

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION



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RESURRECTION MISSION STATEMENT

As the Church of the Resurrection, we welcome all to our parish family. Guided by the Holy Spirit, rooted in God's word, we seek to grow in faith through the joyful celebration of the sacraments. Reflecting Jesus Christ through the warmth of our hospitality, we commit to lovingly proclaim the Good News and serve one another.

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Dear Friends,

We've reached the end of the Church's liturgical year, and like every end of the year celebration, the Church has chosen some spectacular, firecracker-like images to help us commemorate what has been and what is still yet to be. In technical language, we call this style of writing apocalyptic in nature. The Greek word *apokalypsis* (ἀποκάλυψις) literally means "to unveil," or "to reveal." In fact, the final book of the Bible, *The Book of Revelation*, is also known as the Apocalypse because it reveals or unveils God's plan for the final consummation of history.

In the first reading for the Feast of Christ the King, we encounter the apocalyptic vision of Daniel, one of the major heroes of the Old Testament. In one of the many visions he received, Daniel saw a figure like a "son-of-a-man" riding effortlessly on the clouds, only to be presented before the throne of God. When he was presented before the "Ancient One," this son-of-man received something akin to winning the lottery: He not only received glory, dominion, and kingship, but all the peoples of the earth served him, and his lordship (the text says "dominion") is to be an everlasting kingship. Wow! Now, remember, this is a vision, so we can't press the text too much trying to figure out what all this means. Scholars have no definitive answers either. But in the end, we know that Jesus thought of himself as this enigmatic figure--hence the title he used more than once when referring to himself: the Son of Man!

A similar apocalyptic image can be found in this weekend's second reading, in the first chapter of *The Book of Revelation* itself. (Now we *should* expect some wild images and the Book of the Apocalypse does not disappoint us). Referring specifically to Jesus, the author of Revelation calls Jesus a "faithful witness." (Please pardon my deep love for ancient Greek. The word for witness, *martus*, is also a cognate for our word "martyr." The Martyrs really *were* witnesses to the passion death and resurrection of Jesus, weren't they?) But Jesus as this special witness is made ruler of all the kings of the earth. But wait, there's still more--He's made **us** into a Kingdom of Priests as well. The next verse picks up a similar theme from Daniel, because Jesus comes riding on the clouds--but unlike the Book of Daniel where this was just a vision, now in *The Book of Revelation*, we *will* see him coming!

Finally, this same apocalyptic image reaches a vibrant crescendo in the *Gospel of John* where we find the rather ruthless, yet never-the-less, dim-witted Pontius Pilate trying to figure out if Jesus is really a king. Meanwhile, he is being one-upped by Jesus who explains to **us** (you and me as the reader, because Pilate will never really get it), that the Son-of-Man who received dominion and power and glory, the faithful witness who rules over all kings, came into this world simply to testify to the truth.

The very Kingdom of God (that for which we pray "Thy Kingdom Come") was proclaimed by Jesus as way of ripping off the band-aid from our own erroneous conceptions of "truth", (ouch, that's going to hurt), unmasking the falsehoods, of those in power (the earthly "kings") to reveal real power in weakness (evidenced through his cross) and real glory in service. So, we end the Church year having kept that band-aid on for now some 34 weeks of Ordinary Time, only to pray that our wounds of sin, division, hatred, and selfishness have yielded to the truth of Jesus--the humble preacher who died so that we can live. Next week : Happy New Year!

Fr. George



DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

BAPTISMS: To register for the required Baptismal Preparation contact Sr. Barbara at 223-5500 x1335

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Interested in becoming a Catholic? Call Sheryl Zabel, 388-0040 x1330

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:30 p.m. Other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Couples contact the parish office as soon as they become engaged. Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: We appreciate learning about hospitalized, sick or aged people unable to attend church. Contact the Parish Office.

PRAYER MINISTRY: Need prayer or want to pray? Call Joann Corso, 223-5682.

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

Parish Reachout: Meals, transportation: call the Parish Office: 223-5500

Caring & Sharing: Monetary Donations to serve the needy in our parish and area: 223-5500 x1342

Donate Clothing: Clothing Drop Box at church

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Knit or crochet shawls while sharing and praying for comfort and healing. Call Pat Fitzsimmons at 223-0565 to make or receive one. Leftover yarn, hooks and needles always welcome.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-4:30pm. Closed for lunch from noon-1:00pm. Closed every Friday and all national holidays.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

-Everyone in our parish and all without a faith community

-Pope Francis, for wisdom and discernment

-Bishop Matano, for God's guidance

-Bishop Emeritus Clark, for a peaceful retirement

-Intentions in our Book of Prayer and all our Sick, especially Chuck Ritger, Steve Mack,

-Our Beloved Dead—

-Those Serving in Our Armed Forces

-Peace in Our World

To list a name for 5 weeks to remove or extend please contact the Parish Secretary at Beonna.Hunt@dor.org or 223-5500. To respect others' privacy, be sure to have permission from the individual or immediate family. Include your contact info please.

CASE TRAINING AT RESURRECTION:

For all those who work with children, teens or vulnerable adults that need to be trained or re-trained.

Monday, November 26th 6pm - 7pm

Emmaus Hall

Contact Cathy Reitz to check to see if you are in need of CASE training and an updated background check.

CARING AND SHARING

Assignments for Caring and Sharing are in the narthex. Please pick yours up on the way out. If there are people who still want to contribute and missed the deadline, pick up a form and call or email the contact to see how you can help.

**K-5 CARING AND SHARING**

REMINDER—Please remember to bring in your Christmas donations of adult and youth socks when you come to class this Wednesday

MASS and PRAYER INTENTIONS**Saturday, November 24**

5:00pm For our newly elected officials

Sunday, November 25 Christ The King

8:30am Daniel Suter by Bob, Ellen, Marc & Kelly Hinds

10:30am Lou Bechle by Joe Schnupp

Joan Theodor by Jim & Jan Harmon

Bill & Jacky Thompson's 50th Anniversary

Monday, November 26

8:30am Victor Daley by Theresa Polchowski

Tuesday, November 27

8:30am All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Wednesday, November 28

8:30am For Christian Unity

Thursday, November 29

8:30am For vocations

Friday, November 30

8:30am For victims of fires and other natural disasters

Saturday, December 1

5:00pm Ronald Reed by Kozody Family

Mary Ellen Francati by Mary Sgabellone

Sunday, December 2—First Sunday of Advent

8:30am Connie Tramonto (healing) by Bob & Phyllis Diggins

10:30am Lou Buchle by Mary Sweeney

Ana Rodriguez by Gerry & Jean Tosch

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**Sunday, November 25**

8:30am Mass: McElaney Baptism

10:30am Mass: Thompson Renewal of Vows

Monday, November 26

6:00-7:00pm: CASE Training—Emmaus Hall

7:00-9:00pm: Liturgical Ministry Training—Worship Space

Tuesday, November 27

9:45am: Women's Group—Community Rm

10:30-11:45pm: Communion Service—Fairport Baptist Home

7:00-9:00pm: Stephen Ministry—Community Rm., Rm. 4

Wednesday, November 28

1:00-2:15pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry—Rm. 4

5:00-6:00pm: K-5 Classes

7:00-8:30pm: Gospel of Luke Review—Community Rm.

Thursday, November 29

7:00-9:00pm: Liturgical Choir—Worship Space

Friday, November 30**Saturday, December 1**

7:30-9:00am: Men's Group—Community Rm.

4:30pm: Reconciliation—Rm. 4

Sunday, December 2

9:00-10:25am: Search Planning—Emmaus Hall

6:00-8:00pm: Youth Ministry/HS/C/MS

FAMILY

Certainly, in the life of every family, there are many moments of frustration and disappointments. For those who are lucky enough to live in the presence of a close-knit caring clan, the rewards far outweigh the frustrations. That's why we pray fervently for our family members, and why we love them despite their faults. Your family is God's gift to you. That little band is a priceless treasure on temporary loan from the Father above. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." (Romans 12:10). Hold your family close. Going through a difficult time? Contact our Stephen Ministry at 223-5500 x 1341 or contact our Stephen Leader Janie Holcomb at H 585-383-8884 Cell 703-2941. Let a trained Stephen Minister help you, in total confidentiality, for as long as it takes. Strive for an ongoing Thanksgiving: the best ever!



LITURGICAL MINISTRY UPDATE/TRAINING

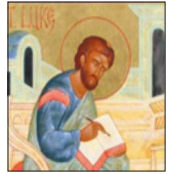
If you weren't able to make the Saturday Nov 17th Liturgical Ministry training day there will be another evening available on Monday November 26th from 7:00 – 8:30 PM This session is meant for (a) CURRENT Liturgical ministers to get the latest "updates" on their particular ministry and (b) for all newly interested person who might have never been an active liturgical minister in the past. We are looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (formerly called Eucharistic Ministers), Lectors, Sacristans (the person who arranges the "things" needed at Mass), Mass Coordinators (the person who arranges the "people" needed for each Mass) and Hospitality Ministers (who bring warmth and hospitality to everyone who enters and exits the Sunday celebration) Cantors and Choir Members. So, mark your calendars now! If you'd like more information on what it means to become involved in any of these liturgical ministries, please don't hesitate to contact Fr. George at Fr.George.Heyman@dor.org or call 388-5420.



Adult Enrichment

GOSPEL OF LUKE REVIEW: NOV 28TH – DEC 19TH

7pm – 8:30pm – Community Room Join us as we prepare for the Gospel of Luke this coming year!



Please read the following chapters and verses to prepare.

- Nov 28th: Jesus' origins (Lk 1-3).
Jesus's popularity grows. (Lk 4- 9 :17)
Guest participant: Fr. George.
- Dec 5th: Opposition to the Son of Man grows. (Lk 9:18 – 19:27)
- Dec 12th: Jesus' betrayal, trial and death. (Lk 19:28 – 23:56) Guest participant: Sr. Barbara
- Dec 19th: Jesus's Resurrection. (Luke 24)
Guest participant Fr. Bill Graff
- Email Cathy at cathy.reitz@dor.org to sign up or in the Narthex on the signup sheet. Hope you can join us!

HOLY HOPS IS BACK!

Thursday December 6th
6–8pm
Iron Smoke Distillery
111 Parce Ave., Fairport
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YOUTH MINISTRY

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