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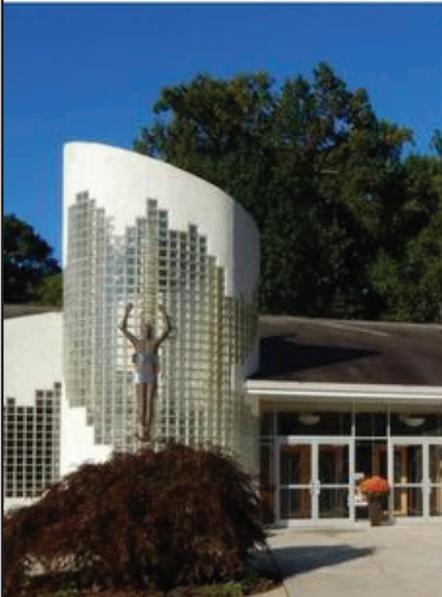
April 23, 2017 2nd Sunday of Easter

A Catholic Christian Community

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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.



Rev. William Graney, Pastor

John Falkowski, Deacon ext. 110
Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music ext. 106
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation ext. 104
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry ext. 107
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns ext. 103
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Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

Pastoral Council

Mike Rzcudlo Executive Officer
Sharon Gidumal Asst. Executive
JoAnn Hedrick Secretary
Maritza Poza-Grise Trustee
Chip Schussler Trustee

Reconciliation

Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sat. 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please contact Deacon John.

Marriage

Contact clergy one year prior.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

For hospital and home visits
contact clergy or the office.

Becoming Catholic

Learn more by contacting
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

**Come join the fun at CFP'S Spring Fling
April 28th from 5:30 to 8:00pm**

Kids, bring your helmets, scooters, bikes, and ride on toy. If you have any outside games, please bring it too. Inside activities and snacks too! Grades Pre-K and up are welcome.

Please RSVP to
Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator
nmaloney@resurrectionde.org
(302) 368-0146 x 104

If you are an adult or teen and would like to help out contact Nancy as well.



INTENTIONS

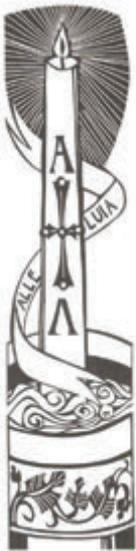
Monday	Apr. 24	8:30 am	+Debbie Barone
Tuesday	Apr. 25	7:00 pm	Parish Community
Wednesday	Apr. 26	8:30 am	+Dee Mudrock
Friday	Apr. 27	8:30 am	+Gary Joseph Repetti
Saturday	Apr. 29	5:30 pm	Margaret Schade
Sunday	Apr. 30	8:15 am	+Hank Wisniewski
		10:30 am	+Lillian Mazzenga



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, 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, Courtney Corridori, Elba Arroyo, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY



Eastertime is the 50 day celebration that flows from the Triduum. It is the Church's most ancient and most beautiful season and yes, the number 50, indicates that it is greater than Lent. During Eastertime the Church reads through the Acts of the Apostles, which is the first reading we hear every Sunday of Easter. The Acts of the Apostles is Luke's sequel to his gospel and is essentially the story of the early Church after the Ascension of Christ. The main characters of Acts are Peter and Paul.

Throughout these 50 days of Eastertime the Paschal Candle, signifying the light of Christ, burns brightly near the ambo instead of near

the font. This is a reminder that through the power of the Holy Spirit, this light of Christ now shines through the people of God. We then are the continuing presence of the light of Christ in the world.

The first eight days of Eastertime are known as the Easter Octave. Octave comes from Latin, meaning eight. The Octave is eight days from Easter Sunday to the Second Sunday of Easter (this Sunday). Each of these eight days is actually a continual celebration of Easter Sunday. Eight symbolizes the new creation. God created the earth in six days and on the seventh God rested. But now through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God has re-created the earth in new way, on this the eighth day. For this reason many ancient baptismal fonts had an octagonal shape, symbolizing new life.

Welcome: Today we welcome Lillyanna Grace and Miguel Christopher to our faith community through the sacrament of baptism at our 10:30 am mass. Lillyanna is the daughter of David and Patricia Murphy and Miguel is the son of Andrew and Angelica Ramage. We welcome them and pledge to support them and their parents in the faith of the Church.

PARISH LIFE

Parish Picnic Committee: We are forming a planning committee for the Parish Picnic. Our first meeting is April 27th at 7:00pm. Please contact Nancy Maloney for more information at (302) 368-0146 x104 or nmaloney@resurrectionde.org.

Centering Prayer Group begins April 27:

Centering Prayer will be held every Thursday in the chapel from 7:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. Our prayer leader will be Ruth Maisonet. The practice of Centering Prayer allows us to open to the presence and action of God not only during the prayer period, but also during the activities of everyday life. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Car Wash during Masses April 29 and 30th

The youth will be washing cars during all Masses the weekend of April 29 and 30th. Park your car in the row closest to the garden. A flyer for your dashboard is in this week's bulletin. Cost: donation. All money raised will go toward the service trip to Boston, MA this summer.



THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM

THE 2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs

and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps bring Christ to those who seek His presence - the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly.

Our parish target is \$64,500. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since 50% of monies collected above our target will be returned for our own ministerial needs.

Please give prayerful consideration to your resources and the needs of those served by the Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to church next week prepared to complete your pledge to offer your support.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal".

The staff will be happy to forward mail for Fr. Greg to his sister's home.

CFP Community Service Project: The CFP children will be assembling Comfort Bags during Spring Fling for foster care children. Please donate your gently used blankets, teddy bears, deck of cards, (new) coloring books, crayons, and toiletries. The green donation totes are in the hallway in front of the youth room. Thank you for your support!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Food Closet: Many thanks for your generosity to the Food Closet. In March groceries were provided given to nine needy families.

St. Andrew's Place: Apr. 30th 5:30PM. Prepare and share a meal with homeless men. This is a part of Friendship House outreach to the homeless. Sign up in the Gathering Space binder or on the parish website under "Volunteer" tab.

Emmanuel Dining Room: May 12th: (9AM-1PM) Join parishioners preparing a serving a lunch for the needy. Sign up in the Gathering Space binder or on the parish website under "Volunteer" tab.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Be a Prayer Partner

Please be a Prayer Partner to our First Holy Communion candidates. Visit the First Holy Communion display outside of the chapel. You can take a child's name from the basket and pray for the child each week as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.



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



Middle School and High School Youth Group:

Sunday April 30, 2017
6:30-8:15 PM

Guest Presenter:
Jane Hanson

VOCATIONS

Today's first reading reminds us that the early Christians "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers." Christians today are called to the same tasks; some live out that calling as religious sisters and brothers, as priests or as deacons. What about you? Might God be calling you to a life of service to the Body of Christ? If you think so, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

TAKING IT HOME

Our gospel this weekend states John's purpose for writing it: "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life." John, you see, clearly believes that our encounter with this written word will bring us into direct contact with Jesus, the resurrected Jesus; the one who is our life and salvation. The Jesus who not only lived, but was also raised up is truly alive in these written words of the gospel. For these words are written in such a way that they pull us into the mystery; not just the mystery of the life of Jesus, but also the mystery of his Spirit. They do this because the words not only speak of the physical presence of Jesus, but also the spiritual dimension that acknowledges the presence of the resurrected Jesus in the life of the community of believers. They are able to open us to this spiritual dimension because this community of believers senses a reality that is deeper than body or mind; a reality that is crucial to our faith.

But we are stubborn. How can we encounter Spirit, especially through words written on paper? If we can't touch something, see something or have proof that something exists, we simply refuse to believe it. We still cling to the physical notion of reality because this is the only reality that makes sense for us. We appreciate ourselves as physical beings. We know what it means when we say we are beside someone or with someone. Physical realities are separate from any other notion of reality and so when we are with or beside someone, especially someone we deeply love, we are constantly fearful of being separated from that someone especially by death; for death ends reality as we know it or so we think.

But we also say that Jesus is the word become flesh and so words, especially words of faith, have the power to make real what they proclaim. And these words can even move us to see something we might otherwise

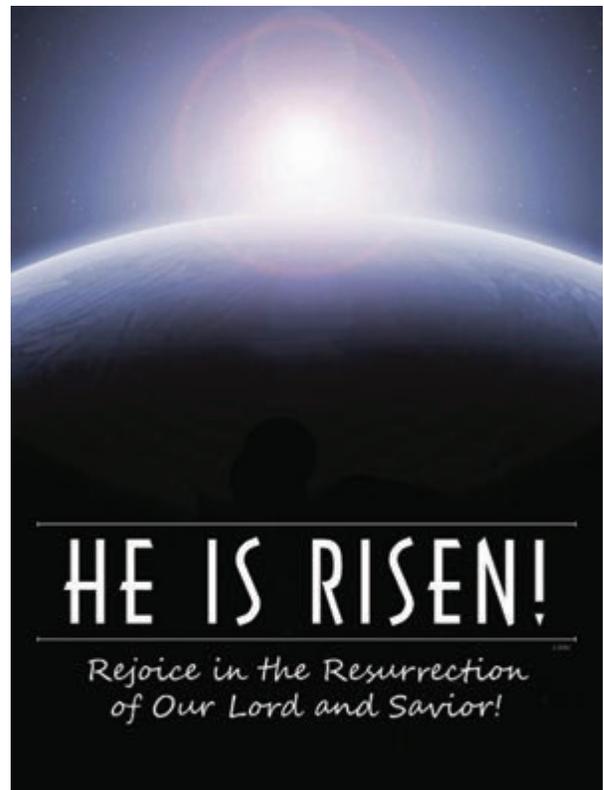
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not see if only we could get beyond the physical notion of reality as the only reality that we know.

And this Spiritual reality is a reality that enables us to see with the eyes of faith; a reality that says that the resurrection is real; Jesus is alive and living among us. Death did not have its sting and sorrow and darkness did not prevail. The spiritual reality, you see, appreciates that we are more than physical reality. Spiritual reality knows and appreciates the sense of indwelling: "I am in the Father, you in me and I in you," for in this reality where there is no death we are forever indwelling with the other.

And yes, we too can encounter and enjoy this same reality of Jesus; the Jesus of faith who lives in the written words of the gospel. We too can "see and believe" that Jesus is the Christ, the one who lives beyond death.

But, we think, in our stubbornness of hearts, how can this be true? Well though we cannot see love, we can see what happens to those who have been loved. We can know it and believe it because we can see it in the fruits of the community of believers who live this reality in their daily lives as they live the spiritual and struggle to act justly, to resist the powers of death, as they share their resources with those in need and as they gather, as we do today, to break the bread and celebrate together this meal that Jesus gave us in his memory.
Deacon John



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOSPEL -- LUKE 24: 13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?"

They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."

And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other,

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

Gospel Reflection: One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognize him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognize the presence of Christ walking the journey with us—in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realize that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit. It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognize him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalizing and frustrating for the two disciples—when they finally realized who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realized didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt:

"Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?" They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognize Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

Living the journey: The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

Hearts on Fire: The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.

Recognizing Jesus: These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognize him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognizing him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognize him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognize Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.

- Q. What does it reveal about Jesus that he allowed the disciples to tell the story of their grief?*
- Q. Why was it necessary for Jesus to refer to Moses and all the prophets in his explanation?*
- Q. What insight does this event reveal about the nature and significance of Eucharist?*
- Q. How does this episode reflect the key elements of the Mass?*

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