Spirituality:

February 19, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00pm 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](mailto: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]*

Especially during **cold and flu season**, remember to **pray for those who are sick**, for their caregivers, for those who have died because of sickness, and for those who suffer with no one to care for them. **At Mass if you think you're not well, you may want to refrain from shaking hands or holding hands and receiving communion from the cup.** Others will understand and appreciate your concern for them!

## PARISH LIFE

**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 send out a Friday newsletter

You may also opt in by giving permission to us via email at [dseymour@resurrectionde.org](mailto:dseymour@resurrectionde.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](mailto: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.

**Is your marriage hurting?** *Retrouvaille* (retro-VIE) is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help you re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought you together, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help heal your marriage. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August.** [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

**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>.

### **Young Adults Retreat** **Marianist Family Retreat Center** **417 Yale Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ 08212** **February 8 – 10, 2019**

Come Pray, Reflect & Laugh!

This Weekend is intended for Young Adults (age 22 to 35, married or single) who want to examine their personal faith, in relation to God, self, co-workers and others. There will be time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, reflection, faith sharing and social interaction. To register go to

<https://capemaymarianists.org/young-adults-retreat-weekend/>

Questions? call 609-884-3829 or email at: [mfrc@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:mfrc@capemaymarianists.org)

### **Girls Scout Cookies**

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Girl Scout cookies will be sold after the Masses in front of church.

Come support the Girl Scouts!

### **ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

#### **Our K to 5 Elementary Program**

will meet on 1/27/19, 2/3/19, 2/10/19, and 2/24/19 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](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org), 368-0146 ext. 104.

### **Sacramental Preparation Schedule**

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, First Communion Blessing at Mass, 10:30am Mass

Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Sacramental Preparation Class, 5:45-7:00pm

## Thank You!-CFP's Winter Community Service Project

Thank you for supporting CFP's Winter Community Service Project- Correspondence of Caring!

We delivered over 60+ Christmas cards to our parishioners, who are homebound or reside in a facility. Thank you for taking the time to write a note and send a card!

## 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](mailto:elittle@resurrectionde.org).

## 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.

## TAKING IT HOME

As adults we know the power of words – words meant to hurt, to deceive or to confuse, just take our current political leaders as an example. Or for instance, how many times in a fit of anger has a spouse used words meant to hurt or to retaliate for some imaginary hurt? Or in the reverse, how do we use words to give comfort, to console or to express deep affection? When someone is experiencing a loss or when someone needs a pick-me-up, how much do simple words like, “I’m here for you;” or “I feel your pain,” mean and provide help in a desperate situation. Yes, despite all our talk that words have lost their value, we still know that words have power. We know that words can still evoke powerful emotions and we know that,

in particular, God’s word still has power, which is why we shouldn’t use male only words to refer to God and which is all the more reason to use words that do not exclude or leave people feeling like they have no place.

Our ancestors too knew the power of the word. This is why the word was long spoken before it was written; long read aloud within the community before it became a lone pastime; long a source of nourishment and centering for a people before it became lost in the winds of babble. The Hebrew word for “word: is “Dabar.” Literally this means “deed,” and in this sense words are not merely sounds or symbols that describe deeds, but they are deeds – to say something is to make it happen! The best example of this is the following: “In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God...and the word became flesh.” God’s word is alive! It becomes real in the very person of Jesus.

This tradition in Hebrew of reflecting on words as deeds is part of our Catholic Christian tradition as well. To say “I baptize you,” “I forgive you,” or “I bless you in the name of...” is not merely to say it, but to make it actually happen - to make it real.

All of this is background text to help our understanding of this weekend’s scriptures. The power of the word to provide nourishment and centering is alive and well for our review in our first reading. Ezra reads aloud the word of God to a people who have not heard these words spoken in ages. The response is that the people are awed, falling prostrate in worship. The word evoked this response because it effectively made God’s presence real. It evoked this response because the people were overwhelmed and inspired by this word.

In the gospel the same thing occurs. Jesus enters the synagogue, proclaims the word and says that this word is now fulfilled in your hearing. Jesus, who comes from God as the word of God, accomplishes the promises made by God – liberty comes to captives, sight is given to the blind, the oppressed are set free and a year of favor comes from the Lord. The word now has life; Jesus becomes the visible presence of the invisible God.

The word is what we give shape and meaning to at each and every liturgy when we remember and bring to life the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the liturgy through the proclamation of the word and the action of the eucharist the presence of Christ becomes real in our very midst at this very moment. God once again becomes flesh; Christ is present with his people. And in the process we are moved, changed and challenged to take this very word and to live it in our lives and also to make it real by our actions in our lives. All Christians are by definition proclaimers of the good news – this is indeed the meaning of our dismissal when we say “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.” We are proclaimers because by our baptism into Christ’s life, death and resurrection, we too are called to announce to the world that by our existence, “Christ has died, Christ has Risen and Christ will come again.”

Deacon John



### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL - LUKE 4: 21-30

*Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?”*

*He said to them, “Surely you will quote me this proverb, ‘Physician, cure yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.’” And he said, “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”*

*When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.*

**Gospel Reflection:** This gospel passage completes the event in Nazareth that began last week with Jesus’ declaration of mission. The initial response of the crowd is one of astonishment and approval. However, the people have largely missed the point of Jesus’ teaching. When he declared that he had come to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free, Jesus probably didn’t expect his audience to just say, “Oh, that’s nice!” The message he preached, and the message that flows throughout the Gospel of Luke, calls for a fundamental conversion of heart; a change to a life motivated by compassion for the lowly. When the people so obviously missed his point, Jesus virtually dismisses them by saying that “no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.”

To make his point even further, Jesus then cites instances where two of the great prophets of Jewish tradition responded to the needs of pagans from Sidon and Syria rather than the needs of Israel. The two people helped are also very significant. Widows held a special place in Jewish tradition: God entrusted all widows to the care of the whole town. Whenever widows are named as being in need, it is a comment on the society as a whole neglecting its duty of care. Lepers were regarded as absolutely unclean and outcast by virtue of their condition (something that perhaps has never really changed). For Jesus to remind the people of these events is a great reprimand to them. He is, in effect, saying to them, “if you can’t accept my message I will take it to the pagans; the gentiles; and the socially unacceptable.” Is it any wonder that they tried to lynch him on the spot?

*Q. What does the fact that Jesus read from scripture and preached in the synagogue tell us about him?*

*Q. How does the initial approval and later rejection of Jesus reflect other events in his life?*

*Q. What might be a modern parallel to the stories about Elijah and Elisha?*

**Salvation for all:** Luke is written for a predominantly non-Jewish (gentile) Christian community. Although it had been resolved that one did not have to become a Jew to become a Christian there was still a lingering doubt about preference being given to the Jews. The gospel writer goes to great lengths to reassure his audience community that the message of Jesus was for all people—gentile and Jew alike. This gospel passage offers a clear message that the salvation promised by Jesus is available to all who seek it.

**They were astonished:** Jesus preaches the briefest of homilies, “This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen,” yet he wins the approval of all and the people were astonished by his gracious words! The reaction appears a bit overdone. However, the people knew the significance of the first part of the text Jesus quoted, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me.” They recognized that this language referred to the Messiah. When Jesus said that the text was being fulfilled as they listened, he was laying claim to this status. Of course they were impressed!

**A summary:** The Nazareth event, described in this gospel and the one for the week prior, provides a “snapshot” of the whole of Luke’s gospel. In an apparently simple episode, the gospel writer has captured the elements of the remainder of the gospel and laid them out as a foretaste of all that is to come. Jesus is clearly positioned as the one who fulfills the Messianic expectation of scripture. His message of release and acceptance of the poor, afflicted, and oppressed is put right up front and the hope of salvation is offered to all.




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