

Resurrection Parish August 12, 2018

A Catholic Christian Community 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Rev. Gregory Corrigan,

Temporary Administrator

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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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.

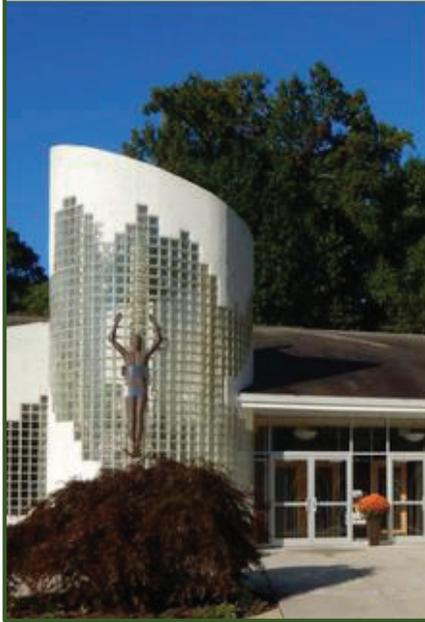
Pastoral Care of the Sick

For hospital and home visits
contact clergy or the office.

Becoming Catholic

Learn more by contacting
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship



Note dated August 7, 2018

Greetings. Aim is to gain strength. I was confined to bed or chair along with alarms for 7 days. I am in good spirits but don't have much energy to do things. I am getting help with building up strength. I finally rested the first night without alarms, bells, etc. So I am on a good road to recovery from an attack. Thanks for all your group and individual prayers. This too will pass.

We like to have a reason for such sad events. It was beyond reason, so I am striving to move on, learn from the past, and live in the present. Thanks very much for your support.

Love,
Bill Graney, pastor



INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug. 13	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Aug. 14	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Aug. 15	8:30 am	
		7:00 pm	+Luis Maisonet
Friday	Aug. 17	8:30 am	
Saturday	Aug. 18	5:30pm	+Mary Melson
Sunday	Aug. 19	8:15 am	+Michael Warner
		10:30am	Parish Community



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:

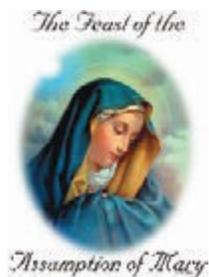
Lord, allow your healing hand to assist Richard McCracken, Eva Skripchuk, Linda Scarola, Burt & Carol Strasser, Rachel Rose Boucher, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Kevin Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Courtney Corridori, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Genita Vandell, Brian Duda, Katie Fink, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-August 2018

Universal – The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

AUGUST 15

Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

PARISH LIFE

The weekend of August 18 & 19, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can.

For a video tour of the Cathedral, and a tour of the Cathedral's 100 year-old pipe organ, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/cathedral. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com.

Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer during our Diocese's 150th anniversary year and for generations to come.

Young Neighbors in Action Brooklyn in the News

The Brooklyn Diocesan paper, *The Tablet*, did an article about the youth serving in Brooklyn the week of July 15. This experience would not have been possible without the support and generosity of the Resurrection Parish Community. Thank you again. To see the article go to: <https://thetablet.org/teen-volunteers-connect-faith-and-service-in-bklyn/>

12th Annual Concert to Combat Human Trafficking



Sunday, August 12 at 7:00 at Skyline Methodist Church, 3100 Skyline Dr., Wilmington, DE.

Please come and support the efforts of our generous performers in the Fight against Human Trafficking! For more information contact Kate Regan at 302-738-9989.

Parish Email List

To join please email office@resurrectionde.org

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Registration Forms and Calendars for our 2018-2019 Christian Formation Programs have been mailed. Registration Materials are also available in the

Gathering Space and on our website under Christian Formation. **Register now before and after the weekend Masses on the following date:** August 18th and August 19th

From the desk of Father Greg...

When I walked into the hospital room to see Father Bill Graney for the first time, I didn't know what to expect. It had been a long week. I had driven more than 2100 miles from New Mexico and still had that 'long drive headache.' Such a trek can give a person too much time to think. I'd find myself returning to the image I had heard on the night of the attack, "...like the crucified Christ."

So when I saw Bill, sitting up, talking with his sisters and laughing, my heart was immediately lifted up. It's Bill! He's good! He really is! He's going to be fine! Much of that visit was like any other time I've been with a 'gaggle' of Graney-- wonderful storytelling and lots of laughter, "flowing" in that rare, loving relationship that the Graney family so remarkably shares.

Most of the stories told were great gems, with Bill as the prominent "character." No doubt, that was intended to keep a smile on Bill's face. His sister, Margaret Mary, began a story about Eileen (who was about 16 years old at the time), when Eileen was looking everywhere for her social security card. "It was my birth certificate," said Eileen. To Eileen, this is a serious story. Apparently, her brother Bill had been able to convince Eileen that she, being so "different" (i.e., talkative) than the rest of the Graney, clearly was not one of them...surely she must have been adopted! Eileen, Sr. Margaret Mary, and Bill knew the oft-told story so well, they started laughing as soon as Sr. Margaret Mary began to describe "Mom" chastising Eileen for even thinking such a thing. "Look at you," Mrs. Graney ("Mom") told Eileen, "You are a Graney through and through! Everything about you is Graney!" We all laughed.

As I recall that hospital visit and remember what took place, I realize, so very clearly, how vital and grace-filled is the strength of the Graney family love. That has a lot to do with why Bill is doing so well. No doubt, the fear and anguish I heard from family members on the evening of July 30 was heightened, not only because of the horrific tragedy itself, but that it had happened to Bill. Bill is one of the "rocks" in that family, in our parish, in the lives of so many. Bill is so authentically and humbly grounded in the truth of the living God, that one feels a more solid footing just being with him.

People are all connected. We are all 'interrelated' and 'interdependent.' That's how God designed

Creation...that's how God made EVERYTHING and ALL. A human quandary seems to be our incessant adolescent desire to be so independent. Sometimes we act like fish who think we don't need the ocean.

"The true measure of life is not in the falling, but in what comes after." After the events of that Monday afternoon, what came after was a myriad of support and help, a remarkable entourage of professional medical intervention, the prayers and focused hearts of an amazing parish faith community, as well as the goodness of people everywhere. Truly, we have heard from people all over the world. Such a response ushers forth an overwhelming sense of gratitude.

And I would be remiss if I did not shout out a resounding "Thank You" to the Graney Family. It has been my privilege to know the Graney family all my life. Our families grew up together in St. Elizabeth Parish. Michael Graney and I were best friends from first grade on. I have vivid memories of the Graney family, of being in their prayerful, busy home.

The Graney parents, Mary and Joe, are responsible for all the goodness we know as "Graney." Mr. Graney was a gentleman. I picture him in his chair, reading the paper, always wearing a tie, always so respectable and good. I remember Mrs. Graney so well. She had the most beautiful, gentle laugh. Truly, when she looked at you, her Irish eyes were smiling. And...she made the best coconut cake in the world!

That day at the hospital, Eileen told a story about Bill getting hurt as a teenager, working a summer job. "Remember Mom?" Eileen said. "Oh Bill, she was so worried about you. She prayed and prayed and prayed."

At mass, as we celebrate Eucharist, we join our prayer "with the whole host of angels and saints, all those who have gone before us."

The church gets it. We are far more "connected" to the vast assembly of "holy Ones" who have preceded us than we are to the relatively "small" group of people we know and love here on earth.

Some people know this truth better than others. Some people live this truth as the blessed reality that it is. Among them—the wonderful Graney family.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



2019 Young Neighbors in Action

Information meeting-Sunday August 26 at 7 PM in the youth room

Each summer a group of rising 10th graders – high school graduates go away for a week of service. There is a \$50 deposit to save your spot. Other than that we try to raise the rest of the funds needed for the trip. On Sunday August 26th we will hold an information meeting and decide where we want to serve next summer. Will it be Cleveland, OH; Buffalo, NY; Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC or another city?

If you would like to go on the trip, but are unable to attend the meeting, please notify Elaine at elittle@resurrectionde.org

TAKING IT HOME

What is our hunger? Certainly we hunger for food. The obesity rate in our country is a testament to that. But if we examine ourselves deep within we will discover another hunger, a hunger no human food can satisfy. Some have even called it a desire, a longing, a restlessness. There is within each of us an uneasiness, a disquiet, a hunger like an all-embracing ache or deep energy that lies at the center of our very being, which drives us. Plato described it as if we are on fire because our souls come from beyond and it is that beyond to which we long to return. St. Augustine said it this way: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

What does such hunger, such desire, have to do with the gospel? It has plenty to do with it. In the gospel, Jesus tells us that he offers us “bread” that will never make us hunger or thirst again. And so what kind of bread is this? Certainly if we could eat food that would satisfy the physical hungers of the world wouldn’t we want to make sure that this bread is made available to everyone? On one level Jesus is talking about physical food, but he is also talking about the kind of bread that will satisfy that deep hunger, the deep fire and that restlessness that is at the bottom of each of our hearts. It is the bread that is Jesus’ very life – it is Jesus himself.

Jesus wants us to enter into his very life – to touch it, taste it and consume it, so that we might experience the joy of God’s all embracing love. And this is our desire, our deep hunger that satisfies our restlessness – the love of a God that knows no bounds.

When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist this is what we are doing, feeding on Jesus, the word become flesh and allowing this word to give us life.

Through the Eucharist we enter into that ongoing, nourishing and life-giving relationship with Jesus whereby the hungers of our hearts are satisfied. Eucharist is Jesus feeding us for life, giving us the spiritual food that enables us to become what we eat, the Body of Christ so that we might literally be the Body of Christ for the world. And as the Body of Christ for the world, we can continue to do what Jesus did – to literally provide the food that feeds the hungry. We can become for others that bread that satisfies all those deep hungers that linger in human hearts.

And this I think is a perfect picture of how Fr. Bill has lived his life. What happened here at Resurrection this past week was tragic and not something that was anticipated. But it was a picture of what Fr. Bill has always done throughout his life, and will continue to do because this is how he sees himself; living out what it means to be Eucharist, the Body of Christ for others. Fr. Bill heard the word of God and has made that word real buy the life he is living. He is truly an authentic witness of what it means to live as Christ in the world.

And as an authentic witness, he is living true to the way that God has called all of us to live; to be true to our inner most self, which is the way God created us to be – to love God by our love of others. Fr. Bill understands this human connection we have with all our sisters and brothers and so he is able to empathize with the suffering and sorrowful, the poor and persecuted and the weak and the powerless. He certainly has been living humbly, loving tenderly and walking with God because he trusts God and abides with God in God’s love.

So for us to be Eucharist for the world, we might take for ourselves Fr. Bill’s example and be that Body of Christ for others, the bread that satisfies all the deep hungers that linger in human hearts. And so in the Spirit of Fr. Bill, our Shepherd pastor, we can be the welcoming people we need to be for others; we can be the servant people, serving those in need; we can be the joyful people filled with the love of Christ and we can be the face of Christ and make real in our lives and in the world around us the love of Christ. This is truly what it means to be Eucharist. Deacon John



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL-JOHN 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven,” and they said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

Gospel Reflection: This passage continues the extended discourse on the Bread of Life. The passage shows the crowd bristling at Jesus describing himself as the “bread that came down from heaven.” They dismiss his claim because they know his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. How could he have come down from heaven if they are aware of his parents on earth? It must also be remembered that Jewish tradition held firm to the idea of God as one God only, with no offspring or personified manifestations. For the Jews of Jesus’ time, the very idea of Jesus being the Son of God was completely blasphemous. But this gospel is a Christian document, written at a time when the Christians and Jews were emphasizing their differences.

Jesus replies to the complaints of the crowd through an extended image. He depicts the intimate relationship that exists between himself and the Father. Later, this discourse will be drawn on in the argument about the divinity of Jesus and that he is “one in being with the Father.” Those who are drawn to Jesus and his message are—perhaps unknowingly—drawn by the Father and by listening to the teaching of Jesus they are in fact drawing closer to the Father. It is a somewhat complicated image that Jesus paints but at its heart he emphasizes the intertwined nature between Father and Son. Refuting the concern of the crowd, Jesus again describes himself as the living bread that has come down from heaven. Unlike the manna the people ate in the desert that sustained them physically for a short period of time, the living bread of Jesus will sustain those who believe for all time.

Q. Which aspects of this passage do you find difficult / challenging / confronting?

Q. In what ways was Jesus challenging the Jewish beliefs of the day?

Q. How does the “living bread” of Jesus continue to sustain us even today?

Q. If we are called to be like Jesus, in what ways can we be “bread” for the world?

The Jews: It might strike the reader as a little odd that this gospel passage begins with “The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus.” Surely, Jesus and his disciples were also Jews, so why the derogatory use of “the Jews”? At the time that this gospel was being written (probably in the last decade of the 1st Century) the Christians were firmly at odds with the Jewish community and were in fact banned from attending Jewish synagogues. This conflict is reflected in the way the Jews are portrayed throughout the Gospel of John.

Who is Jesus? One of the great concerns of the Gospel of John is to convey an understanding of who Jesus is. This powerful message is conveyed through a number of significant discourses—with Nicodemus, with the Samaritan woman, with the Jews etc. The gospel contains some of the “great” images that we have for Jesus: living water; living bread; light for the world; the good shepherd; the way, the truth and the life. As opposed to the more narrative synoptic gospels, this gospel can be seen as a gospel rich in imagery and theological perceptions.

Living Bread: There is an obvious connection between this week’s reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.

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