

RESURRECTION PARISH

February 12, 2017

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday 10 days prior **SPIRITUALITY OUTREACH STEWARDSHIP**

Resurrection Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Community founded on the renewed vision of Vatican II. Dedicated to the ongoing formation of all parishioners, we seek a deeper spirituality by encountering God in liturgy, prayer, scripture, service and in each other. We make a fuller commitment to outreach by seeking to understand and to address the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of our parish community and beyond our borders. For the evangelization of our community and our stewardship of God's kingdom we will joyfully share our time, talent and treasure making the gospel call to ministry our way of life.



THE LORD'S DAY
Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 AM
and 5:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. 8:30 AM
Tuesday 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Tues. 6:30 PM
Sat. 4:45 PM

RCIA
 For information on the process for adults being fully initiated into the Catholic Church, please call the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
 One year preparation period is required.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK
 For hospital and home visits, please call the office for arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 Before the birth of your child, please call the Christian Formation Office about the preparation process.

Sunday, March 12, 2017, will be the last 5:30 pm Sunday Mass at Resurrection. That Mass was started to fill a regional niche or need to have a Sunday evening Mass. At one time, the Masses downtown Wilmington were the options for those who needed a Sunday evening Mass. Now in our region, St Thomas More Oratory has a 6:30 and St. John Beloved has a Mass at 5:00 pm.

I thank all those who helped make our Resurrection Sunday evening Mass a possibility. Many were willing to take a turn to help welcome and serve our visitors to this Mass. I was hoping that those coming to that Mass would take ownership of the Mass for greater help with the needed ministries. And attendance had dropped to about half of what it had once been. Average weekend attendance combining 4 Masses each weekend for the month of March (Lent) 2016 was 515 to the low of 398 in July and Sept. So, if the average attendance if 435 a weekend, it is not the same 435 persons. That is, we may be engaging 600 to 700 different persons each month if you figure that some come once a month.

Those who do take part in various ministries will not be spread as thin: that is over three rather than four Masses a weekend. Our goal is to have a vibrant, engaging, and welcoming parish. The sense of this is felt less at Mass of 75 people spread across the various chairs in the worship space. Once again, thanks for your ongoing participation.

Fr. Bill Graney, February 6, 2017

INTENTIONS

Monday	Feb. 13	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Feb. 14	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Feb. 15	8:30 am	
Friday	Feb. 17	8:30 am	
Saturday	Feb. 18	5:30 pm	+Thomas & Kevin Downs
Sunday	Feb. 19	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30 am	+Lillian Mazzenga
		5:30 pm	

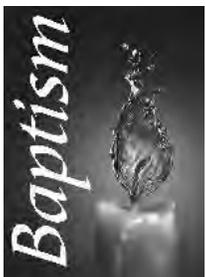
Parish **cancels daily Mass** on Thursdays. We recommend attending a church closest to you.



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. Pray for all the needs in our Book of Intentions and for those in our

Parish Family who are sick: *Lord, allow your healing hand to assist*

John Wisniewski, Joan Donnelly, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Joseph Hemphill, Renee Roder, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Ben Stam, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Kat Edwards, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Carol Strasser, Alice Weaver, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.



Welcome: This Sunday at our 10:30 am mass we welcome Joseph Anthony D'Angelo IV to our faith community through the sacrament of baptism. Joseph Anthony is the son of Joseph and Michelle D'Angelo. We pray for Joseph as he becomes the newest member of our faith community

born of water and Spirit.

Shawl Ministry: Next meeting of Prayer Shawl group will be Monday February 13 from 12:30 to 2. Come help us make shawls. Our shawls are made in prayer and bring comfort to those in need.

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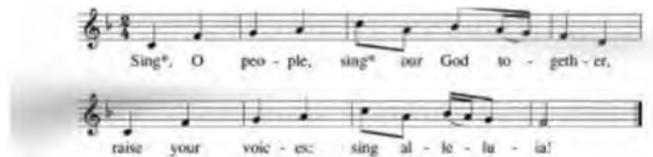


The Lord's Prayer: The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great "Amen," the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of

the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly eucharistic. When we ask for our "daily bread," we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—"so that what is holy may in truth be given to the holy" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence, we await his coming in joyful hope.

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Musicians Meeting!

WHO: All people interested in music ministry at Resurrection Parish -- those newly interested, as well as those already serving!

WHAT: Lots of singing and playing, some informational chatting and some socializing!

WHEN: Thursday, February 16 at 7:00-8:30 pm

WHERE: Resurrection Parish

We'd love to know if you are planning to be there. Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org , 302-368-0146 Ext. 106.

Cross Bearers Needed: We would love to have our Cross lead our gathering and sending processions, but at times do not have anyone to carry it. Though not time consuming or very demanding, carrying the cross can be a powerful sign of offering our lives to Christ. Might this be something you are able to do? Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 302-368-0146 Ext 106.

PARISH LIFE

CATECHETICAL DAY- DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON Please join Bishop W. Francis Malooly at St. Thomas More Academy on March 11, 2017 for Catechetical Day. John Collins, William H. Sadlier's National Speaking Consultant, is the keynote speaker for the event. For more information on the day please call the Diocesan Office of Religious Education at 302-573-3130 or to register please visit www.cdow.org/catecheticalday.



Lenten Preparation:
The season of Lent begins in just a little over two weeks. I know that Lent calls

us to pray, fast and give alms and many take this call very seriously. Let me introduce you to one form of prayer that you can do in the silence of your homes. Loyola Press has put together a series of daily meditations for Lent. It is called: **Living Lent Daily**. The daily series is based on a book by Amy Andrews called, Grace-Filled Days. All you need to do is visit the Loyola Press website and then sign up to receive these daily meditations. They are free. Loyola Press also has a daily **3-Minute Meditation**, which you can also choose to receive. These are not necessarily based on the Lenten theme, but the broader category of living our faith life. These are available as well. Hope this proves helpful. Deacon John

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily>

ANNUAL 'SACRED' SPIRITUALITY DAY Feb. 25, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.: Salesianum School, Wilmington. \$45 due Feb. 22. Price includes coffee, tea, light breakfast items, a hot lunch and all day beverages, plus more than 15 courses in adult religious education for parents and catechists. More information, <http://sacred.salesianum.org>.

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ANNUAL ASH WEDNESDAY SOUPER SUPPER

March 1, 2017: 5-7PM

Soup, salad, bread and beverages for only \$5 per person. Four or more family price of only \$20. Tickets will be on sale the weekend of Feb 25 and 26 after all Masses and will be available at the door on March 1.

If you would like to donate a crockpot of steaming hot meatless soup contact Kim Snyder at basx2ks@gmail.com Thank you in advance for sharing your culinary talents.



“For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.” Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on **March 24-26, 2017 in Rehoboth Beach, DE**. For more information, visit our website at www.wwmedelmar.org or to register, please call Tony & Linda Massino @ 302-220-9833.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome!

K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) meet from 9:15-10:15. Drop off begins at 9:10. See you there!

Would you like more information about Christian Formation for Children (Religious Education or Sacramental Preparation)? Contact Nancy at 302-368-0146 ext. 104 or at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Confirmation Class:

February 26, 2017 12:00-2:30PM

Middle School and High School Youth Group:

Sunday March 5, 2017 from 6:30-8:15 PM

SOCIAL CONCERNS

FOOD CLOSET: Many thanks for your generosity to the Food Closet. In January our food closet provided groceries to 9 needy families. We are currently in need of canned goods – chicken, ham, beef stew, beans, potatoes, spaghetti sauce; oatmeal, hot chocolate, jelly, snacks, juice, cookies, crackers, toilet paper, soap. Please consider adding one of these items to your grocery list. Thank you!



Resurrection will be teaming up with Ebenezer UMC for our next hosting week, running from February 26 thru March 4 at Ebenezer. We will be ministering to up to 14 homeless individuals (children, men, and women) each day. We are in need of volunteers to be overnight hosts, van drivers to/from the Family Promise Center to Ebenezer each day, plus we will be helping to provide dinners and to-go items for breakfast and lunch for the week. Contact Deb Buckels, phone 239-2275 or dbuckels@verizon.net for more information or to help those in need.

TAKING IT HOME

In Chapter 7:14-15, 18 of Paul's letter to the Romans, he states not only a truth about his own struggles with his inner self, but also, I think, a struggle that speaks to people throughout the ages. In that letter, Paul says, "I cannot understand my own behavior. I fail to carry out the things I want to do, and find myself doing the very things I hate...for though the will to do the good is in me, the performance is not, with the result that instead of doing the good things I want to do, I carry out the sinful things I do not want...what a wretch I am!"

The inner and outer self of Paul is at war. But this is not just Paul's concern, it is a constant battle for every man and woman throughout the ages. We know what we ought to do; we know what the law teaches, as Jesus does today in his continuing instruction from the Sermon on the Mount, but more often we find ourselves doing what we ought not to do. We should know how anger easily rises up in us and expresses itself before we have a chance to control it. We should know how lust grips us and causes us to go places we do not want to go and we should know that reconciliation

and forgiveness, though difficult, is the path to least resistance. We should know these things and we do, but instead we choose to allow our anger to control us, our lust to get the better of us and we refuse to let reconciliation and forgiveness to be an alternative. We choose to do what we know we should not do.

This is why trying to follow the teaching prescribed today by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount is so very hard for us to follow. We know the letter of the law; we know that Jesus did not abolish the law, but instead we choose to ignore the law because it is easier to flaunt it. But if we are to achieve the righteousness that surpasses that of the Scribes and Pharisees, we must face the struggle between our inner and outer selves. We must be prepared to do the difficult but loving work of being truthful with ourselves, which not only means really knowing ourselves, but also means being honest about this knowledge and then accepting this knowledge as who we really are.

But in order to not let these inner drives dictate our actions, we must also admit to something else. We must acknowledge that when left on our own, we cannot achieve the wholeness we desire. Wholeness only comes as a gift, a grace that only God can give. And so as a people trying to achieve the wholeness of "being on the way" we need to be open to becoming something more; to giving ourselves over to God's grace and allowing that grace to bring us new life and new growth. We call this process the Paschal Mystery, that in dying (letting go) there is life and that to gain ourselves, we must first be willing to lose ourselves.

Deacon John



Day of Reflection, Carnival and Springtime Prophets, Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center Tuesday, Feb 28, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, With Retreat Leader, Mary-Louise Chelsey-Cora we will acknowledge the dark and messy parts of life and begin to recognize the vulnerable beauty of our humanness. Cost is \$40 which includes lunch. Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) to register or call 302-995-6858.



7TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL – MATTHEW 5: 38 - 48

Jesus said to his disciples: “You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.

When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Gospel Reflection The first part of this gospel passage is perhaps one of the most misunderstood of Jesus’ teachings. The notion of turning the other cheek usually brings up notions of non-violence, submission, or even sometimes a victim mentality. It seems an odd teaching to tell someone who is being hit to simply stand there and present the other cheek to also be hit. It’s odd because we generally fail to understand the cultural context that is the setting for this teaching.

In the first century, a master would discipline a slave or servant by striking them with the back of his hand. Assuming the master is right handed, a back-handed strike would be delivered to the right cheek of the person he faced. If the servant were to then present his left cheek to the master, it becomes impossible for the master to strike with the back of his hand and forces him into using an open-hand slap or a closed-fist punch to the left cheek. Not much of an improvement, you might think. However, servants were disciplined with the back of the hand and only equals fought in such a way that would deliver blows to the left side.

What Jesus is saying to those who are oppressed is to offer no resistance but at the same time stand up for yourself and make your oppressor recognize you and treat you as an equal, not an inferior. It is extremely dangerous advice! Its aim is to shame the oppressor.

The other two examples, surrendering your cloak when sued for your tunic and walking two miles when required to walk one are also examples of seeking to shame the one who would use their power and strength against you. That’s not being a submissive wimp; that’s staring the bully in the eye!

- Q. In what ways is Jesus’ teaching more than a simple lesson of revenge vs submission?*
Q. What do you think may have happened to a person who acted on Jesus’ teaching at the time?
Q. What aspects of this gospel do you find most confronting/ challenging?
Q. What aspects of the gospel passage do you find most comforting/ reassuring?

Walk two miles: Roman soldiers were allowed by their own military laws to require any person to carry the soldier’s pack along the road from one milestone marker to another. That is, they could order a man to walk one mile with their pack. If they made someone carry their pack for more than one mile, the soldier himself was subject to discipline and punishment. Jesus says, “If anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him.” Like turning the other cheek, it is turning the tables on the one who would oppress you and bringing shame upon them.

Let him have your cloak as well: This one is a little stranger to our modern cultural norms. In Jesus’ time, it was not shameful or embarrassing for a person to be naked, but it was shameful for the person who caused them to be naked. By law, if you were unable to repay a debt, the person to whom you owed money could literally take your clothes as payment of the debt. What Jesus says is, if someone demands your tunic as payment of a debt, give them everything you’re wearing to shame them for making you naked to collect their debt.

Love your enemy: Jesus tells us that it’s easy to love those who love us— anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It’s easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It’s easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It’s easy to hate the person who’s nasty to you. But Jesus says that it’s these people we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends, then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

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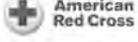

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