

Resurrection Parish

April 30, 2017

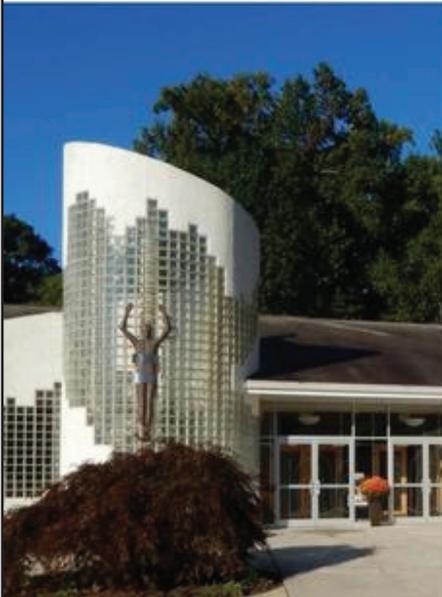
3rd Sunday of Easter

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

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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

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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.

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THEIR EYES WERE
OPENED AND THEY
RECOGNIZED HIM

St. Luke recalls for us in today's Gospel that it was only when Jesus opened their eyes and minds through his explanation of the scriptures and the breaking of the bread that the two disciples on the road to Emmaus came to recognize Him.

As men and women of faith, we are like those disciples, living our lives in the real world, walking along with Jesus who is always there accompanying us, whether we recognize Him or not.

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Our Lord teaches us that at the end of our mortal life, He will call us to be with Him for all eternity. He will do so because of His great love for us and because of our response to do what He has asked: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and attend to the needs of our brothers and sisters not only in our parishes and diocese but throughout the world.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, "*Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him*" invites each of us to open our eyes and recognize Him in those who seek our help. The Appeal offers each of us an opportunity to unite as a Catholic community and to reach out to serve others – the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the unchurched, our children, and the elderly.

This weekend you are invited to participate in the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this year's campaign.

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

INTENTIONS

Monday	May 1	8:30 am	+Dee Mudrock
Tuesday	May 2	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	May 3	8:30 am	+Dee Mudrock
Friday	May 5	8:30 am	
Saturday	May 6	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	May 7	8:15 am	+Hank Wisniewski
		10:30 am	+Nellie Hess



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

ALLELUIA!

Easter is a fifty-day time for us to shout unceasingly our joy-filled ALLELUIAS! It is a time when in the primitive Church fasting and kneeling were forbidden: the Bridegroom is alive and present among us. It surely is a time for uncontained delight and feasting. Let us keep the festival with joy!

Here are a few ideas to help us be an *ALLELUIA PEOPLE* during this Easter Time:

- . Take water from our font, which was blessed at the Easter Vigil, to use at home for blessing of the family table and/or the traditional Easter Time blessing of homes. (See the Keeping the Seasons page on our website.)
- . Establish an “Easter candle” that might be lighted whenever the family prays together during the season.
- . Begin and end every family prayer (grace, prayers before bed, etc.) with a sung or recited “Alleluia.”

Ministry Needs

If you are interested in learning about or helping with any of the following ministries, please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 Ext 106.

Bread Bakers needed to prepare Eucharist bread for Sunday liturgies. It takes approximately two hours to prepare the bread. We use a recipe that includes only wheat and water. We provide specific instructions and a mentor for those new to this ministry. This could be a great “family” ministry.

Mass Sacristans needed at all Masses. The sacristan works in the sacristy 15 minutes before and after the Mass preparing the vessels, bread, and wine to be shared at our “Eucharistic Meal”. Men, women, families are all welcome!

Servers needed: Young people (fourth grade and up), teens and adults assist priest and deacon at Mass and other liturgies. This can be a *great parent/child* ministry! Some of our best servers are teens and young adults. Adults are very welcome.

PARISH LIFE

PARISH PICNIC



You are invited to join us for Resurrection’s Parish Picnic on May 21st at noon. Food and drinks will be provided. The picnic will be held rain or shine.

Can you help set up or cleanup? Can you provide a side dish or dessert? Please contact the Parish office (302) 368-0146 ext. 0 to sign up.

Centering Prayer Group every Thursday

Centering Prayer will be held 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. Cost: donation. All money raised will go toward the service trip to Boston, MA this summer.

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

Shawl Ministry: Come pray, and knit or crochet, with us. The shawls we make will bring comfort to family and friends in need. Join us on Monday, May 8 at 12:30 p.m. in room 2.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A Hot Topic Event Human Trafficking (Exploitation)

Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30pm Masci Hall St. Helena's Parish, 210 Bellefonte Avenue.

Featuring: A/U presentation by Yolanda Schlabach, founder and executive director of Zoe Ministries. Panel: Commissioner Mary McDonough, Delaware Court of Common Pleas, Human Trafficking Court, Commissioner Loretta Young, Delaware Family Court, Nancy McGee, Coordinator, Sexual Assault Network of Delaware, ContactLifeLine, Inc. Johanna Bishop, Director, Behavioral Sciences Program, Wilmington University.

Event is free and open to the public; however, pre-registration is requested. Please email Dorothy Medeiros: dmedeiros@sainthelenas.org

Fair Trade Sale: Our next Fair Trade Coffee/Tea sale is the weekend of May 6/7 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of May 27/28. Thanks for supporting struggling farmers around the world.

Emmanuel Dining Room Ministry: Fabulous April volunteers at the Emmanuel Dining Room were: Deb Buckels, Charlie McGuire, Mike Rzucidlo and Sue and Andre Dagenais. Working together, we prepared a hearty hot meal that served about 170 hungry people. Our shepherd's pie, served with fruit and a slice of cake always seems to be a hit! If you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful ministry, which on the 12th of every month, please sign up on the parish website using " Sign Up Genius " by clicking on the volunteer link or by signing up in the notebook in the Gathering Space. We would also like to thank Cannon's bakery and Bachetti Brothers market for their continued support.

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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:
6:30-8:15 PM

Sunday April 30, 2017
Guest Presenter:
Jane Hanson

Sunday May 7, 2017

Middle School: *Service project presentations-* Parents please join us for this last class of the year.

High School: *Immigration-* come learn some of the terminology around immigration and about the plight of immigrants in our country.

TAKING IT HOME

Memory can be a funny thing. Often times the way we remember things is colored more by the thoughts and feelings we hold for those things remembered than by the actual events remembered. In other words, what we remember is not just past events, but more what those past events mean to us, particularly in this present moment.

PASCHAL SEASON

This sense of memory is important as we reflect on our weekend gospel. In this gospel, two disciples are walking away from Jerusalem after having witnessed the events of Jesus' passion and death and is now rumored to have risen. That they are walking away from Jerusalem should help us understand that their departure is not in good humor. Because their memory of who they thought Jesus was is clouded by their expectations of what they wanted Jesus to be for them, their departure from Jerusalem is one of disappointment.

We know what they remember and what they expected of Jesus because Luke lets us listen in on their discussion. First Luke has Jesus approach them although they fail to recognize Jesus. Perhaps it is their disappointment that causes such failure. Then as they enter into a discussion with Jesus, they tell him what they remember about him. They remember Jesus as a prophet and savior of Israel. This is what they remember because this is what they expected of Jesus. But because he suffered and died, their memories now are of disappointment, which is why they are walking away from Jerusalem.

But what does it mean to be really true to the memory of Jesus? Again Luke has Jesus correctly tell them how he should be remembered. It was necessary that all these things should happen as Jesus explains to them in the scriptures. Finally, after being invited to stay with them, Jesus takes bread, blesses it, gives thanks and gives it to them. With that their eyes are opened and they recognize Jesus.

The person of Jesus is summed up and symbolized by an action, an action he did with his disciples and told them to do with one another in memory of him. It is the Eucharistic action of taking bread, blessing it, breaking it and giving it to others. It is an action that is key to understanding the mystery of Jesus giving of his life on the cross; that Jesus was and is always self-gift to others. For this is what Jesus did by giving of his life in love for us on the cross and this is what we remember each and every time we do what we do in his memory. And this is what those disciples forgot and why they could not correctly remember him.

Deacon John



During the Easter season we remember the life-giving action of Jesus on the cross, the giving of himself in death that we might have life. This action is symbolized in the Eucharist. Eucharist is our share in the life and death of Jesus and is our way of becoming who we are meant to be, Jesus for the life of the world.

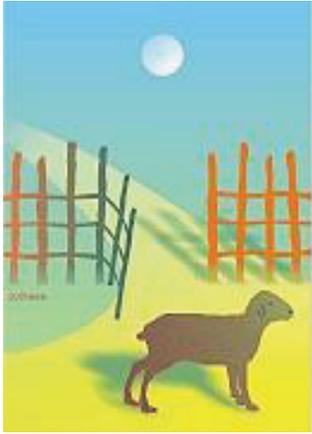
We too remain true to the memory of Jesus by giving of ourselves as Jesus gave of his life, by becoming self-gift for others. But what does it mean to become self-gift? Becoming self-gift recognizes that life, our life, should be lived not for self alone, but in love for others. The love that God has so freely given to us is a love that we are to give to others.

Perhaps you remember a time in your life when someone, like the parents who loved you and showed that love through what they willingly did for you, that is love as self-gift. Perhaps you remember a friend who shared with you the gift of friendship by being willing to be there when you were in need; that is love as self-gift. Perhaps you remember a stranger who showed you an act of kindness when you needed a pick-me-up; that is love as self-gift. Love as self-gift is a love that is given freely. But the thing is it is given freely not just to those who are easy to love, but also to those who are difficult to love; the stranger, the one who is different and even our enemies. We are to do this because this is what Jesus on the cross means; a life poured out to all for the life of the world. And this is why being self-gift can be so hard. But our antidote to this is the celebration of the Eucharist. For whenever we participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, we participate in the memory of Jesus; the action of breaking bread and giving it to others. In Eucharist we become what we eat, the body of Christ and when we do that, we become Jesus for the life of the world. For in Eucharist we participate in the dance of the dying and rising, of letting go of self and giving to others, which is the dance of life and living this life is living in the true memory of Jesus.

Deacon John



Monday May 8th topic: Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz; Jesus Scholars: The Kin-dom of God. June 12th : Harville Hendrix, John Gottman: Couples Therapy and our relationship with God. Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) or call our office for more information, weekly topics or to register.



**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOSPEL -- JOHN 10: 1-10**

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Gospel Reflection

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the three different cycles of the liturgical year, the gospel on this Sunday comes from John, chapter 10—an extended discourse by Jesus on the image of himself as the good shepherd. This year the reading is the beginning of the chapter and stops just immediately before the words, "I am the good shepherd."

Our understanding of this whole image and the scene that is set in today's passage is very dependent upon a contextual understanding of the times. While shepherds were generally regarded as being little better than criminals, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks. Of a night time, several flocks of sheep would be penned in a communal sheepfold, usually made of stone walls. There was only one entrance to the sheepfold and one of the shepherds would effectively become the gate by sleeping across the entranceway. This was to keep the sheep in, but also to guard against thieves. Thieves might climb over the wall into the sheepfold, but the sheep were trained to respond to their shepherd's voice alone so thieves could only steal what sheep they could carry off or those that were not sufficiently trained to their shepherd's commands.

When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but also for all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment.

A line of shepherds: When Jesus used the image of himself as a shepherd, he named himself as belonging to a Jewish ancestry that associated itself with shepherds. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses were all shepherds. David, the second King of Israel, was regarded as the greatest king in Jewish history. His humble beginning, captured magnificently in the sculpture by Michelangelo, was as a shepherd boy guarding his flock with a slingshot. The kings of Israel were charged to "shepherd" their people rather than to lord it over them as the pagan kings did.

Psalm 23: The responsorial psalm for this day is Psalm 23 (sometimes referenced as Psalm 22), "the Lord is my shepherd." It is a very popular psalm and is often reproduced on Christian posters and other artworks. It was also a popular psalm and image at the time of Jesus. For Jesus to describe himself as the good shepherd caused great distress among the Jewish officials. They saw Jesus as being blasphemous for the psalm makes clear that *the Lord* is the shepherd. Jesus quite deliberately makes clear that he and the Father are one: the Lord is the shepherd and Jesus is the good shepherd.

Life to the Full: John 10:10 is a very famous quote from this gospel passage. Having life to the full does not imply life filled with every convenience, comfort, and wealth. Rather, it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life—a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived.

- Q. Why might Jesus have used these images of himself as the gate and as the shepherd?*
Q. Why might the Jews have been attracted to an image of God as shepherd?
Q. How can the concept of "life to the full" be misunderstood or misused?
Q. In what ways is the invitation to have life to the full also a challenge?

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