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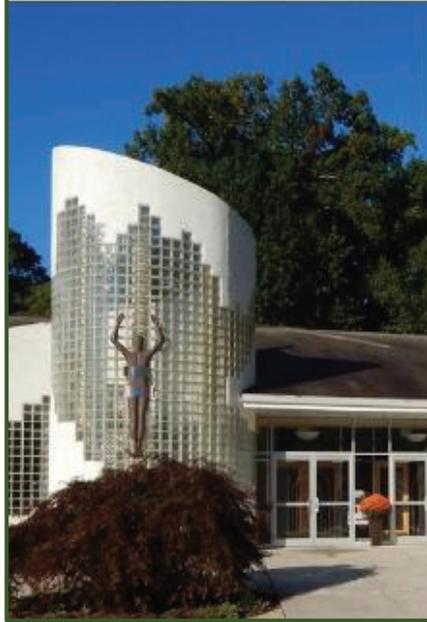
A Catholic Christian Community

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October
28, 2018
30th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

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, 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.
6:00-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

Pastoral Council

Al Mercatante	Executive Officer
Sharon Gidumal	Asst. Executive
Mike Mitchell	Secretary
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Dick Schwer	Trustee

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ext. 110

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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

WHY BE CATHOLIC? (part 2)

Last week I started a conversation about the retreat theme being considered by the Pastoral Council (Two forms: “Why Be Catholic?” and “Why I stay Catholic / Stay in Church?”). I gave you my email address (quierespaz@gmail.com) and invited you to reflect on those questions and respond if you were willing.

Wow! I am amazed at all the wonderful responses I received (so please continue—your thoughts on this faith topic are so important, not only in forming the retreat, but especially given the constant negative press we are hearing about the catholic church).

Well, several of you saw right through my play on words—realizing that the questions are vastly different.

As one person wrote, “I do not really consider myself Catholic, but rather of child of God. Perhaps because being Catholic is too limiting. I have gone to other “church denominations,” “Mosques,” etc. I guess the better question to ask is why do I go to Church? I go to church because I enjoy worshipping and praising God. Maybe that is because the God-particle within me acknowledges that praise and honor I give it and that brings me joy.”

Why I Stay Catholic? and Why I go to church? are crucial questions for each and every one of us. The days of “it’s what we were taught to do” and “to fulfill an obligation” no longer carry the weight they once did. Now, because of the current state of affairs, it is imperative that each and all of us have true answers for the above. Only then will we be able to tell the world why we authentically follow Jesus the Christ. And if we don’t proclaim our faith now, we will be standing quietly by watching the decline of the beautiful catholic church.

As for, “Why be Catholic?,” a clearer question is “Why be catholic?” Uppercase, lowercase... it’s a small distinction but a huge difference. When the Greek word “katholikos”-“catholic”--i.e., “for the whole” was used (St. Ignatius of Antioch, early 2nd century), it definitely was more in line with all that Jesus taught.

Being “catholic” means that we understand God’s love to be universal and not simply denominational. The domination we call “Roman Catholic” (with all its greatness and all its darkness) came about when the institution aligned with the power of the Empire. Jesus stood up for God’s little ones and stood against the Roman empire. So the empire had him killed.

Again, I've run out of space but I want to include this awesome statement of faith shared by an original member of our blessed community.

"I left the catholic church and stayed away for two long years. During that time I remained steadfast to two core convictions of my own faith 1) The Eucharist, and my faith that it is the body and blood of Christ; and 2) "To whom and where shall we go, for you have the words of eternal life?" That's why I am Catholic...and a Christian first! I came back because of Frank Herron. I was blessed to participate at the first Resurrection mass."

Finally, as we anticipate Resurrection's 50th anniversary, if you have photos, stories, etc. from those early years (including anything about Frank Herron) we would love if you would share them with us.

Thank you and much love, Fr. Greg

INTENTIONS

Monday	Oct. 29	8:30 am	+Claire Hahne
Tuesday	Oct. 30	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Oct. 31	8:30 am	Marilyn Maliga
Thursday	Nov. 1	8:30 am	+Joan Donnelly
All Saints	Nov. 1	7:00 pm	Parish Community
Friday	Nov. 2	8:30 am	All Souls
Saturday	Nov. 3	5:30pm	+Luis Maisonet
Sunday	Nov. 4	8:15 am	+Bunny Bode
		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. **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, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Pete DeAscanis and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-October 2018 Evangelization – The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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ALL SAINTS

Thursday, November 1

8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mass

All Souls

Friday, November 2

8:30 a.m. Mass

November – The Month of All Souls

During the month of November, we are called "to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest" (Eucharistic Prayer II). The walls of our Worship Space will be graced with the images of many of the saints of our Church – the cloud of witnesses. AND we invite parishioners to **bring small framed pictures** of dear ones who have died – the saints of Resurrection Parish – to be displayed in the Gathering Space near the Chapel. The display space will be available the last Sunday in October. Throughout the month of November the **Book of the Names of the Dead** will be available near the baptismal font so that all may inscribe the names of their beloved dead who are especially remembered in prayer throughout the month.



Confirmation Mass:

**Sunday November 18, 2018
4:00 PM at Holy Family Parish**

On Sunday November 18 eleven youth from Resurrection Parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation along with youth from Holy Family Parish located at

15 Gender Road, Newark, DE 19713

All parishioners are invited to attend this celebration.

Twice each month, we will have **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during the 10:30 am Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word follows the structure of the Liturgy of the Word being celebrated in the main assembly, allowing the power of the liturgy to act on children, encouraging their growing relationship with the Lord and allowing them to share their own experiences of God's presence. The children are dismissed to Room 4 after the Opening Prayer. They listen to the same scripture heard in the main assembly, but from the Children's Lectionary. They are then lead

in an interactive reflection that connects the Word to their life experiences. They pray the Creed and then, in their own words, the Prayer of the Faithful. The children return to the main assembly during the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts.

Volunteers are Needed to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word:

- Individuals and family **helpers set up Room 4** before Mass and put everything back in place after Mass.
- **Candle bearers** lead the procession to Room 4.
- Some older children and teens may serve as **lectors**.
- Adult **prayer leaders** lead the prayers & reflection.
- **Cantors** lead the children in song.

Is there someone in your family who can help with this ministry? Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 302-368-0146 x106.



Adults interested in joining the Resurrection Parish **Music Ministry** are most heartily **welcomed!** Please contact Ruth Sanders, 302-368-0146 Ext. 106, rsanders@resurrectionde.org.

A Taste of Bishop Robert Barron's presentation on THE MASS

Mary Ann McLane will share the fourth and fifth segments of this new series, each with follow up discussions, on October 28 and November 11, respectively. 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 conversation! For questions contact mclane@udel.edu.

PARISH LIFE

The **Black Catholic Ministry** of the Diocese of Wilmington will be holding its annual **St. Martin de Porres Mass** at St. Mary of the Assumption, 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE on **Sunday, November 4 at 9:30 a.m.** This special Mass recognizes and celebrates African American Catholics and all Catholics of African descent seeking to promote inter-racial harmony and the new evangelization in our Church. Please also join us after Mass for **food and fellowship** in the St. Mary's room with a free **Brunch** sponsored by the Black Catholic Ministry. To help estimate the number of people attending, **please register to come to the brunch** on our website or call the parish office: www.smachurch.com or (302) 239-7100.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of families.

We are grateful for all of the joy and love that they bring into our lives, and we ask that you provide special protection for all families, particularly those who face hardships as they move in search of a better life.

Show mercy to those who travel in danger, and lead them to a place of safety and peace.

Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families have been torn apart by violence and injustice. As we reflect upon the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families.

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and St. Joseph the Worker, her spouse, we pray that all migrants may be reunited with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek.

Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst.

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

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With your generous support, Resurrection parish will provide a bountiful Thanksgiving meal to 50 families. Thanksgiving Food Lists are available for pick up at Oct. 27 - 28 and Nov. 3 - 4 Masses. Three lists (Bag A, Bag B, Gift Card) combine to go to one family. Please attach list to Food Boxes and return to Gathering Space by November 11. Contact Linda Malm 267-879-2591 for information or to help sort and/or deliver.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our K to 5 Elementary Program

will meet on 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, and 11/18 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

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.

Sacrament Preparation Classes

Wednesday, November 7th, 5:45-7:00pm

Pass On the Good News!

What good news? - The Good News of Jesus and our Catholic Faith! Help our children of the parish grow in their faith by coming a substitute catechist or assistant for CFP (K-5th Grade)! With classes offered Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am. We provide you with training, materials, and support. For more information contact: Nancy Maloney (302) 368-0146 ext. 104 or nmaloney@resurrectionde.org.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

November 4 6:30-8:15- *Middle school and high school youth group.*

Sign-in in the gathering space and gather in the youth room.

Taking it Home

What does it mean to be a disciple? A disciple is one who expresses the willingness to undergo the discipline of following after the one who teaches and leads. So the word disciple really flows from the word discipline. And so to be a disciple is to know the rigors of discipline, the discipline required of those who seek to follow in the footsteps of the teacher. Failing this we cannot otherwise call ourselves disciples.

We speak of discipleship this weekend because Mark's gospel, aside from being a story of the life of Jesus, is really a story about discipleship. Mark is not satisfied with simply telling us about Jesus. There is a deeper

purpose and that deeper purpose is to provide a formula for those who want to become disciples of Jesus.

And what is the discipline that Mark places before us if we want to become disciples of Jesus? Over the past several weeks Mark has been setting the stage for the discipline of discipleship. Jesus is a suffering servant and if we want to be his disciples, we also must be willing to become suffering servants. Mark is clear that this path of suffering will eventually lead to the glory of the resurrection, but is equally clear that this glory will not come without our first coming to terms with the cross. And so the rigor of discipline that Jesus places before us as disciples is the path of suffering and death, the very path of his own life. And as uncomfortable as this may be, Mark is quite clear that this discipline is the only way to become a disciple.

This background to our understanding of Mark's gospel should enable us to better situate this weekend's gospel within it. In the gospel, Jesus was leaving Jericho to journey toward Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the place where Jesus will undergo his passion, death and resurrection. And so as Jesus is approaching his final hour, a blind man named Bartimaeus (one of the few times in all the gospels that a blind man is given a name) confronts him. Bartimaeus cries to Jesus: "Son of David (because Jerusalem is the city of David) have pity on me!" Unlike other times in Mark's gospel where Jesus discourages any mention of his identity, this time he acknowledges the title and turns toward Bartimaeus to see what he wants. Jesus then asks Bartimaeus the same question he asked of James and John in last week's gospel: "What do you want me to do for you?" "That I may see," Bartimaeus says. Jesus acknowledges the faith of Bartimaeus, his relentless desire to see and understand, and proclaims him healed. In response, Bartimaeus becomes a follower, a disciple.

This story about Bartimaeus is more than a miracle story. Mark is using this story to make a point about discipleship. Bartimaeus is driven to see and understand who the Son of David is. When Jesus, the Son of David, hears Bartimaeus begging for mercy, Jesus feels his desire. The crowd cannot crush it. Jesus matches this desire with a call that brings Bartimaeus to his feet. Seeker and the one sought meet. Jesus has met many who have not been able to understand and comprehend who the Son of Man is, but Bartimaeus does. So if someone can see and understand it is their faith that has allowed them to see and to desire to follow Jesus' way. Faith cures blindness by creating awareness for this quest for a deeper conversion, a deeper awakening.

Jesus is the Son of God and in Jerusalem this Son of God will undergo his suffering and death in order to enter into his glory. As disciples, Jesus asks us to follow his discipline, to open our eyes in faith and to take up our cross as Jesus took his. Bartimaeus is our symbol for our response to Jesus if we too want to follow him as disciples.



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL - MARK 12:28B-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, “Which is the first of all the commandments?”

Jesus replied, “The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The scribe said to him, “Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, ‘He is One and there is no other than he.’ and ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Gospel Reflection: Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. In Jewish tradition, a lot of teaching occurs through a question and answer style and often the question is related to a particular teaching from Torah. Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost. This could be an opening question to any teacher and one would expect it to be the start of a long conversation. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law). His qualification of the first commandment—to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength—is a way of capturing the whole person. What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and adds another commandment—“You must love your neighbor as yourself.” The scribe agrees with Jesus’ teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practiced in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbor are far more important! It is because of this understanding about the priority of love over religious practice—the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims—that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be “not far from the kingdom of God.”

Sacrifice: We know from the Old Testament that sacrifice was an important religious practice dating back to the foundations of Jewish faith. After the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem, sacrifice of birds and animals was practiced there as the highest form of worship. With the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE—about the time Mark’s gospel was written—temple worship and sacrifice came to an abrupt end. The entire nature of Judaism changed from a Temple-centered faith to a much more decentralized faith. In this gospel passage, the gospel writer is projecting the reality of his time back into the scribe’s encounter with Jesus.

Love: Jesus reminds us “You must love your neighbor as yourself.” Before you can love your neighbor, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self—an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others.

First of all: Jesus is asked which commandment is first and he provides two commandments as his answer. Notice that he very distinctly identifies them as first and second. Sometimes we can feel the way to express love for God is through demonstrating our love for other people in charitable or justice-focused actions. However, Jesus makes clear that the first commandment of all is the love of God with all our being—that God is worthy of love in God’s own right. Our love of God may inspire us to action for others but the first step is loving God for who God is.

Q. What is significant about a scribe asking Jesus about the Law?

Q. What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

Q. Why is the qualifier of “as yourself” important in the commandment to love your neighbor?

Q. How would our world be different if people genuinely loved their neighbors?

Q. Which aspect/s of the commandments Jesus named do you need to work on at

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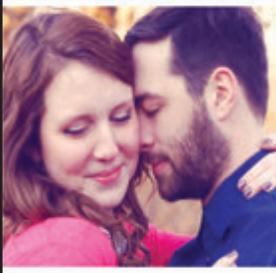
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