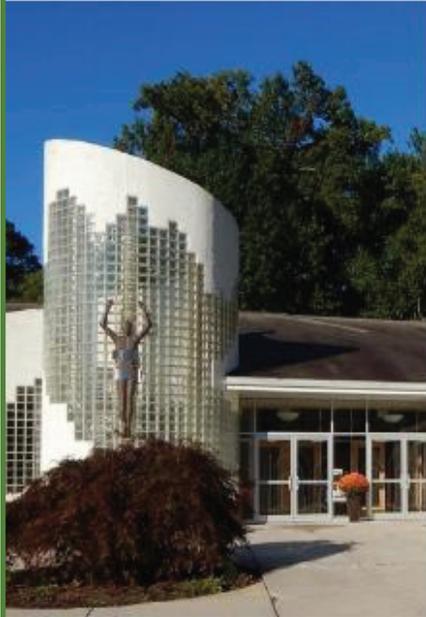


Resurrection Parish February 3, 2019

A Catholic Christian Community 4th Sunday in Ordinary

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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.



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Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon
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Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns
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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

Sexual identity, celibacy and ministry. Sharing a policy statement.

As Association of U.S. Catholic Priests, (Fr. Greg and Fr. Bill & Fr. Hynes are members of this association) we, along with our friends, have a mission of offering mutual support and a collegial voice through dialogue, contemplation and prophetic action on issues affecting church and society.

Our personal and collective experience, along with our unwavering commitment to Catholic teaching, particularly regarding the dignity of every human being made in the image and likeness of God, lead us to offer the following observations regarding priesthood, sexual identity, celibacy and ministry.

- Sexual orientation is an identity, not a tendency. The process of maturing enables most persons to know, affirm, and accept the truth of their orientation.
- Finding the truth about oneself, especially the truth of one's sexual orientation, is a progressive and challenging process. For some it may be agonizing because of cultural, religious and familial biases.
 - The notion that homosexually oriented persons, men or women, are less able to honor a celibate commitment than heterosexually oriented persons -- and therefore should not aspire to priesthood or religious life -- is questionable, discriminative, and, unless proven, unjust.
- Individuals who aspire to celibate priesthood in the Catholic Church, or have already been ordained as Catholic priests committed to celibacy, must intend and be true to that commitment. Violation of such a commitment is seriously sinful and unacceptable whether the violation is heterosexual or homosexual. An individual priest, unable to honor that discipline and commitment, should honorably resign priesthood.
 - A priest's sexual abuse of any person -- whether homosexually or heterosexually, with male or female, adult, youth, or child -- should rightly provoke zero tolerance and rightly be cause for expulsion, whatever that priest's record or rank. The same zero tolerance position applies equally to any person in religious life or lay ministry.
- Dialogue always seeks clarity and is not done in haste. In regard to published comments from Pope Francis, the word "fashionable" in regard to men and women who identify as homosexual in orientation is a term in need of clarification.
- Sexual orientation is not a choice or a whim, nor like a garment one puts on. It is an integral part of one's humanity and capacity to relate to others. Homosexual clergy and religious, like heterosexuals, who integrate their identity are able to be healthy and effective in ministry.

INTENTIONS

Monday	Feb. 4	8:30 am	Parish Community
Tuesday	Feb. 5	7:00 pm	+George Ward
Wednesday	Feb. 6	8:30 am	+George Ward
Friday	Feb. 8	8:30 am	+Betty Harris
Saturday	Feb. 9	5:30 pm	+Richard McCracken
Sunday	Feb. 10	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30am	+Carol Strasser



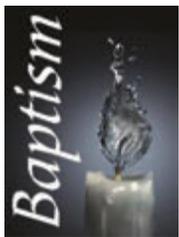
God is the source of all healing and hope, to whom we lift up in prayer the needs of the sick and those who care for them. *Lord, allow your healing hand to assist* Eva Skripchuk, Linda Scarola, Burt

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, George Ward IV, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention--February 2019

Human Trafficking: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



Welcome: This weekend at our 10:30 am mass we welcome Arul Samuel Mascarenhas son of Selvam and Tresa Mascarenhas. Arul becomes one with our community through the sacrament of baptism. We welcome him and pledge our prayers and support for him as he grows in faith.

Especially during **cold and flu season**, please 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!

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:

The Eucharistic Prayers as an Expression of Faith

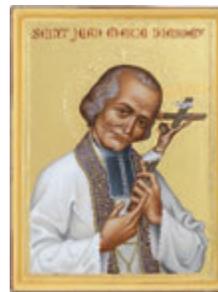
February 5, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00 pm ET

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.

St. John Vianney Heart Relic coming to our Diocese:



The incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney will be visiting **Corpus Christi Church**, 909 New Road in Elsmere, Delaware on **Monday, February 4, 2019**. The Shrine of Ars, France, has made this major relic available for a national tour in the U.S. The relic will be available thought the day for private veneration. A Mass with Bishop Malooly as celebrant and homilist will begin at 8:30 a.m. Rosaries and prayer services are scheduled throughout the day. Visit cdow.org/Vianney for details.

The Knights of Columbus is hosting this tour and welcomes this special opportunity to offer for veneration this relic of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike. As we prepare for the opportunity to venerate the relic of this great saint, please pray for his intercession for your intentions and the success of the visit of his incorrupt heart to the Diocese of Wilmington.

PARISH LIFE



Winter Arts Festival Success!

An enormous thank you to **all** those who played a role in the Winter Arts Festival: Auction item donors, auction item bidders, dessert donors, performers, audience, our sound engineers, and those who stayed to help us clean up. The youth, their parents and Elaine appreciate the support the parish provides.

Join Bishop Malooly for Interfaith Prayer

Friday, Feb. 8, at 11:45am, Bishop Malooly (who will also speak), Fr. Roger DiBuo (Elizabeth Ann Seton pastor & Diocesan Interfaith Coordinator), and some Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners are attending the main Muslim service (Jumm'ah, about 45 minutes), at **28 Salem Church Rd.**, Newark (across from Saengerbund, German Club).

The Muslim community is very excited about it, and welcomes all who might wish to share this experience. Contact Jack Sanders (302-897-2030), or jack.san@verizon.net for details.

An Interfaith Faith sharing/discussion group

(probably several) is forming, using the book "Finding Jesus Among Muslims - How Loving Islam Makes Me a Better Catholic" First meeting is at The Jesus House, Prayer and Retreat Center, on Milltown Rd. Other meetings will be at Resurrection and various other places of worship. Participants include; Muslim, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Evangelicals, and Mormons. Contact Jack Sanders (302-897-2030) or jack.san@verizon.net

SNAP Support Group: A support group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families sponsored by Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) meets in Wilmington on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. For the location, call Judy Miller at 302-234-1519 or email: snapdelaware@yahoo.com. We hope that you will join us for this informal and confidential meeting.

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.



Shawl Ministry: As we knit and crochet shawls, we pray for those in need of physical, spiritual and mental comfort. *Come join us Monday, February 11 from 12:30 to 2.*

CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTIANITY

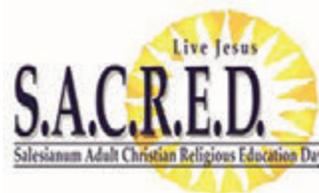
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Gathering Space & Chapel

ALL ARE WELCOME please join us!

Facilitated by Bev Roberts and Mary Trotter

"Interior Silence is the perfect seedbed for divine love to take root." Fr. Thomas Keating

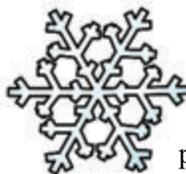


Saturday, February 23rd
from 8 AM until 3 PM at
Salesianum.
Register online at
<http://sacred.salesianum.org>.

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

To register go to

<https://capemaymarianists.org/young-adults-retreat-weekend/>
609-884-3829 , mfrc@capemaymarianists.org



Snow Days: For daily Mass, the parish is closed if Red Clay School District is closed or delayed for snow storms. Weekend Masses are canceled via a post on the parish website, Facebook, and possibly a WDEL SnoWatch listing.

Please use your discretion when the roads are snow or icy.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our K to 5 Elementary Program



will meet on 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, 368-0146 ext. 104.

Sacramental Preparation Schedule

Wednesday, February 20th, Sacramental Preparation
Wednesday, March 13th, Sacramental Preparation
Wednesday, March 20th, Sacramental Preparation
Class, 5:45-7:00pm

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Emmanuel Dining Room January 12, 2019

Six volunteers were on hand to serve 180 people this month. Volunteers included Charlie Maguire, Ruthann Maisonet, Mike Mayer, Jen Powers, Mike Rzucidlo, Henrietta Werner. They did a great job feeding the hungry. With many cakes and pies donated by Cannon Bakery, it was a delicious meal. Please consider signing up in the Gathering Serve Binder book, or online with sign up genius. Resurrection prepares and serves EDR on the 12th of every month.

TAKING IT HOME

One of the more powerful and seductive themes in American cultural life is the notion that America is a Christian nation. And with that notion comes the corollary, that not only is America a Christian nation, we are also a nation that has been especially blessed by God and are exceptional. But is America truly the exceptional, Christian nation that many believe it to be? And does it stand alone among the nations as a uniquely chosen nation, called by God to be a shining light to the world? I think America is an exceptional country. That there is something about our country that seems special; that there is much good that has come to our country and to the world from the values and beliefs we hold because of our Christian faith. But I also think that this does not make us any more a chosen nation that is the equivalent of “Kingdom of God” on earth. The kingdom of God is universal and those who would promote the kingdom care deeply for every human being in every corner of the world, regardless of race, nationality or religious belief.

The unfortunate thing about this view that we are an exceptional nation is that many fail to see the bigger picture. And failing to see the bigger picture leads to notions of difference and exclusion; we are bigger and better. And so no one wants to at least consider the other side of the argument and this leads us to paralysis. We stay stuck in our little view of the way the world should be and nothing will ever make us change. Unfortunately, in this circumstance we put the onus of changing on the other person and refuse to look inside of ourselves to come to a solution. We see other people behind bars, but we look out from our own prisons without noticing the bars.

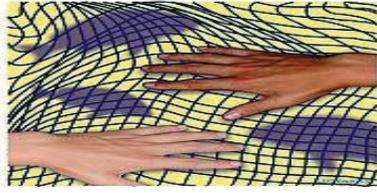
How did we get to a situation like this? Well it certainly just didn't happen in a vacuum. We all grow up in a world where we develop patterns of seeing the world the way we want to see it. This pattern is part of our conditioning; part of the way we accept and believe the things we have been taught from our families, friends and our surroundings. This is not necessarily bad until our pattern gets stuck and we refuse to be open to new or different ideas. When we get stuck or refuse to be open to new ways of looking at the world, we can become defensive, angry and even outright belligerent when challenged by someone whose views are not in sync with ours; and so we experience paralysis.

All of what I described is being played out in the gospel. The scene begins where last week's gospel ended. Jesus is still in the synagogue, having said that this “scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” Everyone expresses pleasure with Jesus. Jesus, the native son, will bring fame and fortune to Nazareth. And so the people want Jesus to do in Nazareth what he has done elsewhere. But Jesus refuses saying “no prophet is accepted in his native place.” And then, when Jesus tells two stories from the sacred tradition, there is an angry reaction. The people are angry because Jesus is not confirming their view of what a divine blessing Jesus will be for Nazareth. In fact, Jesus is challenging that very view. He is challenging the notion, which they have accepted and believed that they alone are a holy and chosen people.

But Jesus makes clear that his coming and his good news is for everyone, Jew and Gentile alike. There are to be no exclusions. The people of Israel are indeed a chosen people, but their being chosen was to bring this message to the world and not to keep it exclusively for them. But because this message differed greatly from their belief they not only reject Jesus, they become belligerent and try to kill him.

What is the message for us? We too should be able to see beyond our own prejudices and beliefs. We too should be able to look inside of ourselves and to see the good and to recognize that the good we see is bigger than our own small corner of the world; that ours is not the only place that holds value or worth. And that this good that we see is the love of God for all God's people, a love that “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things.”

Deacon John



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL - LUKE 5: 1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of [Zebedee](#), who were partners of Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Gospel Reflection: The theme that comes through readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time is one of "being called." The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be "a man of unclean lips." As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, "Whom shall I send?" Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, "Here I am, send me!"

This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies—"Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man." Like Isaiah, he recognizes that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid," and calls Peter to follow.

The Call of the disciples: In the other two synoptic gospels—Matthew and Mark—the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples—they know what they're getting in to!

Do not be afraid: When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, "Do not be afraid." This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible—depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. The references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Hearing the Call: Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. When we quiet our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

Q. In what ways did Peter trust and place his faith in Jesus? Have you ever, like Peter, acted against your instinct and experience and been proven wrong?

Q. What does it mean to be "called"?

Q. How do you try to listen to the voice of God in your life?

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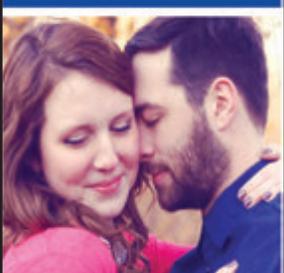



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