

# Resurrection Parish

June 24, 2018

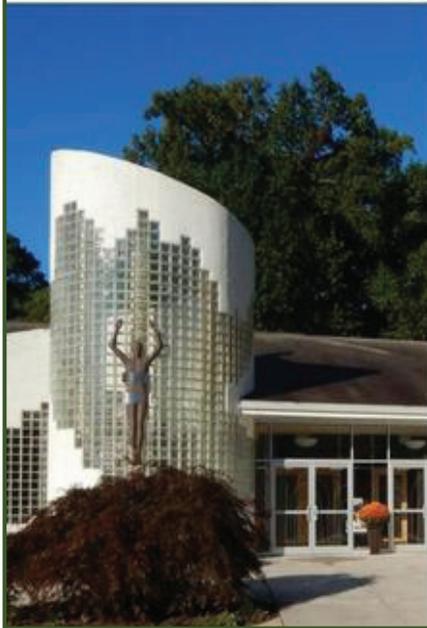
A Catholic Christian Community

The Nativity  
of St. John  
the Baptist

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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

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.

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## Pastoral Council

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Dick Schwer	Trustee

## 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

The Dioceses of Wilmington and San Marcos, Guatemala have been joined in a partnership of solidarity for fifteen years. The North and the South, the Anglo and the Latino, make up America, the Western Hemisphere, the New World. We should remember that Latin America began almost a century earlier than AngloAmerica. The Virgin Mary appeared at Guadalupe to a humble Indian convert almost eight years before Anglo-America existed.

So we are diverse cultures in one Church, two mutually enriching cultures. Opportunity and the hand of God brought to our diocese in the past thirty years over 5,000 people from the San Marcos section of Guatemala to toil in the poultry industry in Sussex County and on the Eastern Shore. Their faith, family life and work ethic are admirable. And so the bishops of our two dioceses asked that we become joined as sister dioceses, for mutual help and enrichment of faith.

As chairman of the Solidarity Committee I rejoice to see so many of us from Wilmington undergoing a conversion of mind and heart through our visits to these

new brothers and sisters. A common way of expressing it is: "What a weak faith in God I have. I have met people who have one-twentieth of what I do, and they share it with us, and thank God for His goodness." The conversion for us is one of attitude about life and about God; that is, a growth in faith that affects our whole life. The little bit we do to support them monetarily or personally is very small repayment indeed.

Father John Hynes

## CRS IN GUATEMALA

*A massive eruption of "Fire Volcano" in rural Guatemala has taken lives and displaced many thousands more. CRS is working with Caritas and the local Catholic Church to meet immediate needs of families and communities. Visit <https://support.crs.org/donate/quatemala-volcano> to donate. Thank you.*

## INTENTIONS

Monday	June 25	8:30 am	
Tuesday	June 26	7:00 pm	Parish Community
Wednesday	June 27	8:30 am	
Friday	June 29	8:30 am	+Frank Lane
Saturday	June 30	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	July 1	8:15 am	+Sam Balesteri
		10:30am	+Maryann Ciabattoni



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, Mike Pohlen, Burt & Carol Strasser, Ed Baum, Rachel Rose Boucher, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Kevin Rzucidlo, Cass Thomas, Courtney Corridori, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Genita Vandell, Brian Duda, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Resurrection Parish will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass

on **Saturday June 30 at 5:30 pm**

and **Sunday July 1 at 8:15 and 10:30 am.**

All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are welcome to participate. The whole parish will join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.



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

**Universal – Social Networks:** That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences.

So, here we are approaching **summer**. Schedules are beginning to loosen. Vacations are a possibility. Company is coming. Children will soon be free of daily school and activity commitments. Hopefully, our households can rest and renew themselves in ways that are difficult, if not impossible, at other times of year. In all this the Church celebrates the long run of Ordinary Time Sunday after Sunday. The Church seems to be the mother providing the song and the steady rhythm we need to enter into that peaceful hush that is not sleep, but the **attentiveness** proper to mature Christians.

We are reminded that Sunday is time for **Sabbath rest**. Yes, Sunday is time off and time away. But it is more: Sunday is time *with*. Making time for quiet rest on Sunday provides a context for contemplation, a time to be filled with awe and wonder in the place where God is. This is never wasted or lost time. The time of hushed contemplation is time that saves all of us from the nuttiness that catches us up and uses us up.

We hope for Sunday to be our time with God and with those we love and live with in mutual interdependence -- time well spent. There are no substitutes for this kind of contemplative time. Give it a try! Consider Sunday as the best daylight savings time in the world. Everything else that needs to be done will get done because you have saved out a day.

## PARISH LIFE

**Sometimes humility comes at us whether we like it or not.** When George H. Bush was president, he was doing his public relations "thing" by visiting a nursing home. He came upon a wizened old man hobbling down the corridor. President Bush took the man by the hand and said, "Sir, do you know who I am? The man replied, "No, but if you ask one of the nurses, she'll tell you."

### **2018 Annual Catholic Appeal –**

#### ***Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith***

All Annual Catholic Appeal participants who pledged to the campaign will receive a monthly payment reminder mailed directly from the diocesan development office. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your pledge reminder. Please do not make payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

## Help preserve this special time in the life of our church - our 50th anniversary in 2019!

To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new parish directory.

July 19, 20, 21  
August 6, 7, 8  
August 23, 24, 25

Right here at  
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You will receive a free 8x10 portrait, a free printed directory, and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.

Schedule your photography session today.

\*Sign up at the table in the Gathering Space

\*Sign up online at [www.resurrectionde.org](http://www.resurrectionde.org)

Please call Debbie Seymour in our parish office at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 with any questions. Thank you. If you are unable to come at these times, there are other options to be included in the directory.

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



**Welcome! K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP).** 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)

## CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



### Middle and High School Youth Group

Good luck to our youth completing final projects and preparing for final exams. Remember- God is always there for you for guidance, focus and peace.

Keep an eye out for e-mails from me. We are hoping to have a cookout later in the summer! Blessings, Elaine

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

Donate today to the victims of Huracán María in Puerto Rico!

Cáritas de Puerto Rico is accompanying the victims of Hurricane Maria, providing them with help, social, human and spiritual work. Cáritas de Puerto Rico has already supported thousands of families throughout Puerto Rico as a living sign of God's love. Cáritas de Puerto Rico is part of the Caritas Internationalis Confederation and member agency of Catholic Charities USA.

Visit <http://caritaspr.net/> to donate.



**Fair Trade Coffee/Tea Sale:** Our next Fair Trade sale is the weekend of July 7/8 and the following weekend. Delivery will be the weekend of July 28/29. Thank you for your continued support for small farmers around the world.

**The next hosting week for homeless children and adults of Family Promise is the week of July 8, 2018.** Along with Ebenezer UMC, help is needed from Resurrection to provide dinners for 2 nights, to-go items for breakfasts and lunch, serve as overnight hosts (2 adults needed per night) and help driving the Family Promise van to/from the Family Promise Day Center off Kirkwood Highway to Ebenezer Church. If you are able to assist in any way, that would be fantastic! Contact Deb Buckels, [dbuckels@verizon.net](mailto:dbuckels@verizon.net) or 302-239-2275 if you are able to be an overnight host or van driver or would like more info on how you can help this critical ministry. Thank you for your generosity!

This link will lead you to the list of items needed so that you may up to contribute. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45adae2fa0ff2-family3>

## TAKING IT HOME

In Ordinary Time we typically follow the liturgical calendar by counting the passing Sundays to determine the readings and prayers for each week. But here we are in Ordinary Time and instead of a numerical Sunday we celebrate yet another Solemnity. Why? According to the liturgical calendar unlike Advent, Lent and Easter, Solemnities celebrated during Ordinary Time have precedence over the regular calendar. So instead of the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist.

But what makes John the Baptist's birth so significant that we would celebrate it with such solemnity? First of all there are only three persons in the whole liturgical calendar who have their natural birth dates noted (typically memorials of Saints mark the date of their death, which is marked as the date of their birth into eternal life). The three persons are Jesus, Mary and John the Baptist. Obviously there must be some connection between these three. This is true and the connection is both symbolic and theological.

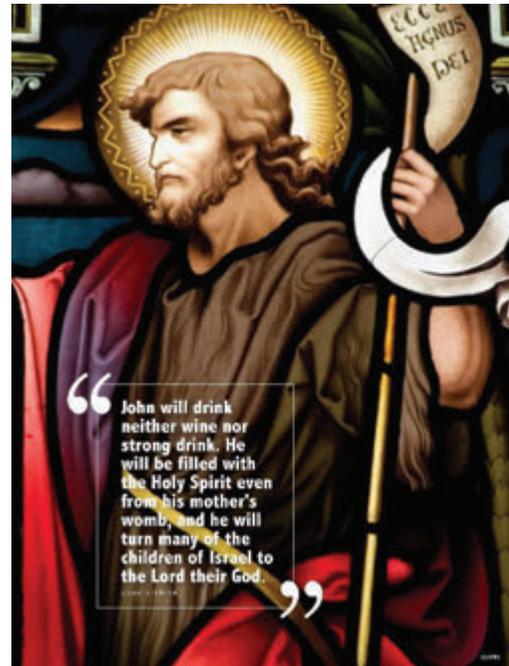
Though the Church does not know with any certainty the exact dates of either Jesus, Mary or John's birth, the fact that we celebrate Jesus' and John's birthdays when we do is symbolic of the relationship between them. Ancient tradition has it that Jesus died March 25. Because the early Church Fathers believed that for symbolic reasons the death and birth of Jesus should occur on the same day, they reasoned that March 25 would also be the day that we would recognize the conception of Jesus. On March 25<sup>th</sup> then, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation, the day when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to conceive and bear a son named Jesus. If you calculate nine months from March 25 you arrive at December 25 for the physical birth of Jesus.

Now as Lukan scripture says, the birth of John took place six months before Jesus'. So since June 24<sup>th</sup> is six months before the birth of Jesus, that's when we celebrate the birth of John, who was known as the forerunner of Jesus, the one who would announce Jesus' coming. But there is also a theological note of fact at work here.

December 25 is near the winter solstice, the time when daylight begins to outpace the darkness. June 24 is near the summer solstice, the time when darkness begins to outpace the light. It just so happens that this cosmological phenomenon relates to the final witness of John the Baptist in John's gospel noted at John 3:30. The gospel account says that "He (Jesus) must increase: I (the Baptist) must decrease." Jesus, the light that has come into the world, begins now to shine ever more brightly. The Baptist, the forerunner, has accomplished his

mission of announcing the coming of Jesus and so now, like the coming darkness, he must depart.

On this day, however, we remember the life and the purpose of the Baptist – to announce the coming of the Messiah. Like the Baptist we too have a similar purpose, to go and be a witness for the one who is our light in the darkness and the one who gives us life.



## Peter's Pence Collection *Be a Witness of* **Charity**

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

### 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL-MARK 5:21-43

*When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea.*

*One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing Jesus he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him. While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.*

*When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out.*

*He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum", which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.*

**Gospel Reflection:** This gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, "interrupting" or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone.

The story of the woman with a hemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. Because of the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the woman would have been regarded as permanently impure and unclean. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd – she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. The delay, however, meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a hemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories.

**Jairus:** What a whirlwind of emotions Jairus must have gone through. His daughter was sick and getting worse but Jesus had left the region and traveled across the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly, Jairus heard that Jesus had returned! He raced to Jesus and begged him to save his daughter. What joy when Jesus set out to do so! But Jesus was slowed by the crowd and then came to a complete stop and spoke to some woman. Didn't he know this was urgent? Then the news came that the little girl was dead—no need to hurry now. Finally, unbelievable relief and joy: Jesus raises the little girl and reunites her with her parents.

**A lesson in faith:** Although Jairus obviously believed that Jesus might be able to do something to help heal his daughter, once news came that she had died, he needed a strong reminder from Jesus to not be afraid and to have faith. Was it the example of the woman's faith in Jesus that gave Jairus the strength to continue to believe? When they arrive at the house, the mourners laugh at Jesus and are consequently excluded from witnessing the miraculous raising. Since they don't have faith, they are not given the opportunity to witness faith in action.

**What's my hemorrhage?** In the gospel story, the woman suffers a serious physical complaint – an unending flow of blood – that must have left her physically, emotionally, and spiritually exhausted. For many of us some aspect of our lives may be hemorrhaging—a constant outflow of energy and emotion that prevents us from being all that we might be. It may be an unhealthy relationship; an addiction; a lack of confidence; a grudge; a lack of emotional control.

*Q. What is the common link between the two miracles in this gospel passage?*

*Q. What do you imagine life would have been like for the woman with the hemorrhage?*

*Q. What image of the disciples is presented in this passage?*

*Q. What do we learn about the importance of faith?*

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