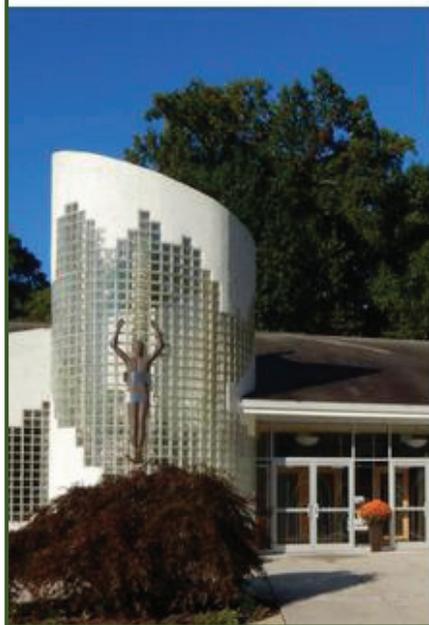


Resurrection Parish September 23, 2018

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 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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 Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music
 Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation
 Elaine Little, Youth Ministry
 Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns
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 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

MORE OBSERVATIONS FROM THE TRAVELLING PASSER-BY

Mass on Monday, September 17, 2018 began with this reading from Saint Paul: *“Brothers and sisters: In giving this instruction, I do not praise the fact that your meetings are doing more harm than good. First of all, I hear that when you meet as a church, there are divisions among you, and to a degree I believe it; there are factions among you so that those who are approved among you may become better known. What can I say? Shall I praise you? In this matter I do not praise you.”* 1 Cor 11:17-20

We are familiar with the words of Martin Buber, **“ALL REAL LIVING IS MEETING.”** Buber, an Israeli philosopher, was best known for his philosophy of dialogue, notably the primary human attitudes and relations: *I-Thou* and *I-It*.

In the *I-Thou* encounter, we relate to each other as authentic beings, without judgment or agenda or barriers. “I meet you as you are, and you meet me as who I am.” To face a human being as *Thou*, requires a certain self-surrender, for this meeting is also a meeting with God.

“I believe that the key to creating a community that is nourishing, empowering and healing for everyone lies in how we relate to one another.” In each *Thou* we are present to the eternal *Thou*.

The *I-It* relationship is subjective and, to some degree, lacking in mutuality. Such “meetings” (relationships) are functional and regard the other as an object, for their usefulness. This relationship is not a true dialogue but a monologue; a transaction really, intended to serve some purpose.

We have many meetings here at the parish. Some meetings are incredible. They are grounded in authentic listening, mutual regard and loving response. They have a flow, a synergy and a spiritual goodness that transcends what any group of individuals could bring about by themselves. This is the creativity where community is born and grows.

Consider the meetings at you which you participate here at Resurrection (and yes, “mass” is meeting also!). Is it life-giving and empowering? Do you feel lifted up, “blessed,” for having participated? Do you bring an intentional goodness to parish meetings? Are others blessed by what you say at a meeting and the way you contribute?

After the meeting, do you say, **“What a loving Christ experience!”**

Peace, Fr. Greg

INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct. 1	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Oct. 2	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Oct. 3	8:30 am	+Thomas Gildea
Friday	Oct. 5	8:30 am	
Saturday	Oct. 6	5:30pm	+Francis A. Monaco Sr.
Sunday	Oct. 7	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30am	+Helen McGovern and Jere McCarthy



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.

LITURGY

**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.

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 302-738-9989 or reganfamily6@verizon.net.



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.

PARISH LIFE

Food Closet News

As we implement the planned changes to kitchen facilities, we are losing the space we use for our food closet. We have opted to merge our efforts with St. John the Beloved. They obtain referrals from Friendship House, as we do, and serve the same zip codes we serve. We urge you to continue to make food donations as you have in the past, and they will be distributed to the needy through the SJB closet. Volunteers wishing to help in the distribution are welcome. Contact Sandy Landoll or Ellen Pringle for details. Thank you for all you do to help us feed the poor.

Parish Kitchen Renovation

The plans include new cabinets, countertops, flooring, appliances, and paint. Please be patient during this time. Rich Mayes is the general contractor for this project.

Coffee and donuts will be served in the Gathering Space. Paper and Styrofoam cups are available.

This remodel is made possible by the generous contributions of our parishioners to the Sustaining Hope for the Future fund. Thank you.

RCIA NEWS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children:

Candidates for Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church are baptized Christians who desire to become full members of the Catholic Church. Normally candidates would be part of an RCIA process that would lead to full reception sometime during the Easter season, but in some cases, because many candidates are already formed in faith, (they participated in faith formation as part of their religious upbringing, they are married to or are friends with a Catholic and have been attending Eucharist for some time) the Church may receive them into the Catholic faith any time before that. If you know of someone who fits this description let us know so that we might invite them to participate in this process.

Catechumens are individuals who have never been baptized. When children are of catechetical age, which is around 7, and have not been baptized, they are also received into the Church just as adult catechumens are. Children undergo a regular process of RCIA formation adapted to their age.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an ongoing process so any questions regarding RCIA and those who would like to participate can be directed to Deacon John at 368-0146 x 110 or email at jfalkowski@resurrectionde.org

Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

Book Group: Ageless Soul, The Lifelong Journey Toward Meaning and Joy by Thomas Moore. Three Tuesday evening sessions beginning October 3, 2018. In Ageless Soul, Moore reveals a fresh, uplifting, and inspiring path toward aging, one that need not be feared, but rather embraced and cherished. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) or call our office for more information or to register.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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



CFP will meet on 9/23 and 9/30 from 9:15am-10:15am. Drop off begins at 9:10am. See you there!

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.

Parents with Young Children Ministry is a Catholic group designed for anyone who has children in infancy through 8 years of age. The next Fellowship of Young Families will be October 9th at 6pm. For more info and to RSVP to events email slrcordero@aol.com or call (484) 554-5618.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle and High School

Youth Group

Middle school and high school youth group will not meet the weekend of October 6-7. Some schools are off on Friday and others Monday for the Columbus Holiday. Enjoy the time with your families



SOCIAL CONCERNS

Family Promise training/informational session
Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30 PM
Ebenezer UMC Hall

Cheryl Christiansen from Family Promise will be sharing tips on how we can help families experiencing homelessness and what is involved with volunteering during hosting weeks.

Learn how you can help us during the next hosting week which begins November 11.

Please contact Deb Buckels (dbuckels@verizon.net or ph 302-239-2275) if you will be attending (so we have enough snacks and chairs that night).

Emmanuel Dining Room Ministry

Fabulous September volunteers at the Emmanuel Dining Room were: Terry Jelenek, Joe McClory, Christine and John Ramsey, and Sue and Andre Dagenais.

Three of those people above —Terry, Joe, and John —were first-time volunteers and did a great job! Working together, we prepared a hearty hot meal that served more than 210 hungry people. Our shepherd's pie, served with fruit and a slice of cake, always seems to be a hit! Getting to experience the humble joy of serving God's needy while working side by side with other Resurrection parishioners, helping to strengthen our relationships with one another, is always fun.

If you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful ministry, which Resurrection does on the 12th of every month, please sign up on the parish website using " Sign Up Genius " by clicking on the volunteer link or by signing up in the notebook in the Gathering Space. We are very much in need of more volunteers for the coming months, so your help would be most appreciated. We can guarantee a productive and joy-filled morning's work! We would also like to thank Cannon's bakery and Bachetti Brothers market for their continued support.

Learn About Domestic Violence

Come join us and Ajah Webb, Transitional Counselor, Child Inc. – Domestic Violence Program, on Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30pm in Saint Helena's Masci Hall-210 Bellefonte Avenue. Topics: Learn about Domestic Violence-What it is and the types of Domestic Violence, How to keep yourself safe, and Community Resources available. Sponsored by Saint Helena's Parish Social Ministry. For information, call PSM Office, 302 764-0325 ext 104. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Taking it Home

We know what our faith teaches us about discipleship and the cross; that the cross is a necessary path before the glory of the resurrection. But as often as we hear this, we choose to dismiss the cross as a means to salvation. So if we do this even in our own day, how can we hold the disciples accountable for their behavior in this weekend's gospel?

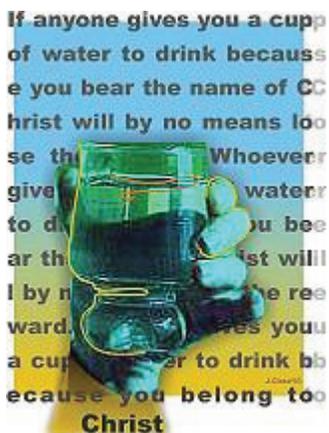
In the gospel Jesus again tells his disciples that he must suffer and die before he will rise. The fact that Jesus had to say it again is an indication that the disciples practiced selective hearing. But not only is their hearing selective, it is still focused on the rewards that will come their way for

having followed Jesus. Witness the discussion they have while on their way: who will be the greatest? Finally, Jesus has the disciples sit for a true teaching moment. Then Jesus puts a child in their midst and says, "Anyone who welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." The point is that to be a disciple, one must be willing to forego greatness and instead, be willing to be the last and servant of all, especially of those who count the least, like a child.

Unfortunately for us in our day, our sensitivities tell us that welcoming a child is no big deal. Who would not welcome a child? A child, particularly a healthy little cherub is, in most eyes a picture of innocence. A child is lovable and vulnerable, so we comfort them, protect them, care for them and welcome them. But this picture of innocence was not the prevailing image in Jesus' day. Children in Jesus' day were the very least. They had no rights, no status and no power. And so to welcome a child was to welcome the least. We might liken it in our day to welcoming the homeless, the down and out and those who we merely want to shun.

But even in our own day children are not always so precious; think of the children who are subject to abuse, who are trafficked throughout this country alone and those who are part of our foster care system. And so in some respects children may still be the nobodies of the world. But what Jesus is really saying is that in welcoming a child you are really welcoming me. What Jesus means is that when you welcome a child you are really welcoming the least, someone who beneath it all is really the face of the human person, the human person who is me and you and all of us in total. To welcome Jesus in the human person is to welcome the Son of Man in each of us – the person who when laid bare really is who we are, the greatest and especially the least. For the divine encounter really takes place right in our midst. Many of us seek higher consciousness and moral perfectionism, while Jesus simply comes and lives among us as you and me.

In many places today it has become fashionable to worship only the Jesus who rose triumphantly from death. This is the conquering Jesus, who rises above the fray and leads us to victory. Unfortunately, this is a dreamy image of a picture perfect world where sorrow and sadness, poverty and sickness and sin and evil do not exist. This is an image of the heavenly Jesus, the one who is super-human, not really like you and me, who lives above the messiness of this world. But in our baptism we not only rise triumphantly with Jesus, we also are buried with him in his death. And in death, Jesus does indeed enter the messiness of this world to confront its humanity with all of its ugliness of sin and evil. So if we too are to take up the cross, which we must, we need to be willing to enter the messiness of this world, to stand with the humanity of which we are all a part and which Jesus himself entered and so be willing to welcome all to the glory that is theirs because they are the Christ and our encounter with them is our encounter with the Body of Christ. Deacon John



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Gospel - Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

Gospel Reflection: The first part of this gospel passage deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else "cashing in" on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure.

The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because "they're not one of us", or "they're not doing it our way".

The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.

Jealousy: The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument—you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can because we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish, but it is an attitude we encounter all the time—and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behavior at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one—if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.

Cut it out! The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. While Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behavior that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to "cut it out". We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behavior even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behavior and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

Anyone not against us is for us: It seems that it is human nature to dwell much more on what makes us different rather than on what we have in common. Unfortunately, efforts to build dialogue between Christian churches seem to inevitably turn up the differences that impede dialogue more than the commonalities that foster dialogue. Jesus made it clear that "anyone who is not against us is for us". Perhaps if we focus on the common goal of leading people to Jesus we can get beyond the differences that set us against each other.

- Q. How would life change if we all lived as though "anyone not against us is for us"?*
- Q. How might the teaching about cutting off what causes sin be relevant to your life?*
- Q. How do the people we mix with impact our ideas and actions?*

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