

# Resurrection Parish

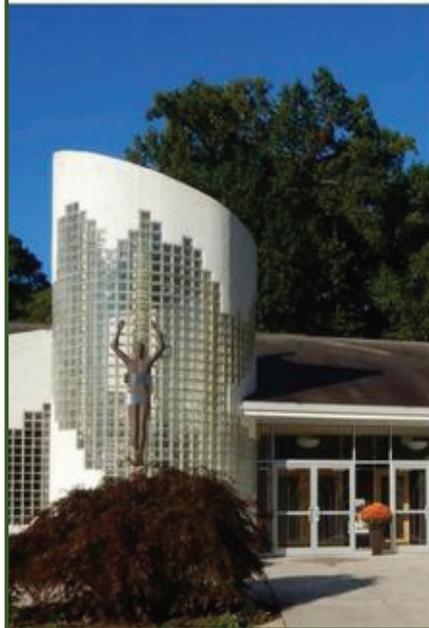
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March 4,  
2018  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
in Lent

## 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  
Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon  
Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music  
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation  
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry  
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns  
Tina Donald, Bookkeeper  
Debbie Seymour, Admin. Asst.  
Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

## Pastoral Council

Al Mercatante	Executive Officer
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Dick Schwer	Trustee

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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**

### New Parish Model

On Feb 26, the Resurrection New Parish Model team had an hour-long meeting with Bishop Francis Malooly and Msgr. Steve Hurley, Vicar General of the Diocese of Wilmington. We discussed our findings, the active engagement and support from the parish community, and our advocacy to work with the Diocese to implement the Parish Life Coordinator model when Fr. Graney retires.

Bishop Malooly shared insights from his experience with this model in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and emphasized how critical it is to get these Diocesan appointments right: selecting the right Parish Life Coordinator with church experience and strong theological background, and rightly choosing the sacramental priests and priest moderator. The Bishop stated that the Diocese has many moving parts, even implying a possibility that Resurrection

would again be appointed a pastor. Stressing that establishing a PLC parish is a step not just for Resurrection, but for the Diocese, he must consider all these factors to discern the path. As a step in this direction, Msgr. Hurley requested that we develop a job description for a Parish Life Coordinator for the diocese. Bishop Malooly was impressed with and appreciative of the work of all our Pastoral Council teams to strengthen and ready our parish for change. In his view, should the Diocese move forward with the Parish Life Coordinator model, Resurrection would certainly be the right community and ready to move forward.

Thank you for your interest, engagement and sustained prayers. We will continue to update as we learn more.

Rich Mayes, Al Mercatante, Maritza Poza-Grise, Mike Reis, Dick Schwer

## INTENTIONS

Monday	March 5	8:30am	Parish community
Tuesday	March 6	7:00pm	
Wednesday	March 7	8:30 am	
Friday	March 9	8:30 am	
Saturday	March 10	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	March 11	8:15 am	+Marie Sherley
		10:30am	+Richard J. Scukas



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, Evelyn LeJeune, Kat Edwards, Rachel Rose Boucher, Megan Morton Lawless, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-March 2018**

#### ***Formation in Spiritual Discernment***

*That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.*

**THE SCRUTINIES** are major rituals of the Christian Initiation process. They are celebrated by the Elect (those preparing for baptism) on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent. They are rituals of healing and strengthening. They are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak or sinful and then to strengthen all that is upright and good in the Elect. They are not so much about forgiveness as about freedom; freeing the Elect from all that holds them back from surrendering to God's love.

In the Scrutinies Cassandra prepares for her baptism. She acknowledges that she is willing to turn from sin to the goodness of God's mercy and love; to be willing to enter the waters of baptism, where she will die to this old way of life and rise to her new life with God. Because the Scrutinies fit perfectly with the Cycle A

readings of the Woman at the Well, The Man Born Blind and the Lazarus story, these are the readings we will use.

The message of the Scrutinies is this: that we as well the Elect, are a community involved in a common struggle with the powers of darkness and sin, but through the community's prayer, we ask the help of the Spirit to bring about our healing and transformation. We stand together as one with Cassandra healed of our weakness and strengthened in all that is good.

# Lent



## Prayer Opportunities

### **Friday March 9, 7:00 pm**

Stations of the Cross by Resurrection Youth

### **Friday March 16, 7:00 pm**

A Light for My Path:

Praying the Psalms on the Way of the Cross

### **Monday March 19, 7:00 pm**

Taize Prayer and Reconciliation

at Immaculate Conception Parish, Elkton

### **TRIDUUM MUSIC REHEARSALS**

Each year we invite all teens and adults interested in participating in our music ministry to join the choir for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Our Women's Choir sings on Holy Thursday, Men's Choir on Good Friday and the women and men combine for the Easter Vigil. **Is this your year to give it a try? We hope so.** The rehearsal schedules are noted below. It would be a kindness to let Ruth Sanders ([rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org)) know you intend to participate so that we can have music ready for you.

#### **Holy Thursday Women's Choir**

Monday March 12, 7-9 pm

Sunday March 18, noon to 2 pm

Monday March 26, 7-9 pm

#### **Good Friday Men's Choir**

TBD

#### **Easter Vigil Combined Women's/Men's Choirs**

Wednesday March 14, 7-9 pm

Thursday March 22, 7-9 pm

Saturday March 31, 1-3:30 pm

## **PARISH LIFE**

**Community Garden:** Parishioners who have not been part of the community garden, but are interested in a plot this year. Contact Mark Oliver [suzmarko@verizon.net](mailto:suzmarko@verizon.net) or 302-737-1660 to get on a waiting list.

**You are all welcome to attend your next Pastoral Council Meeting** to be held on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4. The agenda will include an update on the progress of Teams to Improve Pastoral Council; to Improve Parish Communications; to Develop a New Parish Model; to Attract New Parishioners; and to Grow and Promote Ministries. Also on the agenda is a report from Resurrection's Christian Formation Program (CFP) Committee.

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, on Catholic Forum, Deacon Fran Huhn will discuss the Faith and Light faith sharing group for persons with intellectual disabilities and their family and friends.**

*Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at [cdow.org/communications](http://cdow.org/communications).*

**Answer Bishop Malooly's Invitation to Walk His Way.** Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the ninth annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 24, 2018. To register, please contact Elaine Little. For more information, visit [www.cdowcym.org](http://www.cdowcym.org). Registration deadline is March 15.

**JOIN THE FUN!** Please come to the Parish Picnic Planning Meeting on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at noon in Room 4. More details to follow about the Parish Picnic...



### **Support Vacation Bible School**

*Join us for a Friendly's Fundraiser on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the Lantana Square Friendly's. Ten percent of all dine in and carry out purchases during this time will benefit the Ebenezer United Methodist's and Resurrection Parish's VBS 2018. So that we get credit for your purchase, please show your server a flyer. Grab a flyer from the table when you grab a Dialog. Thank you for your support of the Education committee and VBS!*

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**The Youth going to Brooklyn and their parents thank you for your support:**

Thank you to all those who prepared soup or attended our Souper Supper on February 14.

Thank you also to all those who supported the Winter Arts Festival on February 24. This includes auction item donors, dessert preparers, auction bidders, art sellers, performers, sound system experts, raffle ticket buyers, and those who came to enjoy an evening with us. Both of the events were a success thanks to your incredible generosity.

### **Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center**

**Thursday, March 22, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection: Three Forms of Prayer That Can Change My Life with Fr Nicholas Amato.** We will look at the 3 forms of prayer, consider the style, purpose, and goal of each, and see what might be lacking in yours. 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Please visit our website ([jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)) or call our office for more information or to register.

**Charitable Donation Receipts:** Receipts are printed if requested by a parishioner. Please add your name to the request form in the Gathering Space by the welcome table or on the parish website under the welcome tab. Contact Debbie at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 or [office@resurrectionde.org](mailto:office@resurrectionde.org). Thank you.

**This weekend, our parish takes up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC).** Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**This Sunday March 11th at 2am we set our clocks forward one hour to start Daylight Saving Time.**

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Family Promise** - Thanks for another successful hosting week supporting homeless families from Family Promise! A special shout out to Oscar's Famous Pizzeria on New Linden Hill Road who once again provided the pizza free of charge on Saturday night.

## **Our next Fair Trade sale is the weekend of March 3/4 and the following weekend.**

Delivery will be the weekend of March 24/25. This is the last opportunity to order Fair Trade Chocolate till November ... an Easter basket filled with Fair Trade chocolate, coffee and tea supports small farmers around the world.

### **CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY**



Middle and High School  
Youth Group

March 4 : preparing Stations of  
the Cross 6:30 to 8:15 p.m

March 9 is Youth led Stations of the Cross , meet  
at 6 p.m.

March 18: Join us for a Seder Meal – families  
invited. 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.

### **ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION**



**Welcome! K-5 Christian  
Formation Program (CFP) will  
meet on 3/4, 3/11, and 3/18 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](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org)

#### **First Holy Communion Classes**

Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:45-7:00pm

Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:45-7:00pm

#### **Please Donate to the Friendship House**

As CFP prepares to pray the Stations of the Cross on  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, our family is meditating on Station 10- Jesus  
is stripped of his clothes. With this in mind, we decided  
to help the homeless of Delaware by providing for them  
some clothing. We would like to invite you to bring a  
**new package of men's socks** that will be donated to  
Friendship House, an organization that helps alleviate  
the hardships of homelessness here in Wilmington,  
Delaware. Collection bins will be in the Gathering Space  
for the next few weekends. Thank you and God bless! –  
The Zolandz Family

### **TAKING IT HOME**

At the outset the very nature of God is love. God had no  
need to create, yet God created man and woman and all  
things of this earth in order that God would have  
someone to love. In fact some might say that God has an  
incessant craving for loving, for being intimately related  
to what God created. We know this because God gave us  
of the Son, who as one like us showed us the face of God.  
Jesus came so that not only would we know the face of  
God, but that God would feel how we feel, would know  
love like we love and would want what we want, to be  
loved in kind.

This sort of incessant or reckless love between  
God and humanity is on evident display this day in the  
gospel, known as the story of the woman at the well.

The woman at the well is indeed a seeker.  
Within her heart is an unquenchable longing, even a  
desiring to find love, joy, meaning and purpose for her  
existence. This is really what her life is all about. But  
unfortunately, her attempts to seek after and to fill her  
desire are met with frustration. They are met with  
frustration because she is unaware of what her true desire  
is. Still she comes to the well at noon, an odd time to  
draw water if that was her only purpose. We know that  
she was likely looking for something more; the meaning  
of the five husbands.

Just like the woman, we could also say that Jesus  
was desperately looking for someone to love. Jesus  
crosses foreign territory, Samaria. He too comes to the  
well at noon supposedly for a drink, but also for  
something more. He sends his disciples away and then  
does something unthinkable for a lone Jewish man; he  
speaks to the Samaritan woman, asking her to give him  
a drink, as if that is all he wanted. Jesus' reckless  
behavior was unexpected. He is a stranger walking into  
foreign territory, speaking with a woman alone. The  
woman senses too that this stranger is after something  
more. Her heart races, a light goes off and a dramatic,  
life-changing event takes place.

Because Jesus loved with such a reckless love,  
the woman's heart was open to receiving the life-giving  
water that Jesus offered her. She accepts the living water  
and her life is never the same. As a way of showing this  
change, the woman is so filled with joy at her fullness  
that she goes and tells others of her experience. She not  
only turned toward Jesus as the one who filled her desire,  
but she now turns into a disciple who tells others so that  
they could experience her joy as well. The gift of  
discipleship is a gift that must be given away if it is truly  
to be a gift just as the reckless love of Jesus is a love that  
is meant to be given away. The woman can now move  
on with joy knowing in heart that her course of turning  
her heart has come full circle. Deacon John



## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT—GOSPEL JOHN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam”—which means Sent—.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.”

He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”

So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?”

He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

*When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.*

**Gospel Reflection:** This gospel reading is the second in a series of three quite lengthy readings from the gospel of John that are a feature of the Lenten season in Year A of the liturgical cycle. These readings are used each year that a parish has elect preparing for sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. (See the article on the Scrutinies on page 2.) The three readings address three significant themes and images: water; light; and new life. Although today’s passage is about the healing of a blind man, the event takes place as part of a longer section of the gospel dealing with the image of light and specifically the image of Jesus as Light of the World.

The question asked by the disciples at the opening of this event is an interesting one. They ask, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?” In Jewish culture at the time, any physical affliction was deemed to be punishment from God for sinful behavior. As the man had been born blind, the suspicion falls on his parents as having committed such a terrible offence against God that their son is born blind. Jesus immediately rejects this interpretation of the man’s affliction. Physical and mental illnesses or disabilities are in no way punishment from God.

Although the man’s physical sight is restored by Jesus simply enough, his journey from darkness into light is a more complicated affair. He faces disbelief, ridicule, and even abuse from the Jewish authorities as they try to discredit Jesus and diminish the impact of the miracle. In fact, their treatment of the man is what drives him along the road from recipient of an act of mercy to a confirmed believer. Furthermore, the Jewish authorities, despite their physical capacity for sight, are shown to be the ones who are truly blind and trapped in darkness because they deny the light that is before their very eyes.

**Light of the World:** The events of this gospel passage occur within an extended passage of the gospel of John in which Jesus attends Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles (Jn 7:1 following). A feature of the feast was the illumination of the Temple. Pilgrims would cover the Temple with lights and torches so that it shone out over the entire city. It was during this feast that Jesus declared himself to be the Light of the World and, a few verses later, healed the blind man and brought light into his world.

**Living the Gospel – Lenten Light**  
The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

- Q. How does the pattern of this story differ from most of the healing stories in the gospels?*
- Q. What is the man’s logical argument to the Jewish authorities regarding Jesus?*
- Q. What are areas of blindness or darkness in our world today that need the light of Jesus?*
- Q. In what ways can you be the light of Christ for others?*

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