

Resurrection Parish February 11, 2018 6th 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.



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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.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

BEST LENT EVER

Remember you are dust
and to dust you shall return.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018

8:30 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word

5:00 p.m. Souper Supper

7:15 p.m. Mass

Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the-best-version-of-ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter.

This year, you can change that with BEST LENT EVER. You'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your journey. All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent.

This year's BEST LENT EVER program is based on the newly revised edition of *Perfectly Yourself* by Matthew Kelly. This book was a parish Christmas gift to you.

INTENTIONS

Monday	February 12	8:30am	Evelyn LeJeune
Tuesday	February 13	7:00pm	
Wednesday	February 14	8:30 am	
		Noon	Liturgy of the Word
		7:15 pm	
Friday	February 16	8:30 am	
Saturday	February 17	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	February 18	8:15 am	Deceased members of the Ferielli Family
		10:30am	+Joseph Bruce Brunozzi



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, Kevin Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Courtney Corridori, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Burt & Carol Strasser, Ed Baum, Evelyn LeJeune, Kat Edwards, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-February 2018
Say "No" to Corruption: *That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.*

Lent



Environment Preparation for Lent! Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 this year. That's only a few weeks from now. We invite you to join in preparing our Worship Space for the celebrations of Lent on **Sunday, February 11 beginning at 11:30 am.**



Choose JOY for LENT!
 Our parish is participating in *Living the Eucharist!* This **Lenten spiritual renewal** program provides us with opportunities to

grow in our faith through learning more about the Eucharist, participating more actively in Sunday Mass, and Living the Eucharist each day as disciples of Jesus. This small faith sharing group will meet on Thursday evenings from February 15 through March 22, 7-8:30 pm. **Please consider joining!** We encourage you to give it a try, even if you can't be present for all the gatherings. To join in, please contact Cory Zolandz, czolandz@gmail.com, or Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org.

Especially during **cold and flu season**, remember to **pray for those who are sick**, for their caregivers, for those who have died because of sickness, and for those who suffer with no one to care for them. **At Mass if you think you're not well, you may want to refrain from shaking or holding hands and receiving communion from the cup.** Others will understand and appreciate your concern for them!

PARISH LIFE



ANNUAL ASH WEDNESDAY SOUPER SUPPER

February 14, 2017: 5-7PM

Soup, salad, bread and beverages for only \$4 for children, \$6 for adults. Four or more family price of only \$20. Tickets will be on sale the weekend of Feb 10 and 11 after all Masses and will be available at the door.

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.



The Annual Winter Arts Festival and silent auction will be held Saturday Feb 24, 2018 in the gathering space. Read the bulletin insert or visit the table in the

Gathering Space to learn more about the fun evening.

Women's Retreat

Resurrection Parish Friday, March 2, from 6-8:30 p.m. and/or Saturday, March 3, from 8:30 a.m. till 3 p.m.

The Women's Retreat is a time of prayer and reflection on hope and healing in an imperfect world through the witness and personal testimonies of women who have experienced the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and were led to a deeper awareness of God's mercy and grace, leaving darkness behind and choosing the Light of the Love of God.

Our Women's Retreat will focus on the sacrament of reconciliation through scripture, prayer, discussion, reflection, and music. The retreat will conclude with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by Mass.

This event will take place at Resurrection Parish. To sign up, please complete this form <https://form.jotform.com/73065626368160>. Any questions, please call Mrs. Ballintyn at (302) 994-7757. Space is limited to 50. Registration must be received by, Wednesday, February 21, 2018. There is no cost for attending the retreat. Thank you. <https://sjbde.org/womens-retreat>

Men's Retreat

Resurrection Parish Saturday, March 17, 2018, from 8 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.

Cornerstone is a retreat held for men 18 and older. It allows men to become more actively involved in their spiritual development by examining and perhaps sharing their own stories, reflecting upon others' stories, forming meaningful relationships, and building community with God.

The goal of Cornerstone is for each retreatant to develop a stronger connection to God so that he may live the life that God wants him to live. Cornerstone has been very meaningful in the lives of a great number of men in the Catholic Church.

Our focus for this retreat will be "*The Challenges of Being a Christian Father*." The retreat will be held at <https://sjbde.org/mens-retreat>. Please sign up using this form <https://goo.gl/forms/aLTcLnvKJe9OfPu03>. Space is limited to 50. Any questions, please call the St. John Beloved Parish Office at (302) 999-0211. Registrations must be received by Thursday, March 1, 2018. There is no cost for attending the retreat. Thank you.

<https://sjbde.org/mens-retreat>

Paschal Season

Wednesday of this week we begin our annual Paschal Season. We begin with **Ash Wednesday**. On this day we mark ourselves with ashes as a sign that we are but humble servants, who have come from the dust of the earth and to the dust of the earth we shall return. We are mere human beings acknowledging our sinfulness. But through the sign of the cross, which marks our foreheads, we acknowledge our willingness to become more than our sin.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. So we immediately begin our discipline of Lenten fasting. Fasting as one of the disciplines of Lent calls to not only fast from food, but to also fast from those things that distract us from whatever God is calling us to during this time of conversion. Fasting is a way of purifying our bodies and our minds so that we might be more open to hearing, receiving and acting on God's word.

Charitable Donation Receipts

Receipts are printed only if requested by a parishioner. If you require a receipt, please contact Debbie in the parish office at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 or office@resurrectionde.org. There is also a request form in the Gathering Space by the welcome table and on the parish website under the welcome tab. <http://resurrectionde.org/charitable-donation-receipt> Thank you kindly for your contributions to support Resurrection Parish and its ministries.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



During Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter our neighbor, as companions on the journey, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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

Visit crsricebowl.org/stories to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

Oldies Night Dance - Fundraiser for Neighbors To Nicaragua: Friday March 2 - 7pm -11pm, Wilmington Elks Lodge#307, 1310 Carruthers Lane, Cost - \$35/person (includes beverages, tomato pie, sandwiches and wraps).

The mission of Neighbors To Nicaragua is to identify and alleviate problems resulting from severe poverty in Granda, Managua and Ometepe. . To donate or obtain additional information visit neighborstonicaragua.com

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School
Youth Group
March 4 & 18 2018
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome! K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 2/11, and 2/25 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

First Holy Communion Class

Wednesday, February 21st at 5:45-7:00pm

VOCATIONS

In today's first reading, the healing ministry of the priest is revealed in the Old Testament. In the New Covenant, priests heal in a variety of ways, most notably through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. Is God calling you to serve His Church as a priest? Please speak with your pastor or call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdo.org/vocations/

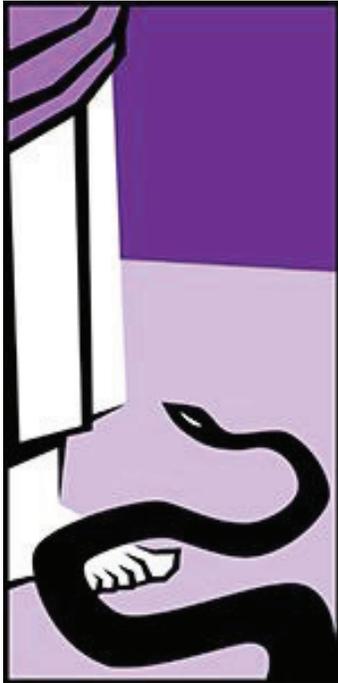
TAKING IT HOME

Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch and so for the sake of the community, the law made lepers outcasts. But even without the law, no one wanted to touch lepers. Lepers then were pretty much left isolated and alone.

Of course those who have had similar experiences of being like lepers, left isolated and alone, can feel for them and share their pain. To be banished, rejected and left out is never a good feeling. We all want to belong and be accepted. But how do we of necessity handle similar situations today, like for instance the Ebola crisis a few years ago? Dealing with leprosy created a health scare and meant excruciating isolation for the leper. Dealing with Ebola also created a health scare and for the most part our modern reaction was similar; banish them. But is there another way? In the gospel Jesus shows us another way to react. In Jesus' day a leper was considered unclean and any contact anyone had with a leper also made that person unclean. This meant that the person who made contact also risked being banished. But instead Jesus opens to the leper's request, reaches out and cures the leper. Jesus ignores the law, recognizes the leper's condition and offers compassion in the form of care, concern and healing. The compassion Jesus showed was a way for Jesus to recognize the leper as a human person who was suffering and in need of acceptance. The offer of Jesus to cure the leper was not only an opportunity for healing; it was also an opportunity to restore the leper to right relationship; right relationship with the community and right relationship with the rest of the world. By doing this, Jesus not only healed the leper of his physical disease, he also restored him to new life.

The point is that, like Jesus, we need to find an alternative. We need to remember compassion. Jesus showed compassion to the leper because the leper was still a human being who was worthy of respect and dignity. Jesus showed compassion because compassion is a mode of relationship, a relationship that says we are connected; that your hurt is my hurt. Compassion says that we are moved and wounded by the suffering of others and that we will do whatever we can to comfort, heal and empower those in need of our help because we are all sisters and brothers. And so we do not recoil, like Jesus, we reach out.

What does a compassionate Jesus then say to us who sometimes fail to recognize that the diseased, the marginalized and the broken are also part of the larger fabric of our world; that such persons are worthy of respect and dignity instead of abandonment? As compassionate representatives of Jesus' presence in the world it means that we too must resist efforts that dehumanize those who suffer. It means that we too need to act with love toward our sisters and brothers who feel left out, isolated and forgotten, realizing that they are our sisters and brothers. Deacon John



**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
GOSPEL – MARK 1: 12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. 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.”

Gospel Reflection: The First Reading, from Genesis, and the Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent need to be looked at together (<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>). In the Genesis reading, God has just wiped clean the earth and is ready to re-establish the relationship with humanity through Noah and his family. In this short gospel passage, Jesus enters the wilderness as a time of preparation and renewal, ready to embark on his mission of re-establishing the relationship between God and humanity. In both readings there is a sense of a fresh start—a clean slate—for humankind. It is a clear indication of God’s commitment to humanity, even when we have totally distanced ourselves from God and forgotten about keeping up our part of the relationship, God is willing to make a clean start of it all again. Both readings offer a reminder of God’s constant desire for us to be in right relationship with God and with the world. The presence of Jesus in the world was as clear a signal as the rainbow in the sky that God was willing to give us another go—give us a chance to again see God with new eyes and new understanding.

In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it’s time to repent and believe. It’s a call to open your eyes and get with the program!

Temptation? When we adopt a view of Jesus as the Son of God, it is hard to imagine him even facing temptation, let alone the possibility of him giving in to it. However, when we see Jesus as also being fully human, we realize that he was just as likely to face temptation as we are. But what might have tempted Jesus? Was he tempted to simply go back to his life in Joseph’s carpentry business and not respond to God’s call? Was he tempted to display his power in flashy demonstrations for all to see? Was he tempted to despair at what lay ahead of him?

Change of heart: Jesus’ proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God’s transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural—to go “against the flow” of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an “easy option” that we are called to live. Jesus’ call to “repent and believe” is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.

The Wilderness: The Jordan Valley was a relatively fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel too great a distance to find himself in very arid, desert-like wilderness. Crossing the River Jordan and climbing out of the Jordan Valley to the east, Jesus would have emerged onto the northern part of the Transjordan Plateau and the edge of the Syrian Desert. The area was not only geographically rough, but it was also full of bandits and rebels. It was a dangerous place to be. However, the desert wilderness holds great significance in the Bible as a place of preparation for a new stage of life or a new relationship with God.

Q. What does the image of the wilderness mean to you? Q. When have you felt that you were in a desert period of your life? Q. How do you prepare yourself for something that you know is going to be challenging? Q. In what areas of your life do you need to see someone or something with “new eyes”?

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