

Resurrection Parish

A Catholic Christian Community

March 22, 2020

4th Sunday of Lent

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.
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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

Dear Parishioners,

RE: Response to and control of the virus with which we humans are dealing. We as parish community are trying to do the best thing for our surrounding area. Your staff is offering our suggestions and guidance in coping with the unusual situation that involves so many unknowns. Many are home alone and others have the added burden of caring for children and perhaps relatives that are within visiting distance. It is not good to listen to the broadcast news all day. So, we are offering other suggestions to make good use of your time as well as useful information. That is the purpose of the info below.

Some websites and an app to keep in mind:

Resurrection Parish

- Bulletin: <https://www.resurrectionde.org/bulletins>
- Keeping the Seasons: <https://www.resurrectionde.org/keeping-seasons> (includes links to a number of other websites on the left side of the page)

Diocese of Wilmington

- Homepage: www.cdo.org
- Responding to coronavirus page: <https://www.cdo.org/coronavirus>

Give Us This Day free digital access

- www.GUTD.net -- click DIGITAL at the top of the page (daily and Sunday readings, prayer, saints, reflections and art)

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

- Homepage: <https://www.crsricebowl.org>
- Search for *Laudate* in the applications program of your device (readings, prayer, Stations of the Cross, podcasts, Bible, Bible study options and more)

Let us continue to pray for one another and those most in need. With the Good Shepherd, we wish you well and pray for you.

Fr. Bill



When I have free time I love to read. As I've shared, I find that watching TV or being on the internet is for me mostly a waste of time. And, is it beneficial to watch the news all day?

Our parish library has thousands of wonderful books. Topics are mainly religion, spirituality, and history. They cover every kind of genre: novels, biographies, scripture study, and lives of the saints. We also have a good number

of current popular writers. So, why not consider reading a good book? Fr. Greg is offering to drop off books to parishioners who are staying home as part of the "social distancing" effort.

Call the parish office and let us know if you'd like a book or two. Learn something new during this time and build up your faith! Blessings, Fr. Greg

Blessings on Saint Patrick's Day

So much is happening... and so much is not happening. During such a confusing time, it's good to find peace and harmony. Do what works for you: take a walk, stretch, breathe fresh air, keep a spiritual journal, call someone who lives alone... Pray!

I read a lot and I practice centering prayer. By being still, and silent, and receptive, a blessing of quiet peace comes. There are moments that are so full and reassuring. I hold them as the Presence of God.

I am writing to you on the Feast of Saint Patrick, patron of Ireland. Today I reached out to Father Michael Doyle, the pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Camden New Jersey. Michael is my mentor and friend. "*Dia du Oit*" (God to you!) Michael said. There was something so comforting in hearing his loving voice.

We talked about many things, including the fear of the unknown that people are experiencing.

Michael, now 60 years a priest and thousands of miles away from his birthplace of County Longford, Ireland, talked about his family and the deep faith of his grandfather Patrick Doyle.

"It rains a lot in Ireland, you know," But my grandfather used to say, no matter what the day was like, it was a good day. He wanted everyone around him to be thankful for the day and trust in God that everything would be all right. And it was!"

"Whatever we had, whatever we did, it would be enough. God's love was so much bigger than any troubles we might face."

Michael's attitude of always looking for goodness no matter how chaotic and anxious things around you may be, is reflected in his book, whose title is his grandfather's now famous catchphrase, "*It's a Terrible Day ... Thanks Be To God.*"

Saint Patrick gives us the great prayer for divine protection:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

We are completely surrounded by the love of God.

*May the blessings of each day
Be the blessings you need most.
Life is like a cup of tea,
it's all in how you make it!*

May the peace of Christ be with you,

Father Greg

INTENTIONS
will be prayed at a private Mass

Monday	Mar. 23		JoAnn Holland
Tuesday	Mar. 24		JoAnn Holland
Wednesday	Mar. 25		Lazarus
Friday	Mar. 27		+Brian Pierse
Saturday	Mar. 28		Parish Community
Sunday	Mar. 29		+Thelma Kennedy
			+The Ferrelli Family

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

No public Masses will be held in Delaware or Maryland’s Eastern Shore while the nation confronts the threat of coronavirus, Diocese of Wilmington Bishop W. Francis Malooly announced March 15.

At the advice of government officials, and after consultation with medical professionals, the bishop made the decision that goes in effect immediately and until further notice to help safeguard the public and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

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:
Keep this in mind, and look for further communication once we know if we will have public celebrations for Passion Sunday: **April 5, Passion Sunday**, after the 10:30 am Mass. Thank you for all help!

CANCELLED: Friday March 27, 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross in English and Tamil

TRIDUUM MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE!

At this time (March 18) it is unclear if we will have public celebrations for TRIDUUM. The best we can do at this time and in all HOPE: rehearsals before March 31 are cancelled; dates for **ALL rehearsals are TENTATIVE**. Please let Ruth Sanders know you intend to participate: (rsanders@resurrectionde.org). I will communicate by email as needed.

Holy Thursday Women’s Choir

CANCELLED 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

CANCELLED 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

CANCELLED 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

PARISH LIFE

Dear Resurrection Parishioners and Friends:

In difficult times we most need community. So, whether in church or not, please pray for one another. Please keep in touch by phone or email, especially with the people with whom you usually talk before or after Mass.

Please know that the Resurrection clergy and staff are available to talk with you, if desired, or if you have questions.

Let us pray for the health of one another, our local community and people throughout the world.

In Christ,

Fr. Bill Graney

The parish office is open during scheduled hours.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate Sale

Pick up your delivery during office hours.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM



Our K to 5 Elementary Program and Sacramental Preparation Classes are suspended at this time. We miss you and send our love.

Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org or 368-0146 ext. 104.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

“My Jesus, I believe that you’re present in the Holy Sacrament. I love You above all else, and I desire You in my soul. As long as I can’t receive You sacramentally, at least enter spiritually into my soul.”

(brief pause to unite oneself with Jesus)

“Since you’ve come, I embrace you and unite my entire self with You; don’t let me ever separate myself from You.”

YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle School and High School Youth Group

All classes CANCELLED for now. Check your e-mail for remote learning materials and updates.

Confirmation Class

CANCELLED: Sunday March 22, 2020 12PM–4:00PM An e-mail has been sent to all families with resources/activities to do with your sponsor. These activities are the same activities you would have done with your sponsor if we were meeting at the church.

CANCELLED Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage April 4

TAKING IT HOME

“God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.” (Genesis 1:31). Because what God made is called good, the Catholic worldview is that creation, the world of things and the world of persons, is good. The way we Catholics see the world is that it is good. We are good, the world is good. And not only did God create the world in goodness, God recreated it in goodness through the incarnation of the Son. The Son of God becoming flesh and taking on our human nature was a further sign of the goodness of creation.

This is why we Catholics are a sacramental people. A sacrament is a sign of God’s goodness to us. Catholic wisdom says that the world and everything in it is a gift from God and

a sign of God. This is why our most important rituals for the sacraments use water and oil, bread and wine, and human touch as signs of God’s graciousness. This is why we take the world seriously and encourage people to find God in and through the world and not outside of it. This is why we take human activity seriously and encourage people to be like Jesus in the world. Jesus was helping God complete what God began at creation. And with God’s further help we too, like Jesus, bring light and joy and goodness to the world; we are the light of the world; we are co-creators.

But as we look at the world now many are tempted to say that it is not good; that it is not the creation God intended and that it no longer is a place where God can be found.

We are no longer encouraged to help our neighbor, but only what’s in our own interest. We are no longer encouraged to be concerned about the world, but only what’s in our little corner. We are encouraged to see the world as a dark place, where violence and hatred exist and where no one can fix it. And so we cannot look at the world and see the presence of God. In many respects we are blinded to the goodness of God’s creation.

Today the gospel story is that of the “Man Born Blind.” Jesus heals the man’s blindness and so, on one level, the story is about the miracle cure of a man who receives his sight from Jesus. But the story wants to take us deeper. If it is only a story about a man receiving his sight, why would Jesus tell the Pharisees that they say they see yet remain blind?

I think the deeper reality is about faith, particularly faith in God and in God’s Son. Faith affects the way we see. When we allow ourselves the opportunity to be touched by God through faith, we see things differently, even in a world where we have become accustomed to its ugliness. Because when we allow ourselves to be touched through faith by God we, like the man born blind, enter the divine-human communion. The divine-human communion is the revelation that God is not separate from the world, but is in fact at work bringing it to completion through people like you and me when we act in the name of Jesus.

The real story of the “Man Born Blind,” is that Jesus, as God’s Son is at work completing the task of creation. Since the first day of creation to the present, the work of God is to bring light out of darkness. This is what Jesus did for the man born blind and this is what Jesus wants to do for us, if only we would let him; because if we let him, we could continue to see the sacredness of the world because there is not a moment of this world that has not been touched by God. So why have we become blind to seeing as God sees?

I think the problem is not so much with our eyes as it is with our hearts. It is with our hearts because when our hearts are heavy, heavy with hurts, pain, bitterness, anger, or fears, it is then that our eyes grow weak and become susceptible to blindness. Over the years the heaviness of these things, keep us from seeing the good and experiencing the joy that is God’s creation.

So what might be the hurts or pains, bitterness or anger or fears in your life that have affected your sight? These are the things that begin to skew our vision and cause us to look at the world and see its ugliness instead of its beauty. Renewed by this love perhaps we can begin to let go of all those bad feelings and see a world that just maybe we have never seen before. Deacon John

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

GOSPEL – JOHN 11: 3-7, 20-27, 33B-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?” So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I

know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In this passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life—three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus’ response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief. The raising of Lazarus marks a turning point in the gospel of John. Chapter 11 concludes with the Jewish authorities plotting to arrest Jesus and then Chapter 12 begins the final week of Jesus’ life in Jerusalem.

The significance of this episode is highlighted by the disciples who question Jesus about the wisdom of going back to Judea when the people there had wanted to stone Jesus to death. In going to save the life of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus knows that he is journeying towards his own death. In fact, the end of Chapter 11 makes clear that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the authorities and that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the

authorities and precipitate the action against Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is the episode with Lazarus that effectively signs Jesus’ death warrant. The gospel makes clear that Jesus gives up his own life so that Lazarus may live.

Jesus Wept: “Jesus wept” is the shortest verse in the New Testament. Just two little words carry a world of emotion and speak volumes about Jesus. Pope Leo I used this verse to highlight the two natures of Jesus, pointing out that in his humanity, Jesus wept for the death of his friend, but in his divinity Jesus raised Lazarus to life. Lazarus and his sisters were close friends of Jesus and Jesus is clearly emotional about the death and its effect on Martha and Mary. That Jesus is about to restore Lazarus to life does not deny the grief and mourning at Lazarus’ death.

Unbind him, let him go free:

To see a man bound up for burial suddenly come walking from his tomb must have been an unnerving experience to say the least. However, Jesus calmly commands the astonished onlookers to “unbind him, let him go free.” These words speak to us today as we come to the end of the Lenten season and approach the celebration of Easter. What are the things that “bind” us? From what do we need to be released so that we may “go free”? Are they bindings placed by ourselves or others? What will it take to be unbound?

Death for Life: As the events of the Passion unfold through this gospel, the reader has a very clear impression in their mind that if Jesus had not come to Judea; had not raised Lazarus; then he would not have been arrested and crucified. The reader is also drawn into the revelation that the sacrifice of Jesus was not solely for Lazarus but rather for all humanity. This realization leads the reader to the ultimate humbling conclusion that if the sacrifice of Jesus was for people then each reader is also the recipient of that sacrifice.

Q. What aspects of your life do you need to “die” to or let go of to enter into a fuller, richer life?

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