

Resurrection Parish January 14, 2018 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

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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.

"Your Struggle is Mine" An Ecumenical Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
2800 Duncan Road
Wilmington DE 19808
302-633-4900

We will join fellow Christians who are members of twenty-five different churches in the West Side of Wilmington and in our Prices Corner and Millcreek areas. Because this is the Red Clay School District, we will pray especially for its teachers, students and officials; and our local vocational schools, Howard and Delcastle. This was a very successful event last year when held at St. Catherine Parish. A number of Resurrection parishioners attended.

The focus of our service will be the role of the parent, and the role of the mentor who guides a young person especially when a parent is absent.

Our faith requires us to work for a just and peaceful society. Nowhere is closer to us and demands our response more than our local public schools. Here daily the character of children is being formed and challenged and tested. No other agent except church and family has as much influence on our future as a people. Come, take part in our prayer, and learn what we can do together.

Father John Hynes and Father Bill Graney

INTENTIONS

Monday	January 15	8:30am	
Tuesday	January 16	7:00pm	
Wednesday	January 17	8:30 am	
Friday	January 19	8:30 am	+Louis McCloskey
Saturday	January 20	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	January 21	8:15 am	Michael Warner
		10:30am	+Davis Buckels



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** JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Joel Rivera, Kevin Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera, David Heckman, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Burt & Carol Strasser, Ed Baum, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention—January 2018
Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Baptism and Ordinary Time: Because Epiphany was later this year, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord took place on the Monday after Epiphany (January 8), a day when most don't go to Mass. So we may have missed an important reminder: Baptism is the "foundation" for Ordinary Time: Jesus' baptism was the source for his ministry, and so it is for all Christians. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord serves to bridge the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany festal seasons and Ordinary Time. What characterizes Ordinary Time is a sequential reading from one of the synoptic gospels. (This is Year B when we read from Mark's gospel.) During these next few Sundays and again during the Sundays in Ordinary Time to come after we've celebrated Lent-Triduum-

Easter, we are reminded that we are baptized into Christ, share in His death and resurrection, and take up His mission to bring salvation to all people.

Thank you to all who offered their time and talent to make the liturgies of Christmas Time so welcoming and filled with joy! From those who hauled and climbed ladders to place banners; to those who moved chairs, set up the crèche, set up and prepared the Christmas trees and other plants; to those who proclaimed the Word in spoken or sung voice; to greeters who were the first face of Christ people encountered as they arrived in our building; to ushers who helped everyone be comfortable in our parish home; to those who served at the altar; to those who made sure we had bread and wine, cups and bowls, to those who helped distribute communion, please know that in your time of preparing, serving and celebrating Christmas liturgies, you have offered a very special a blessing to others. May God-With-Us continue to bless each of you with abundant love and joy and peace.

Ruth

PARISH LIFE

FREE BOOK: The parish was pleased to provide each family with a copy of Matthew Kelly's **Perfectly Yourself** this Christmas. This book is a very helpful guide to living our personal calling amidst the cacophony of modern culture. It is a trustworthy aid for those of us seeking to integrate our deepest beliefs into every aspect of our daily lives. It is highly readable, engaging, and gently challenging. If you did not receive a copy, please pick one up in the Gathering Space or parish office. Happy reading!

Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in the Capriotti's fundraiser in December. With your generous support we raised \$139.64!

Save the Date!



The Annual Winter Arts Festival and silent auction will be held Saturday Feb 24, 2018 in the gathering space. Plan ahead for how you can participate or help in making this a success. Thank you.

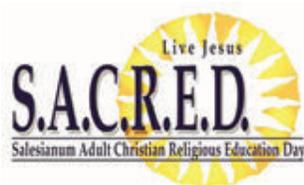
St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus for people of all ages, weather permitting, for the *March for Life* held on Friday, January 19th. Please contact Theresa Collurafici at 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or 302-322-2929 to sign up.

Second Collection choices January 20/21

Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity. The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church. In addition to alumni who hail from this diocese, Catholic University claims one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious as alumni. You can learn more at: collection.cua.edu.

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Snow Days: For daily Mass, the parish is closed if Red Clay School District is closed or delayed for snow storms. Weekend Masses are canceled via a post on the parish website, Facebook, and possibly a WDEL SnoWatch listing. Please use your discretion when the roads are snow or icy.



Saturday February 24, 2018, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Salesianum High School.

Don't miss out on this fun filled an informative way to celebrate Our Catholic Faith and to enter the season of Lent. This is a day of spiritual renewal which also includes a light breakfast, and a hot catered lunch. Please go to <http://sacred.salesianum.org> to sign up before January 31st during our \$40 early registration phase. After January 31st the cost will be \$45.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

ZINGO tapes for the past six months totaled \$55,286.18 and ZINGO will send a check for \$552.86 that Resurrection will use to purchase food items for the food closet. The total amount that ZINGO donated during 2017 was \$1305.94 and we thank them for having this program. Thanks to all who save their cash register tapes and deposit them in the box on the table near the classrooms.

It is becoming such a trite expression, that perhaps it means nothing. "Make America great again." It begs the question of what makes a nation great. Is it power and money? Or is it something else? As a believer in Jesus and His message, I tend to lean toward a nation that is welcoming to all, supportive of all, inclusive, and so much more. We can make America great again, but we need to figure out what is important and work hard to that end. Paz y bien, Sandy

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome! K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 1/21, and 1/28 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 Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group
We will gather again on
January 21, 2018 6:30-8:15 PM.

Middle and High School Mini Retreat
Saturday February 3, 2018, 9 am to 2 pm

Confirmation Class January 28 at Noon

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

We offer a variety of spiritually enriching programs for adults. Our chapel is open all day, every day. 2501 Milltown Road (302) 995-6859, jesushousecenter.org

TAKING IT HOME

In the end whether we know it or not, all of our struggles are about one thing, finding our way back home again. What we all want at the end of the day is home, rest, someone to be comfortable with, someplace to be comfortable in, at home, at eternal rest. But this is not easy, especially for young people many of whom have just left home and are unsure of where and with whom they will again find home. The energies of our youth drive us out, and in that restlessness we search in many places for that home we have lost and are trying again to find.

But it is getting increasingly harder to find home. We live in a world today where growing up is no longer identified with becoming an elder, a parent or a grandparent. We live in a time when there are many pressures that want to keep us forever young, forever free and forever the adolescent in a way that prevents many of us from fully growing up. It is the mature adult who carries us. This is the one who takes responsibility to make our families, communities, neighborhoods, churches and government work.

But the mature person today has no solid place on which to stand. And when one is not on solid ground, it's hard to live this way and to find a place to find home. Instead of popular culture we need law, tradition, authority, boundaries and morality to put us on solid ground. They help us live within our limits and avoid living in the midst of a culture that is unreal. We need things like community, family or marriage to put us on solid ground.

And so even though we are driven in many directions in search of a place to find home, we eventually find our way to that place. This typically happens when marriage and the eventuality of children force us to face the questions of import; what is the meaning of my life and what is the purpose of my existence? And thus begins the struggle to get our lives together.

If this sounds like a familiar journey of your own life, you are not alone. It's not just the young who struggle with finding solid ground on which to stand, all of us in some way are in the same boat. We are all at one time or another looking for a home to return to, for ground on which to stand. It is part of a universal quest. It is part of our nature to seek after our desires to search for meaning or to seek to discover our purpose for being.

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This is the universal quest because implanted in us at creation is the desire to be at home and in right relationship with the God who made us. And ever since that creation we have been struggling to get back home without our realizing it. We forget that it is God who first loved us and who gives us a reason to live so we wind up searching after so many other things instead of seeking that one thing that will truly take us home, God and God's love.

It is important to recognize this universal quest because it is so much a part of our lives. Even the gospel this weekend recalls this quest. In the gospel two prospective disciples are looking for something. They first approach John the Baptist wondering if he might be the one they are seeking. But instead he tells them that the "Lamb of God" is over there. Curious, they walk toward Jesus, who notices them and asks them the question, "what are you looking for?" And then in an exchange, the disciples ask Jesus, "where do you stay?" to which Jesus replies, "Come and see."

Staying in John's gospel means abiding and abiding with Jesus is what Jesus wants. Later in John's gospel we will learn that like a vine to a branch, those who abide in Jesus will bear much fruit. The disciples were really asking a much more complex question. Is Jesus the one who will fulfill their hopes and desires and, if so, should we risk getting involved with you and your life? Jesus in turn gives them the invitation to "come and see;" to come and see if he will fulfill their longings; to come and see if they want to risk a personal relationship with the God who loves them and wants them to come home. If this is truly what they want, then Jesus is offering them a chance to abide with him and to find what they seek. Jesus' offer is a share in his life and sharing in the life of Jesus is participation in the life of God, for "whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with Jesus." Deacon John





3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL – MARK 1: 14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them.

So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Gospel Reflection: This Gospel passage shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst, and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be his “entourage”? A few fishermen, some friends of friends, and even a tax collector—one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah, but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith—the scribes and Pharisees—it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people—those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.

The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed—much like today. The impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

The Gospel in a hurry: One of the features of this gospel passage is the immediate response that Jesus inspires from the fishermen as they give up all that they previously knew to follow him. We will see throughout this year that this is characteristic of the Gospel of Mark. Mark’s gospel is sometimes referred to as the gospel in a hurry as the writer uses a lot of language that implies haste—“straight away;” “immediately;” “that day;” “at once.” Such language is used to describe the movement of Jesus around Galilee, but it is also used to describe the powerful reactions people have to him.

Have you thought? Year B: The new liturgical year began with Advent, but this reading is the first time that we enter into the cycle of the gospel for this liturgical year, the Gospel of Mark. Each of the three synoptic gospels is associated with one year in a three-year cycle: Matthew in Year A; Mark in Year B; and Luke in Year C. In this liturgical Year B, we will move through the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end, usually during Ordinary Time.

The Good News is here: This gospel passage marks the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. Mark has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: “The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.” That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognize it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

- Q. What significance can we attach to Jesus’ choice of fishermen as his first disciples?*
- Q. How has the symbolism of the fisherman been carried on in the church?*
- Q. What would be your equivalent of being called to abandon fishing to follow Jesus?*
- Q. What signs exist that the kingdom really is “close at hand”?*

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