

# Resurrection Parish

March 8, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

A Catholic Christian Community

## 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.

## Reconciliation

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

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Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.  
6:00-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

## Pastoral Council

Sharon Gidumal	Executive Officer
Mary Beth Coté	Asst. Executive
Pat Sormani	Secretary

## 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, Fr. Greg, or  
Deacon John

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

# Lent



## Prayer Opportunities at Resurrection Parish

**Friday March 13, 6:30 pm**

Resurrection Youth Lead Stations of the Cross

**Sunday March 15, 7:00 pm**

Taizé Prayer

**Friday March 20, come any time between 6:30 and 8:00 pm**

I Am the Potter: You are the Clay – create your own unique prayer bowl  
led by artist Michelle Hennessey

**Friday March 27, 7:00 pm**

Stations of the Cross in English and Tamil

**Friday April 3, 7:00 pm**

Spend time in quiet prayer before Holy Week

A priest is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** each Tuesday 6:30 pm and Saturday 4:45 pm,  
before the evening Masses.

**Penance Service** at St. John the Beloved -- Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 6:30 pm

## INTENTIONS

Monday	Mar. 9	8:30 am	+Ed and Edna Leddy
Tuesday	Mar. 10	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Mar. 11	8:30 am	
Friday	Mar. 13	8:30 am	
Saturday	Mar. 14	5:30 pm	+Jane Panichelli
Sunday	Mar. 15	8:15 am	+Kevin Rzucidlo
		10:30am	Parish Community

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

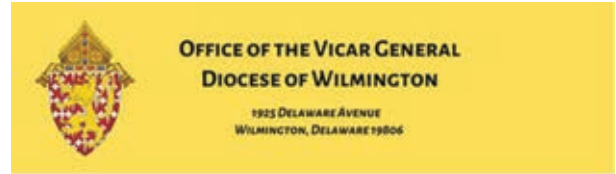


Skipchuk, Burt Strasser, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Patty Calhoun, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Anna Catriew, Annabelle Capritta, Patricia Barber, Joey (Morton) Scruggs, Steven Huhn, Ed Donaldson, Kathie Wisniewski, Ginnie Marzouca, Fran Huhn, Rick Markel, Peggy Wessel, Andy Werner, Wayne Bunting, Bea Mercatante and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

**LENT:** *“This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke, setting free the oppressed ... sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless ...”* Thus says the Lord ... and God keeps trying to get us to listen!

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention—**March 2020:  
**Catholics in China:** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



*“Amid the growing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, it is important to be mindful of common sense practices that should be observed at all times.*

*The faithful of the Diocese of Wilmington are urged to observe standard precautions, including practicing good hygiene, washing hands frequently and covering your mouth when sneezing or coughing.*

*Parishioners are also reminded that if they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill.”*

The Diocese of Wilmington will continue to monitor all information and updates provided by federal, state and local government officials.

## PARISH LIFE

Parishioners are invited to attend the next Pastoral Council meeting on Sunday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4.



Thank you to all who made tasty soup and came out to support our youth at the souper supper.

Meet Trinh Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change.

What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



### Contemplative Outreach

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Annual United in Prayer Day

**Saturday, March 21, 2020 9am to 2:30 pm**

“Healing Divisions” A day dedicated to whole-making in ourselves, our relationships and our world  
Registration 9 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. Program starts at 9:30 a.m.  
Bev Roberts will facilitate our time together, which will include periods of Centering Prayer, video, and reflection/discussion. Please bring a bag lunch.

RSVP to Bev at [bkr92649@aol.com](mailto:bkr92649@aol.com) Free will offering for Parish and Contemplative Outreach.

**2nd Sunday Bible Study at 12:00pm at Resurrection Parish lead by the Thedal Tamil Catholics.** March 8th -Exodus Chapter 20 - The Ten Commandments. The study begins at noon and ends at 1:30pm. Please contact [biblestudy.ttc@gmail.com](mailto:biblestudy.ttc@gmail.com)

### 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*



### Gardening Opportunities

There are a few individual plots available for interested gardeners as well as opportunities to help with the common flower and vegetable gardens.

For more information contact Mark Oliver [suzmarko@verizon.net](mailto:suzmarko@verizon.net) or 302-737-1660.



*Our Gathering Space slide show presentation visually conveys information and photographs of parish events.*

*You are invited to send photos of parish events and event promotional slides to Debbie at [dseymour@resurrectionde.org](mailto:dseymour@resurrectionde.org). One way to create a slide is via PowerPoint.*

*Please email or call 302-368-0146 ext. 0 to share your media and technology skills, ideas, and/or suggestions.*

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM



**Our K to 5 Elementary Program will meet 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, and 3/29 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. See you there!**

**Would you like more information?**

Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at [nmaloney@resurrectionde.org](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org) or 368-0146 ext. 104.

### Sacramental Preparation

Wednesday, March 11 and March 25  
First Communion Prep. Class, 5:45 p.m.

### CFP Event

Stations of the Cross  
Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30a.m.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### Middle School and High School Youth Group

March 8- 6:30-8:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross rehearsal.

Friday March 13- 7:00 p.m.

### Presentation of the Stations of the Cross



March 15- 6:30-8:15 p.m. youth group

March 29-6:30-8:15 p.m. Seder meal in room 4. Parents and siblings are invited. Please RSVP to Elaine for planning purposes.

### Confirmation Class

**Sunday March. 22, 2020; 12PM–4:00 PM** Gathered Session 4 in Youth Room Your sponsor or a parent should plan to attend.

## Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage April 4 Middle and High School Youth

Register with Elaine on or before March 22, 2020

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate Sale

Our next sale is the weekend of March 7/8 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of March 21/22.

This is the last Chocolate Sale until November, so stock up now! Fair Trade Chocolate would be a wonderful way to fill Easter Baskets for your loved ones.

### Outreach Pantry

Please bring a canned good to donate when you visit Resurrection Parish. A donation bin is located in the Gathering Space near the kitchen.

To better serve our families each week, we need the following items: cereal, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, juice, pancake mix & syrup, tuna fish, rice, coffee, tea, canned meat, beans, baby food, diapers (all sizes), pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly canned vegetables, soup.

We would like to invite you, our friends and neighbors, who may need our assistance, to join us for food, clothing and fellowship, to visit Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 to 11 a.m. as well as 9 to 11 a.m. on the following Saturdays: February 22, March 7 and 21. Location: Community of Christ Church located at 1205 Milltown Road.

## TAKING IT HOME

As we continue on our journey together for Lent, one question that might come to our minds is how could Jesus have prepared himself for what he would face, rejection, trials, suffering and even the thought of death? Knowing full well that he was engaging in a conflict with powerful authorities that would stir anger and resentment against him, how could he still so willingly and freely do so? Was Jesus either so oblivious to his situation or was he so grounded in God that he could walk toward Jerusalem without flinching? Most likely it was because he was grounded in God.

Throughout his mission Jesus was a man of the first commandment; meaning he loved God above all else and he trusted mightily in God. So Jesus kept in constant touch with the source of his energy, the God who loved him as the beloved Son. But this source did not just come to him as a natural phenomenon. It was something that Jesus nurtured throughout his life. In his lifetime Jesus did what he did today for his disciples; he went to the mountain again and again to experience the energy that only God could give. He listened to God and then allowed his human effort to cooperate with divine grace

so that he was able to overcome the challenges of rejection, trials, suffering and even death.

We too are a people who are constantly faced with challenges. Although we live in a technological world, where life seems to have been made easier, we find that the technology comes at a cost. We are constantly bombarded by so much information that instead of improving our ability to communicate we find ourselves exhausted trying to keep pace. We multitask only to our own demise; we fail to notice both those around us and the environment in which we live. In addition, there are the other challenges that we face: growing old in a world that constantly wants to remain young; parenting alongside the world of work and having the urge to make the world a better place for our children and succeeding generations. We want to be a people of compassion for those in need; we want to bring peace to a world in conflict and we want to live lives of integrity and authenticity. But our commitment to doing all these things and to faithfully following our better instincts is hard. And so with utter human determination we grunt our way through life, trying the best we can. But is this really the way to face our challenges?

Our gospel for this weekend is the familiar story of Jesus' transfiguration on Mount Tabor witnessed by Peter, James and John. As the story goes, Jesus leads his disciples up the mountain where he is transfigured before them. Peter's reaction to the event is a good one, "Jesus it is good for us to be here." And it is good! But, unfortunately, Peter also wanted to stay on the mountain, to hold onto this experience for all that it was worth. But Jesus knew things that his disciples did not. He knew that the mountain experience was good, but that it was not an experience that could be held forever. Eventually they will have to come down the mountain to face the road ahead as we all will at some point in our lives.

The experience was good; it helped the disciples to get in touch with the divine source that they will need to be able to face the difficult challenges ahead and so will it be for us. But the mountain experience is not to be contemplated for its own sake. It is meant to put us in touch with the energy, that divine grace, which helps to keep us on track; to give us a brief vision of how reality is at its core. But we don't hold onto it, we listen to it as God says, "This is my beloved Son...listen to him." We go up the mountain again and again to listen to Jesus so that sustained by this prayer we can go back down the mountain with the energy we need to face the difficult road ahead that will help us from getting discouraged or letting our attention drift away. It is not a question of pure human will that gets us through life's challenges. It is cooperation with the divine source and listening to its voice with our hearts that sustains us for the long haul.

Deacon John



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

GOSPEL – JOHN 4: 5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" – For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. – Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

"I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what

*we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."*

*The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything."*

*Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you."*

*Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is rich in historical and cultural nuance that enhances our understanding and interpretation of this passage. When he asks the woman for a drink, Jesus breaks two cultural taboos: first, for a man to speak directly to an unchaperoned woman was somewhat scandalous; second, as the woman points out, Jesus is a Jew and directly addresses a Samaritan—another scandal. Jesus successfully gains the woman's attention by ignoring these social taboos but she fails to fully understand his reference to "living water".

The reference to the woman's five husbands has often been construed to suggest that she was either a prostitute or a serial widow. However, it may in fact be a reference to the Samaritans binding themselves (wedding themselves) to the

writings of the prophets and other later writings. This reference is followed by another fact that set Jews and Samaritans apart: the Samaritans worshiped God on a local mountain, Mt Gerazim, while the Jews held that true worship could only take place in Jerusalem.

Jesus dismisses this major difference between Jews and Samaritans by declaring that soon "true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth." He is indicating the much more personal relationship with God that he models; not bound up by ritual, place, and law. Having set the scene for breaking down the walls between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus then reveals to the woman unequivocally that he is the promised Messiah.

The woman rushes back to the town to spread the good news about Jesus. She becomes a missionary for him; and a remarkably effective one. The people are convinced by her testimony and flock to Jesus where they have their own personal faith encounter with him.

**Historical Context:** Samaritans were descendants of one of the tribes of Israel. They held to the belief that Mt Gerazim was the first place for the worship of God even when the prophet Elijah declared a new place for worship. In the 7th and 8th Centuries BCE, the Assyrians descended on the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel. The Samaritans in the north assimilated with the Assyrians, while the Jews were taken into exile in Babylon. When the Jews returned from exile, the Samaritans offered to assist in the reconstruction of the Temple. This infuriated the Jews and led to centuries of distrust and animosity.

**Gospel Focus:** The woman's encounter with Jesus is a moment of transformation for her. At first, she fails to comprehend his reference to "living water". In the end "the woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town." Leaving her water jar behind was a sign of the transformation that had taken place in her.

*Q. Why is it significant that it was a Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well?*

*Q. In what ways does an historical understanding of the Samaritans assist our understanding of this passage?*

*Q. What is it about her encounter with Jesus that prompts the woman to speak about Jesus in the town?*

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