

Resurrection Parish

March 15, 2020

3rd 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

Sunday March 15, 7:00 pm

Taizé Prayer

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

The Potter and the Clay – be led by artist Michelle Hennessey to
create your own unique prayer bowl

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 at Resurrection Parish.

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

INTENTIONS

Monday	Mar. 16	8:30 am	+Jim McGregor
Tuesday	Mar. 17	7:00 pm	+Marie Frances Sullivan
Wednesday	Mar. 18	8:30 am	
Friday	Mar. 20	8:30 am	Peg Porter
Saturday	Mar. 21	5:30 pm	+Peggy Collins
Sunday	Mar. 22	8:15 am	+Gary Lloyd
		10:30am	+Christopher Walls

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, 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.

TRIDUUM ENVIRONMENT PREPARATION:
April 5, Passion Sunday, after the 10:30 am Mass. Thank you for all help!

TRIDUUM MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE!

Each year we invite all teens and adults interested in participating in our music ministry to join a choir for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Our Women’s Choir sings on Holy Thursday, Men’s Choir on Good Friday and women and men combine for the Easter Vigil. **We hope you’ll give it a try this year.** Rehearsal schedules are noted below. So that we can have music ready for you, please let Ruth Sanders know you intend to participate: (rsanders@resurrectionde.org) .

Holy Thursday Women’s Choir

Sunday March 22 – 6:30- 8:00 pm
 Thursday April 2 – 7:00-8:30 pm
 Holy Thursday April 9 – 6:00-7:00 pm

Good Friday Men’s Choir

Tuesday March 31 – 7:00-8:30 pm
 Monday April 6 – 7-8:30 pm
 Good Friday April 10 – 6:00-7:00 pm

Easter Vigil Combined Choirs

Sunday March 29 – 6:30-8:00 pm
 Sunday April 5 – 6:30-8:00 pm
 Holy Saturday April 11 – 1:00-3:00 pm
 7:30-8:00 pm



“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

Contemplative Outreach 28th Annual United in Prayer Day Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

“Healing Divisions” A day dedicated to whole-making in ourselves, our relationships and our world

Registration 9 - 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 Free will offering for Parish and Contemplative Outreach.

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 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. 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.

Thank You from Girl Scouts!

Thank you for supporting Girls Scouts by purchasing Girl Scout cookies. With your purchase, two girl scouts are building a lifetime of skills and confidence!

The Potter and the Clay Lenten Prayer for All Ages Friday March 20, 2020

... like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand ...

Come between 6:30 and 8:00 pm and be led by artist Michelle Hennessy to create your own unique prayer bowl. These air dry clay bowls can serve as a sanctuary in your home for written prayer requests or token reminders of faith.

Registration with the Parish Office is appreciated but not necessary. All are welcome.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate Sale

Our next sale is this 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM



Our K to 5 Elementary Program will meet 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 or 368-0146 ext. 104.

Sacramental Preparation

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

CFP Event

Stations of the Cross
Sunday, March 22nd, 9:30a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle School and High School Youth Group

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

TAKING IT HOME

At the outset the very nature of God is love. God had no need to create, yet God created man and woman and all things of this earth in order that God would have someone to love. In fact some might say that God has an incessant craving for loving, for being intimately related to what God created. We know this because God gave us of the Son, who as one like us showed us the face of God. Jesus came so that not only would we know the face of God, but that God would feel how we feel, would know love like we love and would want what we want, to be loved in kind. This sort of incessant or reckless love between God and humanity is on evident display this day in the gospel, known as the story of the woman at the well.

The woman at the well is indeed a seeker. Within her heart is an unquenchable longing, even a desiring to find love, joy, meaning and purpose for her existence. This is really what her life is all about. But unfortunately, her attempts to seek after and to fill her desire are met with frustration. They are met with frustration because she is unaware of what her true desire is. Still she comes to the well at noon, an odd time to draw water if that was her only purpose. We know that she was likely looking for something more; the meaning of the five husbands.

Just like the woman, we could also say that Jesus was desperately looking for someone to love. Jesus crosses foreign territory, Samaria. He too comes to the well at noon supposedly for a drink, but also for something more. He sends his disciples away and then does something unthinkable for a lone Jewish man; he speaks to the Samaritan woman, asking her to give him a drink, as if that is all he wanted. Jesus' reckless behavior was unexpected.

He is a stranger walking into foreign territory, speaking with a woman alone. The woman senses too that this stranger is after something more. Her heart races, a light goes off and a dramatic, life-changing event takes place. You see intimacy is a two way street. You cannot have intimacy all by yourself. Someone has to desire you, to want to be intimate back, to share their life with you. No matter how much we desire Jesus, he desires us more. No matter how much the woman at the well needed Jesus, he needed her more. Jesus was reckless in his love. He was willing to cross boundaries to get what he needed. He was willing to put up with the questioning and suspicions of others in order to teach us that we should not have such a small love and that our love should not be limited only to places and people where we feel safe.

Because Jesus loved with such a reckless love, the woman's heart was open to receiving the life-giving water that Jesus offered her. She accepts the living water and her life is never the same. As a way of showing this change, the woman is so filled with joy at her fullness that she goes and tells others of her experience. She not only turned toward Jesus as the one who filled her desire, but she now turns into a disciple who tells others so that they could experience her joy as well. The gift of discipleship is a gift that must be given away if it is truly to be a gift just as the reckless love of Jesus is a love that is meant to be given away. The woman can now move on with joy knowing in her heart that the course of turning her heart has come full circle.

In this story no name is ever given to the woman. But I think that John intentionally did not name her. He wanted people, male or female, to identify with her. So if we do identify with her and her encounter, would we, in our lives, be so open as to allow some stranger to disturb us as Jesus did with the woman? When we are new to love or when we are feeling unlovable, we might imagine ourselves to be the woman, a person thirsting for intimacy, a person parched by the day to day struggles of trying to make sense of life. As spiritual seekers and longed-for love seekers, can we too let Jesus the reckless lover touch our hearts? Deacon John

Preparing for Holy Week - Personal Transformation through the Passion
with Fr. Nicholas Amato
Sunday, March 29 from 9:30am-3:30pm.

A Journey of Readings and Songs on the Way to Calvary
with Kevin and Clare Sarkissian
Saturday, April 4, 9am-3pm

Learn more or register:

Jesus House Prayer & Renewal Center
2501 Milltown Road, Wilmington, DE 19808
302-995-6859
www.jesushousecenter.org



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

GOSPEL – JOHN 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” – which means Sent –. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today’s gospel reading is the second in a series of three quite lengthy readings from the gospel of John that are a feature of the Lenten season in Year A of the liturgical cycle. The three readings address three significant themes and images: water; light; and new life. Although today’s passage is about the healing of a blind man, the event takes place as part of a longer section of the gospel dealing with the image of light and specifically the image of Jesus as Light of the World.

The question asked by the disciples at the opening of this event is an interesting one. They ask, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?” In Jewish culture at the time, any physical affliction was deemed to be punishment from God for sinful behavior. As the man had been born blind, the suspicion falls on his parents as having committed such a terrible offence against God that their son is born blind. Jesus immediately rejects this interpretation of the man’s affliction. Physical and mental illnesses or disabilities are in no way punishment from God.

Although the man’s physical sight is restored by Jesus simply enough, his journey from darkness into light is a more complicated affair. He faces disbelief, ridicule, and even abuse from the Jewish authorities as they try to discredit Jesus and diminish the impact of the miracle. In fact, their treatment of the man is what drives him along the road from recipient of an act of mercy to a confirmed believer. Furthermore, the Jewish authorities, despite their physical capacity for sight, are shown to be the ones who are truly blind and trapped in darkness because they deny the light that is before their very eyes.

Light of the World: The events of today’s gospel passage occur within an extended passage of the gospel of John in which Jesus attends Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles (Jn 7:1 following). A feature of the feast was the illumination of the Temple. Pilgrims would cover the Temple with lights and torches so that it shone out over the entire city. It was during this feast that Jesus declared himself to be the Light of the World and, a few verses later, healed the blind man and brought light into his world.

Lenten Light: The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter Vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

None so blind: There’s a very old saying that has its roots in the Bible, but is not a direct quote from the Bible: “There are none so blind as those who will not see.” It would be a fitting summary of today’s passage for there are two movements between darkness and light that are evident in the story. First, there is the blind man who can see. He can see physically but can also see the truth of who Jesus is. Second, there are the Jewish authorities who have physical sight but are completely blind to the truth of Jesus.

- Q. How does the pattern of this story differ from most of the healing stories in the gospels?*
- Q. What is the man’s logical argument to the Jewish authorities regarding Jesus?*
- Q. What are areas of blindness or darkness in our world today that need the light of Jesus?*
- Q. In what ways can you be the light of Christ for others?*

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