

Resurrection Parish

January 6,
2019

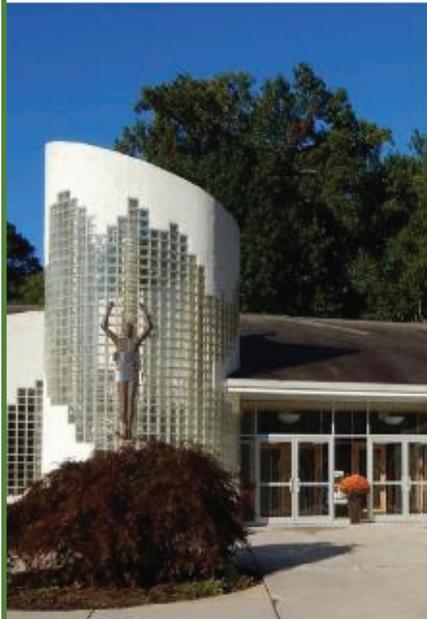
A Catholic Christian Community

Epiphany

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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, Assoc. 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.
6:00-8:30 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

Gratitude and Community

At Masses this weekend, we put on name tags and talk to one another as a way of better knowing each other. Often we recognize the face of another but we need help with recalling the name and even how to pronounce a name. Thanks for this way of building community. Of course, we are encouraged to share with one another each Sunday.

Another way to express appreciation of one another is with special annual Christmas greetings in social media and cards. The staff and I thank all of you for the baked gifts, candy, and generous gifts graciously given and received both personally and to the parish needs. I hope you understand that there is not time for me to send individual notes to all of you. This "Incarnation" time of the year reminds us of the year-round presence of Christ that comes through you to one another. This presence of Christ is a core to our identity and has the power for mutual transformation. So again, thank you for our high quality of participation in our worship. This allows for continuing renewal and strengthening of our faith. Good worship builds faith ever stronger.

At this time of year, we reflect on the past year. It was most unusual for me. Again community support came through to get us through the trauma and crisis. I am apologize for not appreciating the risk of having the young man present. The prayers truly helped with a remarkable recovery. I heard from people from several states besides the powerful prayer service held here. All this is evidence that God is with us always. It could have been much worse. Let us continue to pray. Your support has been gratifying and humbling.

The parish will have its 50th anniversary with various events planned for the yearlong celebration. Help the staff and planning groups to get the word out and to tell former parishioners about the events. In summary, thank you for the past and look forward to being enriched in the present and future.

In Christ, Fr. Bill Graney

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention--January 2019



Evangelization – Young People: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Environment Preparation for Ordinary Time will be **Sunday, January 13 beginning at 11:30 am.** Thank you for any and all help you are able to offer!

**Virtual Workshops
For EMs, Greeters, Ushers Bread Bakers
and ALL who are interested
Attend one, two or three!**

As people who have been touched by the love of Christ and are committed to discipleship, we invite you to join in a wonderful opportunity to nourish and deepen your life of faith, as well as your ministry. We are offering a series of three workshops that will engage us in learning, reflection, prayer and conversation on the role of the Eucharist in the life of the Church and in our lives of discipleship. The workshops are:

**Living as Christ for One Another --
Eucharistic Spirituality:**

February 19, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00pm ET

**The Eucharistic Prayers
as an Expression of Faith**

February 5, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00 pm ET

Understanding Eucharistic Theology

January 22, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:30 pm ET

These virtual workshops will bring presenter Christina N. Condyles to us through the magic of the internet, and guide those attending to embrace the mission of discipleship in their daily lives so that they may truly become what they receive. So that we'll have plenty of space and handouts for all who wish to participate, please contact Ruth Sanders to sign up, rsanders@resurrectionde.org.

INTENTIONS

Monday	Jan. 7	8:30 am	+John Eckstein
Tuesday	Jan. 8	7:00 pm	+Louise Poppiti
Wednesday	Jan. 9	8:30 am	+Dolores Agnello
Friday	Jan. 11	8:30 am	+Rev. J. Keith Zavelli
Saturday	Jan. 12	5:30 pm	+Betty Seningen
Sunday	Jan. 13	8:15 am	+John McEachern
		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, Carol Strasser, Judy Burns, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

PARISH LIFE



Christmas Brunch
Jan. 6 after the
8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Welcome

Questions or Comments? Please feel free to contact your Pastoral Council Steward via the Resurrection Office or drop a note in the Suggestion Box in the Gathering Space. We'd love to hear from you!

Last name of Parishioner	Stewards
A – F	JoAnn Hedrick Pat Sormani
G - L	Sharon Gidumal Mike Mitchell
M – R	Joe Quinn Al Mercatante
S – Z	Mary Beth Coté Susan Sheahan

March for Life January 18 – Free Bus

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus for people of all ages, weather permitting, for the **March for Life** held on Friday, January 18th in Washington DC.

There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those unable to make the March. Seats will be available on a first come basis. The only cost to the individual passenger is a tip for the bus driver. Brown bag lunch recommended.

Please contact Jo Ann Van Heest at 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or 302-239-0739.



THANK YOU for participating in our photography event. We are working with Lifetouch to complete the new directory which will be available in 2019.



Annual Winter Arts

Festival

Saturday

January 26, 2019

Go to the Resurrection website under Christian Formation to sign your act up, donate a dessert or auction item, or display art. Tickets go on sale January 19&20 after all Masses. Thank you in Advance.

<https://resurrectionde.org/winter-arts-festival-sign-ups-2019>



Shawl Ministry: As we knit and crochet shawls, we pray for those in need of physical, spiritual and mental comfort. *Come join us Monday, January 14 from 12:30 to 2.*

CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTIANITY

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Gathering Space & Chapel

ALL ARE WELCOME please join us!

Facilitated by Bev Roberts and Mary Trotter

"Only love transforms us, for only love has the power to change our hearts." J. Philip Newell.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Prayer for Christian Unity

On Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm, at Simpson United Methodist church, all are invited to attend a service of prayer for Christian Unity with special attention to the students and teachers of our local school districts. Because these children and teenagers are our future, we urge everyone to take part.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our K to 5 Elementary Program



will meet on 1/6/19, 1/13/19, and 1/27/19 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.

Sacramental Prep

Saturday, January 5th, 9am **First Reconciliation**

Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 6th (after the 10:30am Mass)

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School

Youth Group

January 6, 2019 6:30-8:15- *Middle school and high school youth group.*

High school and College students

bring a wrapped gender-neutral gift priced at \$5 or less for our annual Epiphany Party!

Annual Youth ministry mini retreat

Saturday February 2- 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Lunch and snacks included! Bring a friend! Please **RSVP to Elaine** at elittle@resurrectionde.org.

Taking it Home

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning, “manifestation.” A manifestation is a revelation, an appearance of something that had previously been hidden or a sign that tells us that something special is happening. The Solemnity of the Epiphany is really a further expression of what we celebrated at Christmas – God becoming human.

In the tradition of the Church, there are three gospel stories related to the Epiphany. Each gospel story tells of a particular manifestation of who Jesus really is, God come among us. The first story is that of the Magi, the gospel we hear this weekend. In this story, through the appearance of a star, the Magi are given a sign that something special is happening in the world. This star leads

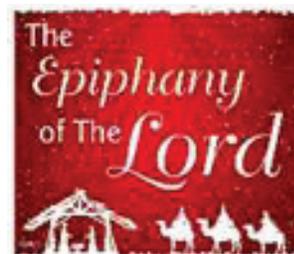
them to Jesus, where the Magi pay special homage to Jesus by bringing him three special gifts, which are further signs of who Jesus is. The gold represents Jesus’ royal stature as a human king, the frankincense acknowledges his divine stature as God and the myrrh points to his human death, which will be redemptive for the world. And so these events surrounding the birth of the child Jesus as told by Luke foretold not only his birth but his future destiny as well. From this we can say that God was at work in human history wanting to make known that it is God who is the ultimate author of the life of Jesus.

The second gospel story related to the Epiphany is the baptism of Jesus. In the story of Jesus’ baptism by John in the River Jordan, we hear from God that Jesus is the beloved Son of God, a pretty clear indication of who Jesus is. The final gospel story related to Epiphany is the gospel story told by John of Jesus at the marriage feast of Cana. At this feast Jesus turns water in wine, which is the first of the seven signs in John’s gospel. These signs are indications that Jesus is no ordinary person, but that there is something extraordinary about him, indicating that his destiny is tied to our watching and waiting world.

As interesting as all this is what does it all mean. There are, I think, two implications. One is that Jesus, as God, becomes a member of our human race and this means that God has graced our world and that having graced it, there is nothing about it that is not holy. God through Jesus has wedded heaven and earth. So if we are to seek out God, we are to seek God through and in the ordinary activities of our daily lives. This is where holiness is to be found.

The second implication flows from the first. Because God has seen fit to connect heaven and earth, there is no part of our lives that makes sense apart from God. God is the center and source of our very existence, and so if we are going to find meaning for our lives and this world, we can only do it by allowing the desires of our restless hearts to rest in God. How do these implications then make sense for us? Let me give an example.

One of the reasons that we give gifts at Christmas is because of the story of the Magi bearing gifts to the baby Jesus. Though Jesus is God’s gift to us, we believe that our giving in return to others is a sign of our willingness to participate in this divine activity of God – what God has done for us we do for others. Therefore, gift-giving is a way for us to make visible something of the invisible, God’s love. Deacon John





THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD GOSPEL - LUKE 3: 15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Gospel Reflection: This gospel passage begins with a level of expectancy among the people that John the Baptist may be the Christ; the Messiah. This seemingly throw away introductory comment confirms the fact that the Jewish expectation of the Messiah was particularly heightened at the time of John and Jesus. At the time of the ministries of John and Jesus, the Romans had been the occupying force in Judaea for about 80 or 90 years. Throughout most of their lives the infamous Galilee area had been relatively peaceful and free of revolutionary activity but that changed from about 26 CE. With the anti-Roman sentiment on the rise, the ancient yearning for a Messiah resurfaced. This Messianic expectation stretched back hundreds of years and was richly associated with the sovereign line of King David. The Davidic line ruled for more than 400 years until it was ended in the early 6th Century BCE by the Jewish people being exiled in Babylon for about 50 years. The term, Messiah, literally means anointed one. In ancient Israel, the king was designated by being anointed with oil on his head. Following the exile in Babylon, the people longed for another great king, in the style and from the line of David. Over time, this expectation grew into an ideal that one day a perfect king would rise up again and be the anointed one; the Messiah. As the years grew into decades and centuries, this expectation took on more and more significance. When the Messiah came, the whole world would be put to right; a period of justice and peace would prevail; the oppressed would be liberated. While the people longed for the Messiah to appear, the gospels reveal that they had difficulty believing Jesus was the one for whom they hoped.

Baptism: John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water, but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrong-doing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others. The baptism to which he refers is the complete change of heart and mind that comes through the Holy Spirit and results from a person accepting the message of Jesus.

My Son, the Beloved: “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you.” This declaration by the voice from Heaven—the voice of God—is an amalgamation of two earlier pieces of scripture: “You are my son; today I have begotten you” (Ps 2:7) and “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights” (Is 42:1). The fact that it is uttered before Jesus has begun his ministry is a sign to all of us that God delights in us for who we are, not for what we have achieved in our lives.

Trinity: The baptism event in the gospels is a moment of revelation of the Trinitarian nature of God. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove while the voice of God is heard to declare of Jesus, “You are my Son.” It is a unique moment in the scriptures where the three persons of God are individually and collectively revealed. Although the scriptures do not explicitly name God as Trinity, by the time of Paul’s early writings, blessings in the name of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are frequent. Despite this, Trinity continues to be a difficult concept for many Christians.

- Q. Why might people have thought that John might be the Christ; the Messiah?*
- Q. Why might people have had difficulty believing Jesus was the Messiah?*
- Q. What phrase or image from today’s gospel captures your attention? Why?*
- Q. For whom do you need to give reassurance that your “favor” rests on them?*

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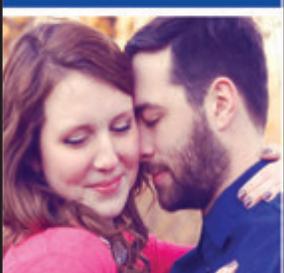
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