

Resurrection Parish

April 5, 2020

A Catholic Christian Community

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

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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Please contact Deacon John.

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Contact clergy one year prior.

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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

From the pastor



Praying for you.

When I applied to enter the seminary, I had interviews with professionals in the field of psychiatry, psychology, and public speaking besides the people of the diocese. One comment that the Director of Vocations asked: "Are you sure that you are not going to change your mind and become a monk rather than a diocesan priest." Thus, evidence was there to have a tendency of tucking myself away into a life a prayer. I certainly recalled this as we experience social distancing or even isolation. It is not a secret that I am in a high risk group and my doctors affirm that reality. So, I have been praying more intentionally for all. We do have that part of the Mass where we mention our intercessions. When I do intercessory prayer, I find it hard to stop since there are so many needs and people to pray for. Community, families, national and international causes come to mind and heart. As I try to end I remind myself that God already knows our problems, concerns, and need. The content or structure of the Good Friday liturgy is one of the oldest. One key part is General Intercessions. Recall how the Deacon states an intention, we pause and then the priest leads the prayer. This year the Universal Catholic church has added one to overcome the coronavirus. I wanted to assure you that we are still in communion with one another in prayer and other ways.

We have become aware ourselves of some of the dynamics we are going through. A priest from Ireland pointed to what was verified by the Cathedral in Philadelphia: the very high number of people using their online prayer services. Another dynamic, people have offered to help one another. We have seen creativity in the number of ways to be present to one another even if not physically. We will become aware of parishioners and relatives of parishioners affected in tragic ways by this virus. We have increased awareness and prayers for the doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals especially those that belong to our parish community. As many have pointed out they are heroes.

God will deliver us as God led the chosen people of Egypt and out of slavery of various forms. Continue to be the best version of yourself. I thank you for all that you are doing and for all your prayers. Christ be with you,
Bill Graney

INTENTIONS

will be prayed at a private Mass

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.

Monday	April 6	
Tuesday	April 7	
Wednesday	April 8	+Rosanna Tivoni
Thursday	April 9	Holy Thursday
Friday	April 10	Good Friday
Saturday	April 11	Holy Saturday Parish Community
Sunday	April 12	Easter Sunday +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



Watch Mass from
The Cathedral of St. Peter, Wilmington DE.
Holy Thursday Mass at 4:00 p.m. on April 9
Good Friday liturgy at 3:00 p.m. on April 10
Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m. on April 11
Easter Mass on April 12 TBD
<https://www.cdown.org/coronavirus/>

RE DISTRIBUTION OF PALM: *from Bishop Malooly -- In light of increasing restrictions in Maryland and Delaware, distribution of palm is not to take place in any form. Parishes that are able to can keep the palm in a cool, dry place and distribute them after restrictions are lifted. (Resurrection is able to do this and we hope to distribute palm after restrictions are lifted.)*

Dear Resurrection Parishioners: It has now been three Sundays without our gathering together for prayer and there is such sadness about this. Absence is surely making this heart grow fonder. I miss each of you, dear people of God, and I'm sure you miss one another, too! But let us pray in our own way to strengthen and lift up our faith in the completely abundant love our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You and your families are in my prayers, and I ask for you to please keep me and my family in your prayers, most especially in these upcoming weeks of challenge.

I hope, for now, we have found some comfortable ways to participate in the prayer of the Church. A variety of resources have been shared in earlier bulletins and continue to be posted on our website homepage and Keeping the Seasons page (<https://www.resurrectionde.org/keeping-seasons>).

PRAYING HOLY WEEK AT HOME: For the coming holiest days of the year, we now know that we will not have public celebrations for Passion Sunday or Triduum, including Easter Sunday. Liturgical Press has provided a wonderful resource **for individual and family prayer for Passion Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday** when the celebration of public liturgy is not possible. You'll find a link to **HOLY WEEK AT HOME** in the links section of the Keeping the Seasons page (see above) and also here: https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/3788244/Holy_Week_at_Home.pdf. Remember, readings for each day can be found at www.usccb.org/. Look for the calendar on the right.

Some publishers are providing free recordings of music online, too. These links may be helpful to enhance your prayer:

- GIA (publisher of our Gather 3 hymnal) and World Library Publications playlists (free Spotify account needed): <https://open.spotify.com/user/giapublications>
- Oregon Catholic Press: www.ocp.org

In Christ's love! Ruth

PARISH LIFE

Virtual Community:

Please visit the [parish website](#) for latest news.

You may subscribe to the parish [YouTube channel](#). Or look for the videos under the heading “Spirituality with Fr. Greg”.

Also take the opportunity to sign up to receive [parish emails](#). A Friday enewsletter is one way we share messages with parishioners and friends.

We also have a [Facebook Page](#). Find it through the box on the front page or the website.

The [Contact Us](#) Button on the parish website will take you the staff emails. We are able to retrieve and emails phone calls remotely.

We have mailed parish bulletins to many families and/or individuals over age 75 that may not have access to the internet to read it online.

Perhaps you may have time to reach out to an older parishioner to be a **phone buddy** to call to say hello, and chat a bit. If you would like a suggested phone buddy, please email Debbie at dseymour@resurrectionde.org. Or call the parish office at 302-368-0146, ext. 0.

Virtual Centering Prayer Group

My Centering Prayer group is still meeting virtually via Zoom. Those who may be interested in joining, please send me an email to **RuthannMaisonet**: ruthannmaisonet@comcast.net. We are always looking for more individuals to join.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Hosanna to God in the Highest!

All the youth and their families are in my daily prayers. I pray that you are adjusting to this new way of learning. Be sure to get outside and get some fresh air!

Blessings on you all- Elaine

Middle School and High School Youth Group

We have gone remote! Check your e-mail for remote learning materials and updates.

Confirmation Class

Bishop Malooly has *now* postponed the date of our Confirmation. I will let you know a new date as soon as I am told our new date. Please complete your online modules and find some time to complete the discussion material sent via e-mail with your sponsor, a parent, other adult, or confirmed older sibling. This can even be a whole family discussion.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Emergencies and Charity:
A reflection by Cardinal Tagle**

26 March 2020, 10:00

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are faced with an emergency due to the coronavirus 19. An emergency, from the Latin word “emergere”, refers to an unforeseen occurrence that rises before us and requires attention. Emergencies are not new to us. Every year we experience earthquakes, typhoons, floods, drought and diseases. But they are often confined to a limited place and people. The current covid19 emergency is called pandemic, from the two Greek words: “pan”, meaning “all” and “demos”, meaning



“people or population”. A pandemic affects all or nearly all people. We can say that the covid19 is a general or universal emergency. It affects nearly all of us. It invites a response from all of us.

During emergencies, we instinctively think first of ourselves, our families and the people close to us. We will do anything within our means to protect them. While this reaction is basically good, we should be careful so that we do not end up thinking only of ourselves. We should avoid fear from making us blind to the needs of other people, those needs that are the same as ours. We should prevent anxiety from killing genuine concern for neighbors. In an emergency, the true heart of a person also emerges. From an emergency that affects all people (pandemia), we hope to see a pandemic emergence of caring, compassion and love. An emergency crisis that erupts unexpectedly can be addressed only by an equal “eruption” of hope. A pandemic spread of a virus must produce a pandemic “contagion” of charity. History will judge our generation by the power of self-less love that this common emergency will have generated and spread or will have failed to do so. We thank the heroic people whose love and courage have already been a source of healing and hope these past weeks.

Experts say that we should wash our hands to avoid being contaminated by the virus and to avoid spreading it. At the trial of Jesus, Pontius Pilate “called for water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, declaring as he did, ‘I am innocent of the blood of this just man. The responsibility is yours’” (Matthew 27:24). We should wash our hands, but not the way Pilate did. We cannot wash our hands of our responsibility towards the poor, the elderly, the unemployed, the refugees, the homeless, the health providers, indeed all people, creation and future generations. We pray through the power of the Holy Spirit, genuine love for all may emerge from all human hearts as we face a common emergency.



TAKING IT HOME by Deacon John

Our Lenten journey now enters its final days as we begin this holiest of weeks with the celebration today of Passion/Palm Sunday. This Passion/Palm Sunday begins on a joyous note. We first process with Palm branches in worship of the Christ who would be king. This procession with palms marks Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. It would appear that Jesus is getting his just due as the holy one of God, the Messiah and Lord. But our joy this day is quickly overshadowed as we immerse ourselves in the Passion narrative of Matthew and as Matthew recounts the events of Jesus' eventual suffering and death.

It is important for us to note this transition from joy to suffering because we cannot escape the notion that the glory of Easter cannot come without first realizing the reality of Christ's suffering and death. We have no Easter celebration that ignores the reality of the cross. The converse is also true; the Passion and death make no sense without the glory of the resurrection. The two need to be put in balance lest we get a distorted view of our faith.

For in fact what we celebrate in this Holiest of weeks is the total event of Christ's Paschal Mystery – his life, passion, death and resurrection. Because it was not just the death of Jesus, but also his committed life, which becomes the symbol of our faith. This was the committed life, which went unflinching to the cross that makes the cross no longer a symbol of shame, but a symbol of new life. For through Jesus the cross is now the ultimate symbol of the self-giving love of a God who loved even to the point of death. And because the cross becomes the symbol of such real committed love, we can say that those who risk giving their lives for others are not fools, but lovers; lovers who follow the master and make life, where none existed. And so power no longer comes in the form of the brute force of authority, but in those who would risk giving their lives in order that the world might be made whole once again. God as it were carrying God's suffering people in God's womb with the same intimacy as a caring mother; such is the power of divine compassion. Wendy Farley says this of God's compassion: “Compassion does not overcome the power of destruction, any more than Jesus came down from the cross. The power of destruction is real; the lives, hope, sanity and goodness that are maimed by cruelty can never be replaced or atoned for. But it is the power of divine compassion to endure, to be deathless, to be resurrected even from the ashes of despair and death. There is a resilience to divine compassion that the superior strength of evil cannot finally overcome, however, real its victories. Compassion remains the ground and power of resistance, of hope, of a transformation of the future and a recovery of the past...divine compassion is the power of redemption.”

EASTER SUNDAY

GOSPEL – JOHN 20: 1-9 [10-18]

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

[But Mary stayed outside of the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the foot where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” But she said to them, “They have taken my Lord and I don’t know where they laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

She thought it was the gardener and said to him, “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said to him in Hebrew,

“Rabbouni,” which means Teacher.

Jesus said to her, “Stop holding onto to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”

Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and what he told her.]

Gospel Reflection: Within the gospel reading for Easter Sunday, we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realization of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. Added here in brackets [] are the next nine verses of the gospel, where we also have the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ’s resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb—although so simply told—is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ’s willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God’s love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple—the one whom Jesus loved—who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus’ burial cloths lying there, “he saw and he believed.” Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognized the truth and significance of

what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn’t need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

Mary Magdalene: Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

The disciple Jesus loved: In this week’s gospel we see reference to a disciple as “the one Jesus loved.” It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun—I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as “the Son of God” or “the Son of Man” rather than say “I”, John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn’t love his other disciples.

Q. What emotions might Mary have experienced upon discovering the tomb?

Q. Why did the gospel writers portray the disciples’ initial disbelief and doubt about the resurrection?

Q. What Christian belief/s flow from the resurrection of Jesus?

Q. In what ways does the account of Jesus’ resurrection inspire hope in Christians?

Q. In what ways is Jesus still present in the world?

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