

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,

Today's liturgical focus is all about the "family." I put that word in quotation marks because in the ancient languages (both Hebrew and Greek) there is no word that translates what you and I know as a "family" (the 3.14 people that reflects a rather odd quantity of children, down from a high of 3.67 in 1960 according to modern governmental sociological statistics). In the ancient world there would, of course, be biological parents and children, but in addition a "household" (the typical word used for our modern concept) would include aunts, uncles, siblings, cousins, slaves, sisters-in-law, mothers-in-law and almost anyone who lived within the radius of a local group of houses. This accounts for the fact in today's Gospel where, at the end of the Passover celebrations in Jerusalem, Jesus' "family" begins the journey home only to learn that the 12-year-old Jesus was not "in their number." By today's standards Mary and Joseph might have come under the suspicions of child protective services for abandoning their child, but since the entire concept of "family," or better, "household," included so very many people, the fact that a twelve-year-old might not be with their biological relatives was a normal and natural thing. In the ancient world, the village actually **did** raise the child, and everyone thought this was completely normal.

In our contemporary culture, we have a much more focused and, dare I say, idealistic notion of what constitutes a "family." I can remember as a child growing up on Lux Street on Rochester's northeast side, how I longed to move into Ronnie and Craig's house across the street. They were the first family to have a color TV in their living room (yes, I'm that old). And in addition, they had a swimming pool in the backyard, their dad had a great job at Kodak (they got \$2 per week allowance), and in my own 12-year-old mind – their parents never argued, and everyone got along wonderfully. Packing my Radio-Flyer (OK, now I am dating myself), with all my belongings, I announced to my mom that I was moving across the street—where everyone lived in a perfect family household! My mother did, in fact, encourage me to go but, spoiler alert, I chickened out at the last minute. Here it is 52 years later and, you know what, the grass is never greener on the other side!

So, no matter what level of dysfunction your particular family experiences (yes, there are no perfect families) let's take the words from Paul's Letter to the *Colossians* to heart in today's second reading: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." I would encourage, whatever configuration you yourself call "family," that you do as Paul suggests – let's try to bear patiently the feebleness and foibles of those whom we are called to love! Let's try to pray for forgiveness with and among family members (especially where real pain and sorrow have occurred). Let's remember that no human being is perfect, and the only real person we can actually change in our lives is ourselves! Don't we have a tremendous God who loves each of us, imperfect though we may be, with a forgiving and compassionate heart? So, before you get ready to pack up your Radio-Flyer, be thankful that you do have people whom you can call "family." Perhaps this is the time to make it **really** a 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). Become Catholic! Call Sheryl Zabel, 388-0040 x1330

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 4:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY contact the parish office as soon as you are engaged. Arrangements must be made 6 mos. in advance.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK We appreciate learning about hospitalized, sick or aged people unable to attend church.

PRAYER MINISTRY prayers/want to pray? Call Joann Corso 223-5682
Parish Reach Out Meals, transportation, call Parish Office: 223-5500

Caring & Sharing Monetary donations to serve the needy in our parish & community: 223-5500 x1342

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Knit or crochet shawls while sharing and praying for comfort and healing. Call Pat Fitzsimmons 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 noon-1pm. 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

- For RCIA Candidates being received into the Church

-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

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

Perinton Food Shelf wishes everyone Happy Holidays. They

are so thankful for all the donations and food drives that have been held so far. The following items are needed:

Canned beef stew, chili, hash, manwich/sloppy Joe, salad dressings, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, bottled juices, pancake mix, brownie mix, frosting, cereal, boxes of pudding and jello, sugar, oatmeal, shampoo, toothbrushes, facial tissues, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent, deodorant.

Thank you so much for all your help.

**MASSES and PRAYER INTENTIONS****Saturday, December 29**

5:00pm Paul & Jackie White in honor of their Anniversary by the White children

Sunday, December 30

8:30am Suter-Kranick families by Kay & Larry Michael

10:30am Healing & Peace for Jan & John Inness by Jim & Jan Harmon

Monday, December 31— New Year's Eve

8:30am All parishioners living & deceased

Tuesday, January 1— Holy Day

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:30am Peace in our World

(11:00am Mass at Assumption)

Wednesday, January 2

8:30am Lloyd Hansen by Rose Hansen

Thursday, January 3

8:30am Respect for life at all stages

Friday, January 4

8:30am All World leaders

Saturday, January 5

5:00pm Charles J Boulter by the Poniatoski family

Sunday, January 6

8:30am All who are hungry

10:30am Lou Bechle by Ralph Taliento *and* Terry Patton by the Szlucha family

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**Sunday, December 30**

Monday, December 31—office closed for New Year's Eve

Tuesday, January 1— office closed for New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 2

6:00pm: Search Planning—Emmaus Hall

Thursday, January 3

7:00pm: Liturgical Choir—Worship Space

Friday, January 4

5:00pm: Search Retreat—Notre Dame Retreat House

Saturday, January 5

7:30am: Men's Group—Community Rm.

4:30pm: Reconciliation—Rm. 4

Sunday, January 6—Epiphany

10:30am: Reception of Karen Milillo into the church

6:00pm: Youth Ministry MS— All rms

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

For information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, please contact Sheryl Zabel at 388-5433 or at Sheryl.Zabel@do.org



YOUTH MINISTRY

Thanks to the generous donations of fleece & scissors, our MS & HS youth ministry were able to make over 50 beautiful blankets, which will be donated to RAIHN.



Dear Lord,

*at the beginning of this New Year,
I remember that you are a God of
beginnings and endings.*

You created the world, with all its eternal patterns.

Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's thaw.

*Spring begins in new, green life,
ending in Summer's heat.*

*Summer begins in sunshine,
and ends in Autumn's breezes.*

And Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again.

*As another year ends and begins in our lives,
help us to remember that you have
made a world of cycles.*

*When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy,
help me take delight in the life I've received from you.*

*Remind me that I will one day pass from this world
and enter a new life like those who've gone before me.*

Amen.

Adult Enrichment



CATECHIST ENRICHMENT

"Catholic Devotions" - for all K-12 Catechists

Sunday, January 13, 2019

4:30pm - 5:30pm (includes a light meal)

Community Room

ADULT ENRICHMENT MOVIE NIGHT - "The War Room" ... Join us for this powerful movie about real life family struggles and the power of prayer!

Friday, January 18, 2019

7pm - 10pm

Community Room

Includes light snacks & discussion time

Please register by emailing Cathy at:
cathy.reitz@dor.org



ASSUMPTION:

Mass/Adoration/Penance/Social (M.A.P.S.) is January 11 at 6pm in the chapel. For adults over 18. After praying together, join us to share fellowship at "local establishment."

7:00 pm, Thursday, January 24, Dr. Marvin McMickle, president of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, will speak at Assumption, shedding light on both troublesome and joyful issues of our day. Please invite your family and neighbors to this important and timely speaker, presented by the Perinton Pastoral Association, in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ST. JOHN

Red Cross Blood Drive—Wednesday, January 2 from 1 to 6 pm, SJR Gathering Room (in the Ministry Bldg)



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