

RESURRECTION PARISH

March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

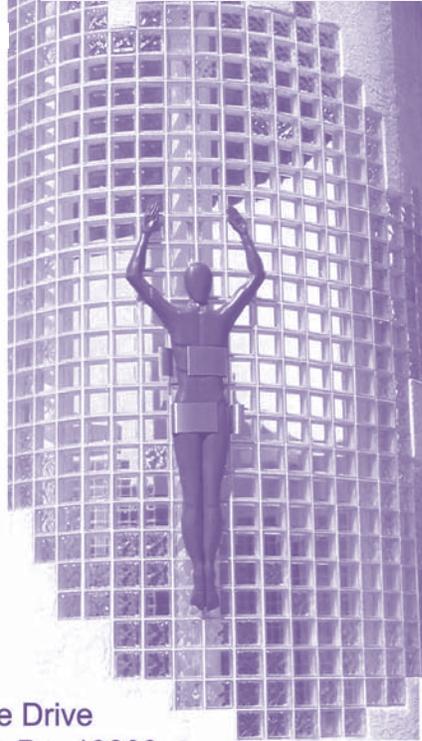
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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday 10 days prior **SPIRITUALITY OUTREACH STEWARDSHIP**

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.

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.



This Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew ourselves, our neighbors and our God. As we, the global Church, prepare for this holy season of Lent, it is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family, reflecting on the role we each have to play in building up God's one human family.

Please consider these suggestions in shaping your own family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- As a family, read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Be sure to visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family this Lent.

INTENTIONS

Monday	Mar. 6	8:30 am	+Robert Mudrock
Tuesday	Mar. 7	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Mar. 8	8:30 am	
		7:15 pm	
Friday	Mar. 10	8:30 am	
Saturday	Mar. 11	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Mar. 12	8:15 am	+Henry Wisniewski
		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* Joan Donnelly, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Joseph Hemphill, Renee Roder, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Kat Edwards, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Beth Callahan, Carol Strasser, Alice Weaver, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY



Only Say The Word: The bread is broken, the banquet is prepared, and now we are invited to the feast. Once more the priest holds the host, now broken, for us to see, and invites us to behold the one “who takes away the sins of the world.” Truly blessed and happy are those invited to this

meal, which is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, the supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:19). We respond to this invitation with a prayer to the Lord: we acknowledge that we are not worthy, but at the same time we are confident that the One who comes to us can heal us, body and soul. This

prayer echoes the story of the centurion in Luke’s Gospel. The centurion, a Gentile, asks healing for his servant, but does not consider himself worthy to have Jesus come under his roof—he believes that Jesus can heal his servant with a word, without even seeing him. Jesus is amazed at his faith. It is the same for us. We believe that Jesus speaks to us, comes to us, dwells with us, even though we neither hear his voice nor see his face.

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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. St. John Beloved (3.5 miles) has a Mass at 5:00 pm.

PARISH LIFE

The Failing Drug War in “Murdertown” — A radical rethinking of police and community relations, will be the subject of a forum held at the First Unitarian Church, 730 Halstead Road (off Concord Pike/Rt. 202) in Wilmington, Delaware, on March 12 at 4 p.m. With a determination to understand and address the racial catastrophe known as the “war on drugs,” the First Unitarian Church is bringing back the Forum, a popular educational and outreach event. The keynote speaker will be Major Neill Franklin of the Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP).

Paschal Season

During the Lenten portion of our Paschal season, we are directed by our commitment to turn back to God; to seek again the one who is our source of life. We do that by participating in the disciplines of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Prayer has many forms. We can pray the usual prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, etc.) or we can choose to pray without words (Meditation, Centering Prayer); the point is that we make prayer a habit so that it becomes a regular part of our lives; **particularly we can pray for Hazel, our catechumen on her journey to the waters of baptism.** Fasting is a way we learn to give ourselves over to God. Fasting certainly includes learning to eat less, but can also include fasting from the things that distract us from our awareness of God’s presence in the world and in our lives.

Almsgiving is a way of giving ourselves over to our neighbor by becoming aware of his/her needs and seeking to fulfill them. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the necessary first course in the banquet of God's reign.



Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the eighth annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Young people from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and his journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Cooper Ray at 10:30 am. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Elaine. For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org. Registration deadline is April 2, 2017.



L.A.F.F. Group: Tuesdays in Room 2. From 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. Bring a bagged lunch, and join a fun group to play card games.

“Mommy & Me at St. E” is a free 1 hour event for children ages 18 months to 3 years on St. Patrick's Day, **Tuesday, March 14** starting at 9 a.m. in the lower school library of St. Elizabeth's at 1500 Cedar Street in Wilmington. There will be snacks, crafts, games, stories, movement and singing. Remember to wear your green! Call [302-655-8208](tel:302-655-8208) for more information.

Shawl Ministry: Monday March 13 from 12:30 to 2 in room 2. Come pray and knit or crochet, with us. The shawls we make will bring comfort to family and friends in need. New members are always welcome!

What apps are out there for Catholics?

We put together a list of our favorites.

- CRS Ricebowl App
- iBreviary
- Laudate
- Lighthouse Catholic Study Bible App
- Magnificat US App
- Relevant Radio App
- The Catholic Playlist Show App
- The Pope App

Mary Louise Chesley-Cora Leading Bible Study March 13, 20, and 27, and April 3; 12:45–2:15 p.m. Join our 4-week Bible Study, “Sisters and Prophets of Faith—A Legacy of Witness and Wisdom.” Come explore the voices and roles of faithful, courageous, and prophetic women throughout the Bible. **Join us in the St. Joseph on the Brandywine Family Center** immediately following the 12:05 Mass. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. Please register by contacting Ann Hapka at [610.388.1362](tel:610.388.1362) or ann.d.hapka@gmail.com. Learn more on our website: stjosephonthebrandywine.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

TAKING IT HOME

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

SNAP Support Group: A support group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families sponsored by Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) meets in Wilmington on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. For the location, call Judy Miller at 302-234-1519 or email: snapdelaware@yahoo.com. We hope that you will join us for this informal and confidential meeting.

Fair Trade Sale: Our next Fair Trade Coffee/Tea/Chocolate sale is the weekend of March 4/5 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of March 25/26. Fair Trade chocolate is a great way to fill Easter baskets for your loved ones! This will be the last chocolate sale until the Fall. Thanks for supporting struggling farmers around the world.

We have been told that we are the beloved children of God; that we are made in the image and likeness of God. We are God's blessed ones, masters of creation, special to God and special within creation. Deep down, whether we can admit it or not, we have this sense that we are special; that we are unique and gifted human beings. Imprinted within us is the sense that our life is no accident; that we are not simply anonymous human beings who come and go in an instant. We know that we are more. We feel our timelessness and immortality.

We are told these things and we choose to accept them on faith, but unfortunately, our sense of blessedness causes us more heartache than we might imagine. Yes, we are special and we believe it with all hearts, but it is hard to acknowledge this when everything around us tells us something else. As much as we think we are special, we often live in a world where we experience being empty, having no identity and living very ordinary and boring lives. In the end, believing that we are special is hard to consider when we are one among so many. In fact, we are often tempted to see ourselves as small-minded and petty.

But while we are tempted to see ourselves as small-minded and petty, it is not healthy to so easily give in to this temptation. Faith does, indeed, tell us that we are made in God's image and likeness and that our private secret that we are special is in fact the deepest truth about us. The lives we live and the world around us do tire us of believing that we are special, but this is not so unusual, it also happened to Jesus.

In our gospel for this weekend, we have the familiar temptations of Jesus. But these are not just any temptations. This scene in Matthew's gospel follows immediately after Jesus has been baptized and declared the "Beloved Son of God." These words formed Jesus' identity and defined his self image. Knowing that he was blessed enabled him to look out at the world and say: "Blessed are you when you are poor and meek and persecuted." But Jesus struggled with this beloved Son of God image.

And so after Jesus' baptism, the spirit drives him into the desert, where he fasts for forty days and nights. Afterwards he was hungry. However, what scripture is describing is not just physical hunger, but emptiness, an emptiness that made Jesus vulnerable to believing that he was not God's beloved.

We like Jesus are the beloved children of God. This is what our baptism makes us. And so even when our lives seem empty, anonymous and devoid of any special privileges we shouldn't be putting God and our restless hearts to the test and demanding more than our ordinary lives can give us. Deacon John



**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 17: 1 - 9**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Gospel Reflection: In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That’s a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then, there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don’t really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus’ identity and yet they’re confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven’t understood fully who and what Jesus is. During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.

Gospel parallels: The account of the Transfiguration appears in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). The word, synoptic, means “seen together” and these three gospels can be seen together because they have so much material in common. It is now accepted that the gospel of Mark was the first written as so much of it appears in the other two, while the gospels of Matthew and Luke both seem to have also drawn on another source of Jesus material (known as the “Q” source). Despite the parallels, each writer uses the same story to convey the particular message of that gospel. **“Listen to him!”:** God’s voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One, and then goes on to instruct those present—and we, the readers—to “Listen to him!” For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah, but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship, and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation

A new vision: Peter sees the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus’ ministry is taking. Jesus’ new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.

Q. What message did the Transfiguration hold for the three disciples who witnessed it?

Q. What message does the event hold for us today?

Q. Have you ever had the experience of not wanting to “go back down the mountain”?

Q. Why is this reading chosen for use in the season of Lent?

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