

# Resurrection Parish

February 10, 2019

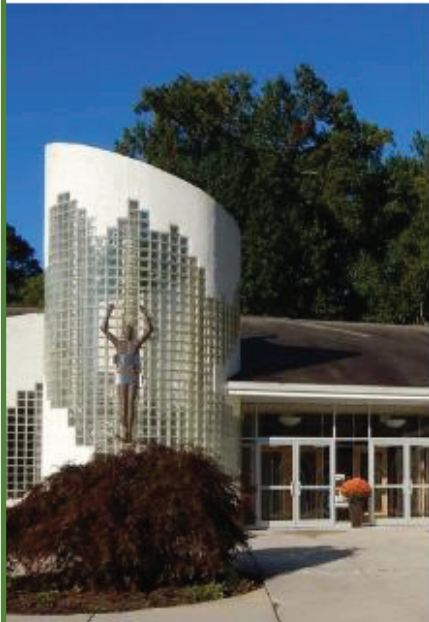
A Catholic Christian Community

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary

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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.

ext. 102  
ext. 115  
ext. 110

### Reconciliation

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

ext. 106  
ext. 104  
ext. 107  
ext. 103  
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### Baptisms

Please contact Deacon John.

### Marriage

Contact clergy one year prior.

### Pastoral Council

Al Mercatante	Executive Officer
Sharon Gidumal	Asst. Executive
Mike Mitchell	Secretary
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### 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**

## Stewardship Campaign Update

We had about 100 families participate in the recent stewardship campaign. Our efforts to encourage electronic giving were successful with 15 new contributors. Thanks to everyone for your participation and support.

We had a drawing to encourage electronic giving with Kim Snyder winning a gift card. Ed and JoAnn Hedrick won a gift card for all those already participating in the program.

## **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*

## INTENTIONS

Monday	Feb. 11	8:30 am	+George Ward
Tuesday	Feb. 12	7:00 pm	+Fr. Joseph Campbell
Wednesday	Feb. 13	8:30 am	+Phyllis Neill
Friday	Feb. 15	8:30 am	George Maliga
Saturday	Feb. 16	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Feb. 17	8:15 am	+John McEachern
		10:30am	+Richard P. 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, 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.

*"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**, 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 Workshop Last of the Series 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, you are invited to join in an opportunity to nourish and deepen your life of faith, as well as your ministry. The last of the series of workshops on the role of the Eucharist in the life of the Church and in our lives of discipleship is coming up:

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

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

Presenter Christina N. Condyles will come to us through the magic of the internet, and guide those attending to embrace the mission of discipleship in their daily lives 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).

**Lenten Small Group Faith Sharing:** Last year during Lent we formed a small group to share faith using LIVING THE EUCHARIST as a resource. The group met on Thursday evenings for the six weeks of the Lenten season. Are you interested in being part of such a group this year to share on the scripture and prayers of the Lenten season and how we live the Word in our daily lives? If so, please contact Ruth Sanders, [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org). Sample materials are available for you to review here at the parish or online at <http://www.livingtheeucharist.org/>.

## PARISH LIFE



### ANNUAL SOUPER SUPPER

### NEW DAY AND TIME!

### **THE 1st FRIDAY of Lent March 8, 2019**

**5:30 PM-7:30 PM**

If you would like to donate a crockpot of steaming hot *meatless* soup contact Kim Snyder at [basx2ks@gmail.com](mailto:basx2ks@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for sharing your culinary talents.

Tickets will be on sale the weekend of March 2 and 3 after all Masses and will be available at the door.

All money raised will go toward the service trip this summer to Cleveland, OH

## Pastoral Council Update

Next Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019  
Time: 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 4  
Agenda includes: Finance Council Update; Improve communication to parishioners; Pastoral Council Team Updates; Update on Parish 50th Anniversary plans; New business as needed All are invited to attend."



### 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.



**L.A.F.F. Group:** Tuesdays in Room 2. From 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. Bring a bagged lunch, and join a fun group to play card games.

**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.



**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.*

**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](mailto:jack.san@verizon.net)



**Snow Days:** Daily Mass is cancelled when Red Clay School District is closed or delayed for snow storms. Weekend Masses are cancelled via a post on the parish website, Facebook, and possibly a WDEL SnoWatch listing. Please use your discretion when the roads are snowy or icy.



Saturday, February 23rd from 8 AM until 3 PM at Salesianum.

Register online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>. The parish will reimburse parishioners for the registration fee. Please see Elaine for details.

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Our K to 5 Elementary Program

will meet on 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

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

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Retreat Opportunity for High School youth

March 22-24, 2019

Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ  
For more information or to register go to

<https://capemaymarianists.org/high-school-teen-retreat-weekends/>



## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### **Family Promise:**

It's that time again when Resurrection will team up with Ebenezer to help minister to families from Family Promise who are experiencing homelessness. Up to 14 individuals (children and adults) will be staying overnight at Ebenezer UMC each night for a week beginning Sunday, February 24, and leaving the following Sunday morning.

Resurrection Parish will be providing a Spaghetti and Meatball dinner on Monday, February 25 and a Turkey dinner on Thursday, February 28. If you are able to help out, please click on the link below to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45adae2fa0ff2-family5>

If you are able to volunteer to drive the Family Promise van one of the mornings or evenings to transport the families to or from Ebenezer to the Family Promise Day Center off Kirkwood Highway, please let me know.

I am grateful for each of you and all that you have done to help support families experiencing homelessness in our area. Please pray for the families we will be hosting and for those who will be ministering to them.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Deb Buckels, 302-239-2275, [dbuckels@verizon.net](mailto:dbuckels@verizon.net)

## **TAKING IT HOME**

We are an unusual people! Instead of acknowledging who we are with our gifts and strengths, our faults and weaknesses and giving thanks to God for them, we are constantly making comparisons. "Oh this one has this ability, but I'll bet he/she can't do what I do!"

Usually, this pattern of comparison works by always having us wind up on top – we are better than the other. But sometimes, in a rare moment of honesty, we find ourselves feeling less secure than we really are. This happens when the person with whom we are making the comparison winds up being someone much greater than we imagined. For instance when I am in the presence of someone I know who has qualities that I admire, like humility, compassion and holiness, I am more often struck by what I lack and how really unworthy I am than by how good I feel in comparison.

Whenever we are in the presence of someone who has all the traits, qualities and virtues that we most admire and desire, we are often struck not with gratitude but our own weakness. We measure ourselves in terms of what the other has and by what we lack in comparison. It's an unfortunate, but true reaction to such greatness because I think it really opens us to being honest; to being able to see ourselves for who we really are, especially when we realize that we can never be that person.

This reaction of feeling insignificant and weak in the face of someone else's greatness is what is happening in our readings this weekend to both Isaiah and Peter. In our first reading, Isaiah is at first overcome with awe at being in the presence of the Lord, but is quickly struck with his own sinfulness "Wow...I am doomed; for I am a man of unclean lips." And Peter, after witnessing the miraculous catch of fish by Jesus, recognizes what Jesus has and what he, Peter, lacks by comparison. Peter realizes Jesus' power and holiness, while he sees only his own sin and weakness.

But unlike what might typically happen in these situations when we realize our own feelings of unworthiness in the face of someone else's greatness, like walking away and feeling depressed, God and Jesus do something quite extraordinary. Instead of leaving Isaiah and Peter in their weakness and sin, they appeal to their best instincts and call them to become something greater, the persons that they never imagined they could be.

We would call the experience of Isaiah and Peter a conversion experience. A conversion experience always begins with God taking the initiative. For Isaiah it was a dream in which he saw the Lord seated on a throne and an angel of the Lord coming to him followed by the Lord's invitation: "Whom shall I send?" For Peter it was Jesus inviting Peter to go into the deeper water. When have we heard God saying, "Whom shall I send?"

After the invitation, the next step in this conversion process is our response, but here is where things can get really uncertain. Because we can be so overwhelmed by our smallness in comparison to the greatness of our Creator, we can remain fearful and never think that we are worthy enough to say "Yes." Or we can listen to the voice that says, "do not be afraid," and then put our trust in God's goodness. Yes, though it is good to recognize our human sinfulness in the face of God's greatness, it is equally important to recognize that it is not our sinfulness that God is making God's appeal. God instead appeals to our best instincts, to recognize the persons that with God's help we can become; those persons we never imagined being. And so with Isaiah we too can say, "Here I am, send me!"

This conversion process we speak of begins for us Catholic Christians at baptism, but it is a process that does not end there. Conversion is a life-long process happening again and again to us throughout our lifetime. Like Peter then, Jesus invites us into the deeper waters, but deeper waters can be a frightening place because there is no solid ground on which to stand. But can we trust that Jesus will be there to help us tread water?

Deacon John



**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME  
GOSPEL - LUKE 6: 17, 20-26**

*Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.*

*And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”*

**Gospel Reflection:** We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are “blessed” because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on “a piece of level ground.” This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being “blessed,” they are to be “happy.” It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning, or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel, and behave as we might expect. God’s actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry, and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favored of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favored. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy, and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!

**Message for all:** Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people—not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We’re told the people who gathered to listen to the sermon on the plain were from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognized the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judea.

**Gospel of prosperity:** The sermon on the plain challenges our ideas about happiness and success. Those who are rich and well regarded are actually condemned by Jesus. This also flies in the face of the so-called Gospel of Prosperity that has gained some prominence amongst Pentecostal churches in the last 20-30 years. This teaching holds that God blesses the faithful with wealth and influence. It doesn’t take a lot to see how this teaching is out of step with the gospel blessing of the poor and cursing of the rich.

**Treated as the prophets:** As part of his sermon, Jesus announces, “Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man... This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.” The prophets of the Old Testament were the chosen spokesmen of God. Their message was often unpopular and they were often threatened and berated for challenging the social order. To be treated in this way is in fact something of an affirmation that one’s words and actions are reflecting the message of God. The Word of God is confronting and challenging!

- Q. Why does Jesus’ sermon balance blessings for the poor with the curses on the rich?*
- Q. What comfort can the poor and rejected take from this sermon?*
- Q. In what ways might this sermon be misinterpreted to avoid addressing the needs of the poor?*
- Q. What implications does this gospel have for people with riches and success today?*


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