

Resurrection Parish April 22, 2018

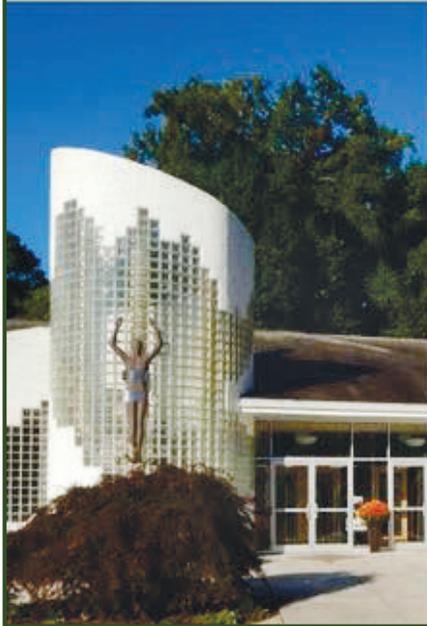
A Catholic Christian Community

4th Sunday of Easter

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

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For hospital and home visits
contact clergy or the office.

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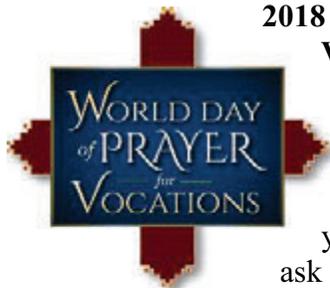
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Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

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2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more

vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

2018 Synod on Youth & Vocations

This fall, hundreds of bishops will gather in Rome for a special synod on "Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment." their purpose is to discuss the ways that young people encounter Jesus in today's world, and to ensure the Church is helping them to discover their vocations. The synod begins in October.

Priestly and Religious Vocations

Referring to Jesus, today's responsorial psalm declares that "the stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone." Religious women and men take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience – values often rejected by the dominant culture. Their lives and ministry have been magnificently used by God in the building up of the Body of Christ. Is God calling you to join them? 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

INTENTIONS

Monday	April 23	8:30am	+Debbie Barone
Tuesday	April 24	7:00pm	+Theresa Shields
Wednesday	April 25	8:30 am	+Christopher Sturfels
Friday	April 27	8:30 am	Parish Community
Saturday	April 28	5:30pm	+Allen Smith
Sunday	April 29	8:15 am	+Kyle Rzucidlo
		10:30am	+Ellen Carroll



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*** Richard McCracken, Eva Skripchuk , Linda Scarola, Bill Maloney, Burt & Carol Strasser, Kat Edwards, Ed Baum, Rachel Rose Boucher, Megan Morton Lawless, 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, Genita Vandell, Brian Duda, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention-April 2018
Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Throughout the 50 days of Easter Time each year, I pray in gratitude for all Resurrection parishioners, faith filled and beloved children of our loving God. It is a precious gift to travel together this journey toward the kingdom of God in Christ. In these early weeks of the season, I am most especially grateful for the many, many people who had a share in preparing and serving for our

beautiful Triduum liturgies. These celebrations ask for an additional commitment from all those who participate and truly an even greater commitment from all those who serve in so many ways. Please know that your part goes totally noticed! Musicians practice literally for hours. Lectors take special care in preparing and practicing together. Altar servers and others practice and learn or re-learn the once a year procedures of each of these unique celebrations. EMS, sacristans, bread bakers, greeters, ushers serve for several liturgies within a few days. It really is extraordinary to be part of this unfolding of God’s grace and people’s goodness. That said, there are several people whose dedication of time and talent, I believe, warrant special mention. And so I thank most especially Mike Reis, Patti Falkowski, Jane Hanson, Steve Grise, Joe Paulus, Mary Louise Chesley-Cora, Ellen Turano, Ken Tulenko, Mary Ann McLane, Ellen Pringle, Doug Keilman, Fr. Bill and Deacon John. For each of you, and for each person who is touched by the liturgies of our faith community, I share a portion of this beautiful Prayer for the Work of Our Hands by Diana McIlintal:

*Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of all that is good, for in your mercy you give us work that we may be co-creators with you.....
 Keep us mindful of the power you share with us that we may create only that which leads to peace. May the work of our hands and our visions and dreams collaborate with your good will, which continues to build for us your kingdom on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Ruth



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” It is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the gospel for this Sunday always speaks about Jesus either as the “Good Shepherd” or as the Shepherd whom we follow. Perhaps it is for this reason that so many people love Psalm 23, “The Lord is my shepherd.” Psalm 23 is a much beloved psalm because it is a comforting psalm, especially by people who are troubled or in grief. This is perhaps the reason the psalm is often used at funerals. The Book of the prophet Ezekiel used the image of the shepherd to describe God’s relationship with Israel. God like a good shepherd cares for the sheep, while the bad shepherds (the wicked kings of Israel) let the wolves catch the sheep. But now Jesus is the Good Shepherd because he lays down his life for his sheep. Deacon John

PARISH LIFE

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for a few parishioners to dedicate time towards maintaining the parish properties. We have meetings once a quarter in which we identify tasks that are needed to maintain the function and aesthetics of the church, rectory and the grounds they reside. We will have a meeting on April 25th at 6:00-8:00 in the library. Activities include general maintenance (painting, ceiling tiles, etc.), capital projects, emergency repairs, etc. How much you want to contribute is up to you and your skill level. We need your eyes and mind to help identify the needs of the parish and prioritize the tasks at hand. If you have any questions, please call Rich Mayes (302) 290-1402 or email: rtnmayes1@verizon.net.

Caring for others

There is a need for volunteers to help the elderly or weaker parishioners. A 96 year old lady in Heritage Park needs company for two hours a day. Main goal is to visit. She is of sound mind and is getting home therapy for improved strength of movement.

Others could use a ride to church on Sundays. Thanks for your consideration. Please contact Debbie or Fr. Bill for more information. 302-368-0146, office@resurrectionde.org

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal – “Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith”

In today’s Gospel Jesus tell us, “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Everyone is welcome to the flock by Jesus. As followers of Christ, we too must act faithfully to reach out to others. As Christ committed His life to being the “one shepherd”, we too must commit ourselves to providing service to all.

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in the box by the entrance.

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

Annual Blessing of Graduates

The annual blessing of high school and college graduates will be held on Sunday, May 20 during the 10:30 Mass. All graduates will be invited to come forward for a special blessing.

We would like to recognize all graduates in an insert in the Sunday bulletin on May 20. If you have a son or daughter who graduated in the winter or will graduate high school or college this spring, please send me their name and the school in which they are graduating before Monday May 14.



Spring Car Wash: Sunday April 22

The youth will be washing cars during the Sunday 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM Masses on April 22.

Cost: donation to benefit the youth travelling to Brooklyn, NY this summer for a week of service.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Donut Ministry: Thank you for helping to make our Sunday mornings a joyful time of fellowship. We are always looking for smiling faces to serve following one or more Sunday morning Masses. Please sign up in the Gathering Space or on the sign up genius schedule or contact Doug Keilman or Ellen Pringle if you would like to help. Training is available.



ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome! K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, and 5/20 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 Events

Sunday, April 22nd, 12:00-1:30pm “Banner Sunday”

Friday, April 27th, 6:30-7:30pm First Communion Rehearsal (parent must attend)

Sunday, April 29th, 10:30am Mass First Holy Communion

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

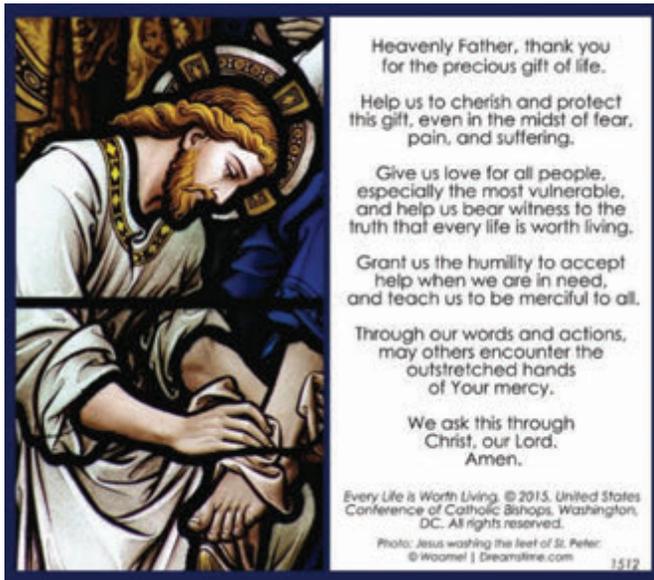
April 29 6:30 PM-8:15 PM

Dress for the weather we will be outside for most of the evening.

Confirmation Class: Our next Class will be on April 22 12:00-2:30PM

Blessing of Graduates: All graduates are invited to join us for a special blessing during the 10:30 Mass on May 20.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



TAKING IT HOME

When we say that we know someone, what are we saying? Typically to know someone means that we have some information about that person: what his/her name is, where they live or work, what their likes and dislikes are and perhaps, a little information about their family and friends. We usually associate knowing with being a casual acquaintance of someone. It is like saying “I know that person. I know who he/she is and I know they are likable or not.” Knowing is not a word we would usually use when describing a deeper, more intimate relationship with someone. So why would Jesus use the term “knowing” to describe the relationship he wants to have with us?

This weekend is the fourth Sunday of Easter. It is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is called Good Shepherd Sunday because the gospel for this Sunday always refers to Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the one who lays down his life for his sheep. But the gospel for this weekend also has a little bit of a twist. Jesus is not

just the Good Shepherd because he is willing to lay down his life, but also because he “knows” his sheep and they know him. Does this mean that Jesus only wants to be our acquaintance?

Knowing in John’s gospel is really a word full of deep meaning. For Jesus to know us and for us in turn to know Jesus is more than simply having information about each other. It is not saying I know who Jesus is, what he did and where he lived or that Jesus knows us in the same way. Knowing for Jesus as well knowing as a word in scripture is a word, which expresses deep intimacy. It is the equivalent of saying “I know you as a lover knows the other.” Knowing implies a union that is so deep that our very thoughts and desire, all our hopes and fears and all our dreams and needs are known. It really means that we are laid bare to each other in such a way that we are on fire with love for each other and that we are, in fact, one with each other. This is the way Jesus knows us and the way that we in turn are to know Jesus. So what does Jesus know about us?

Jesus knows our anxiousness. He knows that deep down in our hearts we have a need for love, security and happiness, but that we do not know where to find this love, security and happiness. So we are often lost and ill at ease, which causes our sense of loneliness, isolation and fear that often leads to our missing the mark – our sin. Jesus also knows our confusion that we do want to know him, but many things get in our way; things like a world that tries to claim us for its own, a world where we are bombarded by so many false gods that we don’t know where to turn. But Jesus also knows how to calm our anxiousness and how to quiet our confusion. Jesus does this by loving us so completely and totally that he is willing to lay down his life for us. He sees through our dis-ease and sees the goodness that is at the center of our hearts and calls forth that goodness. He is willing to be our strength; our help in a chaotic world if only we would let him.

And so what does it mean for us to know Jesus? To know Jesus is to allow his love, which is the very center of our lives, to penetrate our hardened hearts and to heal our anxiousness; to truly let Jesus be that center, that foundation from which we live our lives so we won’t feel lost and confused and that we know that in Jesus we have a home; a place where we can rest and be at peace. And then to know Jesus is to let that love go out from us to reach out to our sisters and brothers, where instead of competing against one another we can learn to live in right relationship. We can be free; free for the other.

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Music Ministry will present Stabat Mater by Karl Jenkins on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 3PM in the Church at 10 Old Church Road, Greenville, DE.



**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOSPEL -- JOHN 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Gospel Reflection: The Lectionary of this Easter season draws out some of the "classic" gospel passages, particularly some of the discourses from the Gospel of John. Like many "famous" or familiar passages, it can be true that familiarity breeds contempt—we think we are so familiar with the passage that we don't need to pay it much attention. At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism.

Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to "prune" our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviors can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

I am reminded of the old *Karate Kid* movie when the boy, Daniel, is introduced to the art of bonsai. He is told to close his eyes, imagine the perfect tree and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realize the beauty of our potential.

Bearing fruit: The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

In context: The imagery that Jesus used in his parables and in extended metaphors such as the one used in this week's gospel sometimes seems a little foreign to a 21st century audience. However, the world in which Jesus lived and taught was dominated by small scale farmers and producers in an agrarian economy. His use of images such as "shepherd," "vine," "tenants," "farmers," and "wineskins" would all have been immediately recognizable to his audience. They would also have appreciated much more than we do the subtlety of Jesus' use of such images when he twists them in an unexpected way.

The 'True' vine: The image of the vine has its origins in Psalm 80 where the nation of Israel is likened to a vine: "You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land." (Ps 80:8-9) However, the people of Israel have forgotten who they are and who it was that planted them in their country—it is like the rootstock of a grafted plant has taken over and gone wild. Jesus' presence as the "true vine" reminds them of what they are called to be.

- Q. Is the image of the vine an effective one for you?*
- Q. Within the analogy of the vineyard, where would you place yourself?*
- Q. Where do you find "fruitful connections" with Jesus the vine?*
- Q. What aspects of your life need a little "pruning" so that you might bear more fruit?*

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