

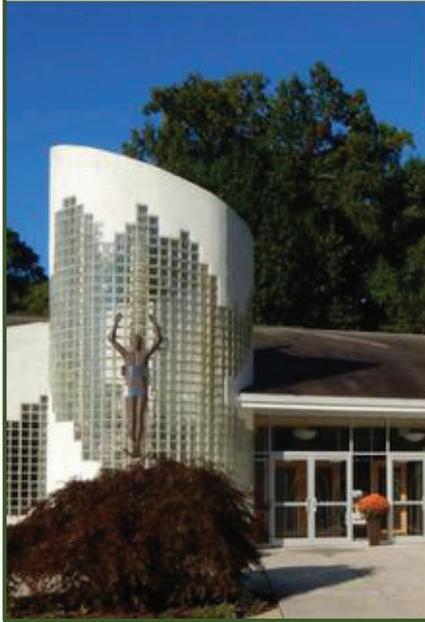
Resurrection Parish September 2, 2018

A Catholic Christian Community

22nd 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.



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6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

Pastoral Council

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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

September 16, 2018

Pathways to Peace: Integrating Refugees into our Community

Please join us on September 16, 2:30-4:30 pm, for this year's Peace Week event here at Resurrection. The program, will focus on the challenges and also some of the joys of recent refugees to Delaware. You will hear refugees and host/mentors tell their personal stories and you will have the opportunity to continue the conversations over light refreshments in a small group setting. Donations (bedding, school supplies, first aid supplies) for the Syrian refugee collection will be gratefully accepted.

Please make reservations with Debbie at 302-368-0146.



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September 20, 2018



When a Girl Stays in School, Lives Are Changed: A Challenge for Delaware & the World

Teen girls around the world and in Delaware face real challenges to stay in school. What is lost for a girl, her family and her community when she drops out? What is gained when she stays? How can you help? Hear from Wilmington's Urban Promise, the Delaware Office of Volunteerism, the Delaware Fund for Women and Dining for Women. Take a first step to help a girl realize her potential.

Doors open 6:15 pm. Networking until 9:00 p.m.

Location: Resurrection Parish

Time: 09/20/2018 / 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm

Sponsored by: Dining for Women – Wilmington-1 Chapter & the Delaware Fund for Women

Questions: Annette, ahearing48@gmail.com, 302-438-0191

Registration (suggested): <http://bit.ly/2tDu4WY>

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INTENTIONS

Monday	Sept. 3	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Sept. 4	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Sept. 5	8:30 am	
Friday	Sept. 7	8:30 am	
Saturday	Sept. 8	5:30pm	+Paul Kania
Sunday	Sept. 9	8:15 am	+Alice Rzucidlo
		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, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

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GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR

We invite all children in **grades 1 through 5** to join **Children's Choir!** Children's Choir serves at the 10:30 am Mass the first CFP Sunday of the month, beginning October 7. The children rehearse at 8:40 am, before attending CFP at 9:15. They then meet again in the Worship Space at 10:20 for final preparations before singing at Mass. Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 Ext. 106.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN IN OUR **SEPTEMBER 9, 10:30 AM** **BI-LINGUAL MASS WITH MEMBERS** **OF OUR INDIAN TAMIL COMMUNITY!**

We have been so blessed to have in our parish many members who come from India and who speak Tamil. Each second Sunday of the month at noon these families join with other Indian families for a Bible study in Room 4. On September 9 at our 10:30 am Mass, we'll celebrate the Eucharistic liturgy in both English and Tamil, with music, a reading and intercessions in both languages. (Don't worry! There will be a handout with all necessary translations!) After Mass our friends will share with us a simple reception including some traditional Indian foods. (Don't worry, die hard coffee and donut fans won't go hungry!) AND all are welcome to join in the Bible study at noon – on the Book of Genesis, Chapters 1-5. We're looking forward to this celebration and hope everyone saves the date!

A Taste of Bishop Robert Barron's presentation on THE MASS. Mary Ann McLane will share a segment of this new series, with follow up discussion, on Sept. 2. You'll find Mary Ann in the Youth Room at 11:40 am. So grab a cup of coffee and a donut and head into the Youth Room to enjoy the videos and the conversation! For questions contact mclane@udel.edu.

Calling all Youth Musicians

to join the **Youth Music Group** at the 10:30 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month beginning in October.

Anyone in the **6th through 12th grade** is enthusiastically invited!

If you like to sing or play an instrument, we would love for you to join in. The Youth Music Group rehearses at 9:15 am right before the 10:30 Mass on the second Sunday of the month. The Group is next scheduled to serve on October 14.

Please contact Kate Regan at reganfamily6@verizon.net or 302-738-9989.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-September 2018 **Universal – Young People in Africa**

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

THE RADICAL GOSPEL OF JESUS, AND MR. ROGERS



A few times in the documentary, “**Won’t You Be My Neighbor,**” it’s mentioned that through his life, Fred Rogers always lived the merciful

Christianity that shaped him from his childhood. Still, there is no hard religious focus in the film and one could watch the movie and conclude it’s simply a secular story.

But an authentic gospel message often has little to do with vestments and pews and hymns. Transforming gospel grace happens despite ritual and religion. When a messenger of single-hearted goodness proclaims Good News, the living word grabs hold of your heart and you know something is changing. You want to be the goodness you have received.

Such is my take on one of the most touching films I have ever seen. I did not pay attention to Mr. Rogers when I first heard his voice in our living room. I was 14 in 1968 when the show started. But with 4 younger siblings, there was always a desire from them to turn on the program. I heard his voice. I occasionally glimpsed. But, in my teenage sophistication, I thought Mr. Roger’s was a jerk.

My first real interaction with him happened in 1998. The Dalai Lama was scheduled to speak near Erie, Pennsylvania and my friend Tom, a professor at Mercyhurst University, had gotten me a ticket to attend the event. It was a packed house and the air was charged with a potent energy as we anticipated the appearance of the great, holy and revered, exiled leader from the sacred land of Tibet.

To my surprise, someone came center stage to announce the person who would be introducing the Dalai Lama. “Please join with me in welcoming Mr. Fred Rogers!” “Mr. Rogers?,” I remember thinking, “You’ve got to be kidding me. This has got to be a joke!”

When Mr. Rogers took the microphone, I slumped in my seat. He spoke as he always speaks: deliberate, clear, a slow pace, and his “childlike” inflection. Something about his delivery though—I found myself actually listening. And the more I listened, the more I was impressed by his authentic goodness.

One thing I remember vividly-- Mr. Rogers talked about the first time he heard the Dalai Lama. He was in a hotel room in Washington, D.C, watching a television interview with the Dalai Lama. Mr. Rogers recalled the Dalai Lama saying, “Never let anyone’s actions determine your reaction.” He repeated the line, even more precisely. Pausing, Mr. Roger’s then said, “I have never forgotten those words.” And neither have I. Mr.

Roger’s added, “Always, I try to live by those words.” So do I.

In this movie, a messenger of single-hearted goodness speaks words that grab hold of your heart, words that change you. You want to be the goodness you have received.

A *New York Times* Op-Ed about the Mr. Rogers documentary (“Fred Rogers and the Loveliness of the Little Good,” David Brook, *New York Times*, July 5, 2018), says, “The power is in Rogers’s radical kindness at a time when public kindness is scarce. It’s as if the pressure of living in a time such as ours gets released in that theater as we’re reminded that, oh yes, that’s how good people can be. Moral elevation gains strength when it is scarce.”

Ultimately, David Brook provides the real theology behind Mr. Rogers. **“Here is the radicalism that infused the show: the child is closer to God than the adult; the sick are closer than the healthy; the poor are closer than the rich and the marginalized closer than the celebrated.”** I’ve yet to read a summary of the gospel of Jesus Christ as succinct and spot-on as what Brook has written.

Still, that is the way that Mr. Rogers saw, lived, and impacted our world. And, Mr. Rogers’ “everything” results from his authentic understanding of Jesus and the way each of us is called to “follow him.”

A segment in the film has Mr. Rogers explaining the familiar words he sings at the beginning of each television episode. “It’s an invitation,” Mr. Rogers tells us, “an invitation for somebody to be close to you. **The greatest thing we can do is help somebody know that they’re loved.**”

The film ends with a number of folks reflecting upon words Mr. Rogers asks each of us—**“I want you to spend one minute reflecting about someone in your life who really believed in you, who helped you in some important way, someone to whom you would like to say, Thank you.”**

Slowly, the camera records the responses of many of the people in the film, those who shared the Mr. Rogers story throughout the documentary. A few answer, “My Mom.” Close to tears, a few answer, “Mr. Rogers.” Finally, the camera brings us face to face with Joanne, Fred’s beloved widow.

I won’t spoil the ending. It’s worth the price of a ticket to watch her face. With an ever widening smile and eyes beaming a love that Mr. Rogers surely knew so well, she graciously announces two final words. A grown man had gone to watch a documentary. At the end, it was a little boy leaving the theatre, crying tears of grateful joy. *Fr. Greg*

PARISH LIFE

A note from Bill Graney on October 17, 2010 when he was on leave following his spinal surgery:

"Our connection with one another is strong and remains that way even if I am physically away. Prayerfully, we know that there is every reason to be hopeful. I even spray for ants. They are Automatic Negative Thinkers."

Contemplative Christianity
Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Gathering Space at Resurrection Church
ALL ARE WELCOME please join us!

Facilitated by Bev Roberts, Sue Dagenais, and Mary Trotter.

"God is acting on your soul all the time, whether you have spiritual sensations or not."
Evelyn Underhill

SNAP Support Group: A support group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families sponsored by Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) meets in Wilmington on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. For the location, call Judy Miller at 302-234-1519 or email: snapdelaware@yahoo.com. We hope that you will join us for this informal and confidential meeting.

PART TIME SECRETARY: Parish needs responsible, friendly person for 2 evenings: Monday, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Greet and welcome, light office work. If interested, send contact info and work experience to Fr. Greg Corrigan, at Resurrection Parish, 3000 Videre Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808 or offcie@resurrectionde.org.

For those who did not have their picture taken, please let us know if you do not want your contact information included in the directory.
office@resurrectionde.org, 302-368-0146 ext. 0

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We welcome new students to join our returning students in our formation and education programs called here at Resurrection "CFP".



Our K to 5 Elementary Program begins September 9.

We are meeting from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

See our website or gathering space for a full calendar and other registration forms.

Would you like more information? Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 ext. 104.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle and High School

Youth Group

Remember- God is always there for you for guidance, focus and peace.
Blessings, Elaine



Youth Ministry Fun Night

WHO: All 6th to 12th grade students and friends.

WHEN: Saturday, September 08, 2018
3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

WHAT: Come gather and gab with friends old and new. Dinner and Mass are included.

WHAT TO BRING: A completed Form A and a snack to share.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Emmanuel Dining Room: Seven volunteers were on hand to feed 185 people this month. Volunteers Charlie Maguire, Barbara and Jim Sherlock, Rob Short, Mike Mayer, Mike rzucidlo, and Judy Ward did a great job feeding the hungry. With many cakes and pies donated by Cannon bakery, it was a great meal. Please consider signing up for this important ministry in the gathering space binder, or online at Sign up Genius. Resurrection Prepares and serves EDR on the 12th of every month.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL - MARK 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him.

He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"—And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Gospel Reflection: Strangely, this week's gospel about the healing of a man who was deaf and dumb is less about healing than it is about Jesus being the Messiah. The theme is set up in the first reading when the prophet, Isaiah, describes the signs by which the coming of the Messiah will be recognized: the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the lame will leap; and the dumb will speak.

When Jesus healed the man in the gospel story, the crowd were admiring of what he had done. They even exclaimed, "he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak." These words are a direct echo of the Isaiah text—they were recognizing Jesus as fulfilling the prophecies of the promised Messiah. However, the passage also demonstrates to us that Jesus was trying to show the people that he was not exactly the Messiah that many of them were anticipating.

This healing story takes place in the region of The Decapolis—south-east of the Galilee region and populated mostly by Gentiles. By traveling in this area and working miraculous healings, Jesus is making the point that his mission is to all people, not just "the Chosen People" of Israel. He commands the crowd who witnessed the healing to tell no one about it but, filled with the idea that Jesus was the Messiah they had been waiting for, they broadcast the news. Jesus wanted their silence because he knew that they did not fully understand the sort of Messiah that he was. Only when they understood that this Messiah must suffer and die would he have allowed them to speak of his deeds.

Ephphatha: The healing that Jesus works in this passage is perhaps one of the most "physical" of his healing actions. He puts his fingers in the man's

ears and places spittle on his tongue. It is an incredibly intimate contact with a complete stranger and someone regarded as outcast and unclean because of his disabilities. When Jesus speaks the word of healing, *Ephphatha* ("Be opened"), he appears to be speaking not only to the man but to all those listening. Be open to the possibility of embracing those you have cast out; be open to a different understanding of Messiah.

Isaiah's Prophecy: All three synoptic gospel writers were at pains to demonstrate that Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophecies of the scriptures. This reference to Isaiah's prophecy appears in all three synoptic gospels. It is perhaps most familiar in the context of the Gospel of Luke, where the gospel writer actually combines it with a different passage from Isaiah and portrays Jesus as reading it in the synagogue as an announcement of his mission (Lk 4: 16-21). It is good to have the Isaiah text as the first reading this week and then see the way it is referred to in the gospel of the day.

Open to compassion: When Isaiah described the signs by which the Messiah would be recognized, he identified those people who were isolated from society by their physical afflictions. He portrayed a Messiah who released them from those afflictions and allowed them to re-enter society. That is what Jesus did time and time again. In the healing of the deaf and dumb man, Jesus called on all those around him to also be opened—that their hearts may be opened to compassion. Jesus calls to us through today's gospel to also be open to compassion and open to the needs of those around us.

Q. What message emerges from the gospel passage for you?

Q. The words of the crowd in the last sentence of this passage refer to a passage from Isaiah. Why do you think the gospel writer did this?

Q. What might have happened next in the life of the man who was healed?

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