

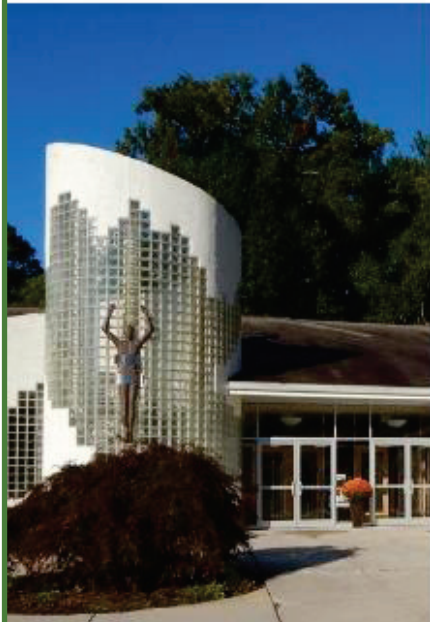
# Resurrection Parish

February 17, 2019

A Catholic Christian Community 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary

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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**  
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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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Dick Schwer Trustee

### 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**



## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019

8:30 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word

7:00 p.m. Mass



### ANNUAL SOUPER SUPPER NEW DAY AND TIME!

**THE 1st FRIDAY of Lent**  
**March 8, 2019**  
**5:30 PM-7:30 PM**

If you would like to donate a crockpot of steaming hot *meatless* soup contact Kim Snyder at [basx2ks@gmail.com](mailto:basx2ks@gmail.com) or visit

<https://resurrectionde.org/souper-supper-soup-donation>

Thank you in advance for sharing your culinary talents.

Tickets will be on sale the weekend of March 2 and 3 after all Masses and will be available at the door.

All money raised will go toward the service trip this summer to Cleveland, OH

## INTENTIONS

Monday	Feb. 18	8:30 am	+Mike Turano, Sr.
Tuesday	Feb. 19	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Feb. 20	8:30 am	Helen Cavolo
Friday	Feb. 22	8:30 am	+Fr. Paul Campbell
Saturday	Feb. 23	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Feb. 24	8:15 am	+Robert Redding, Sr.
		10:30am	+Carol Strasser



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* Eva Skripchuk, Linda Scarola, Burt

Strasser, 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, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Pete DeAscanis, Anna Catriew, George Ward IV, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention--February 2019**

**Human Trafficking:** For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

*"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."* [John Paul II, Homily, 17th World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002]

Especially during **cold and flu season**, please remember to **pray for those who are sick**, for their caregivers, for those who have died because of sickness, and for those who suffer with no one to care for them. **At Mass if you think you're not well, you may want to refrain from shaking hands or holding hands and receiving communion from the cup.** Others will understand and appreciate your concern for them!

## Virtual Workshop Last of the Series

**EMs, Sacristans, 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, you are invited to join in an opportunity to nourish and deepen your life of faith, as well as your ministry. The last of the series of workshops on the role of the Eucharist in the life of the Church and in our lives of discipleship is coming up:

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

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

Presenter Christina N. Condyles will come to us through the magic of the internet, and guide those attending to embrace the mission of discipleship in their daily lives 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](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org).

**Lenten Small Group Faith Sharing:** Last year during Lent we formed a small group to share faith using *LIVING THE EUCHARIST* as a resource. The group met on Thursday evenings for the six weeks of the Lenten season. Are you interested in being part of such a group this year to share on the scripture and prayers of the Lenten season and how we live the Word in our daily lives? If so, please contact Ruth Sanders, [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org). Sample materials are available for you to review here at the parish or online at <http://www.livingtheeucharist.org/>.





## PARISH LIFE

### **Coming Soon. . .**

Do you wonder about the names of those people who worship with you every week? **The weekend of March 2-3 will be a community weekend** when you will have an opportunity to learn who they are.

When you enter the gathering space, you will be invited to prepare a nametag. We encourage you to include your last name on the tag and wear it during Mass. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **Stewardship Campaign Update**

We had about 100 families participate in the recent stewardship campaign. Our efforts to encourage electronic giving were successful with 15 new contributors. Thanks to everyone for your participation and support.

We had a drawing to encourage electronic giving with Kim Snyder winning a gift card. Ed and JoAnn Hedrick won a gift card for all those already participating in the program.

**L.A.F.F. Group:** Tuesdays in Room 2. From 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. Bring a bagged lunch, and join a fun group to play card games.



**Charitable Donation Receipts:** Receipts are printed if requested by a parishioner. Please add your name to the request form in the Gathering Space by the welcome table or on the parish website under the welcome tab. Contact Debbie at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 or [office@resurrectionde.org](mailto:office@resurrectionde.org). Thank you.



**Snow Days:** Daily Mass is cancelled when Red Clay School District is closed or delayed for snow storms. Weekend Masses are cancelled via a post on the parish website, Facebook, and possibly a WDEL SnoWatch listing. Please use your discretion when the roads are snowy or icy.

### **Thank You for Supporting Girl Scouts!**

Thank you for purchasing girl scouts cookies. Your purchase is helping girls build a life time of skills including money management, decision making, goal setting, business ethics, and communications.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### **Family Promise**

Resurrection will team up with Ebenezer to help minister to families from Family Promise who are experiencing homelessness. Up to 14 individuals (children and adults) will be staying overnight at Ebenezer UMC each night for a week beginning Sunday, February 24, and leaving the following Sunday morning.

Resurrection Parish will be providing a Spaghetti and Meatball dinner on Monday, February 25 and a Turkey dinner on Thursday, February 28. If you are able to help out, please click on the link below to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45adae2fa0ff2-family5>

If you are able to volunteer to drive the Family Promise van one of the mornings or evenings to transport the families to or from Ebenezer to the Family Promise Day Center off Kirkwood Highway, please let me know. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Deb Buckels, 302-239-2275, [dbuckels@verizon.net](mailto:dbuckels@verizon.net)

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### **Our K to 5 Elementary Program**



**will meet on 2/24/19, 3/3/19, 3/10/19, 3/17/19, 3/24/19, and 3/31/19 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](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org), 368-0146 ext. 104.

### **Sacramental Preparation Schedule**

Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Sacramental Preparation  
Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, Sacramental Preparation  
Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Sacramental Preparation  
Class, 5:45-7:00pm

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **Retreat Opportunity for High School youth**

March 22-24, 2019

Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ  
For more information or to register go to

<https://capemaymarianists.org/high-school-teen-retreat-weekends/>

## TAKING IT HOME

At the heart of all Christian contemplative spirituality is the idea that God is the center of all things. God is the ground of all being in whom we alone find our existence. Apart from God we are nothing. We are beings that are totally and radically dependent on God. Within this idea of spirituality, God seeks to be in intimate communion with us and until we become aware of God as the center of our being and long to experience God's presence as the source of our life, we will never be satisfied. In this relationship with God we are asked to surrender in trust to the God who always desires our company and who wants us to live in the goodness in which the Creator created us. Thomas Merton captures the essence of this relationship when he says, "if I find God I will find myself, and if I find myself I will find God, because the essence of who I am lies in God."

But what does it mean for us to accept this invitation to enter into such a loving union with God? Does it mean that God will answer my every need and that I will be forever blessed as God showers me with love and goodness? Well yes, our lives will be blessed as we discover the source of our desire, but the blessing might not be exactly what we imagined. If by blessing we mean living securely and having everything we ever needed and ever wanted, that is, a blessing according to the way the world looks at blessing. If this is what we expect, then we may have to expand our idea of blessing. We may have to do this because as the gospel explains, a blessing is what God has in store for those who surrender in trust to the God who loves them. But such a blessing comes not simply in goodness and love, but also with poverty, weeping, hunger and pain instead of just fame and fortune. But we say, "How does such a blessing make any sense?"

In the ancient world and even in our present day, to be blessed meant that only fame and fortune would come one's way. But Jesus looks at blessing differently, a way that this present world finds foreign. Jesus is not defining blessing in terms of this world, but in terms of God's providence and God's providence is that the weak, the poor, the lowly, the humble and the just will inherit the kingdom instead of the powerful, the rich, the proud and the shrewd of this world.

Well, will the rich and powerful not be blessed? Not necessarily; it just simply means that those who put their trust in the things of this world, things like possessions, wealth and power, put their trust in things that will not last. Fr. John Kavanaugh in an essay for America Magazine says this: "The atrocities of 9/11 not only marked the beginning of the war on terrorism; they also marked the beginning of our nationwide feeling of terror. The assault on symbols of two things so close to our national identity, wealth and power, exposed us to a

vulnerability that would intensify each year as our wealth and power failed to provide the security we thought we had insured." And so when wealth, power and status fail, and fail they will, then woe is what follows.

But again we say, "what blessing is there in poverty, sorrow, hunger and pain?" Well there really isn't any. The blessing comes from taking hold of God's providence, which is defined in 1 Timothy 6:19 as "the life that is true life." In other words, those who put their trust in God and God's ways, those who understand that only in God do we find the source of our desire and those who understand that the ways of this world are temporary, limited and fleeting will find blessing. And because they have put their trust in God, they can endure the hardship and pain of this world because they know it won't last. And not only that, because of their communion with God, whose union gives them the ability to recognize the kingdom, they can live it as a reality in their lives, giving them the courage to resist and overcome the evil and suffering that does exist. For if God is love then our only hope is in God, because hope is the openness of love to infinite possibilities and new life. For God's love can neither be overcome by human power nor conquered by force. God's love is the power of love to heal and transform death into new life. Deacon John

## OTHER NEWS

**Saint Anthony of Padua Grade School** Saint Anthony of Padua Grade School, is now accepting registrations for students entering Pre-K through Eighth Grade for the 2019-2020 school year. Please visit us on our website- [www.sapgs.org](http://www.sapgs.org) or call St. Anthony's School at (302) 421-3743.

**Catechetical Day ("Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ")** with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years.

The final registration deadline is March 1, 2019. Please go to [www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2019](http://www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2019) to find out more about the day and how to register.

**Neighbors To Nicaragua is having an Oldies Night Dance** Party on Saturday, March 9th, from 7 pm - 11 pm at the Elks Lodge, 1310 Carruthers Dr, Wilm 19803 Tickets are \$35/person and include 2 drink tickets, tomato pie, wraps & sandwiches. Buy tickets in advance by [sarahbrooksbc@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbrooksbc@gmail.com), 302-983-5794.



## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL - LUKE 6: 27-38

*Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."*

**Gospel Reflection:** The radical teaching that was begun in last week's gospel as the beatitudes and woes is continued in this week's challenge to be forgiving, compassionate, and generous in the same way that God expresses abundant love. As with the blessings and curses of the Beatitudes passage, this teaching continues the challenge to act against cultural and social expectations. Who would be surprised if you were to express hatred for an enemy or for someone who hates you or treats you badly? But Jesus tells his disciples to *love* their enemies and to *do good* to those who hate them. His instruction is contrary to the 'normal' way of doing things—and that's exactly the message Jesus wanted to convey! Rather than a spiteful, vengeful God who keeps score and punishes wrongdoing, Jesus presents a compelling image of a God of unbounded compassion and abundant generosity.

In this passage we find one version of the Golden Rule that appears repeatedly throughout the gospels (as well as most other religious traditions): "Treat others as you would like them to treat you." It is followed up with a comment that it takes no effort to treat well people whom you like—anybody can do that. The challenge is to treat people you don't like as you would like to be treated yourself. In a society that had very strict rules about the way to treat different people and clearly established boundaries between different groups, this was a tough ask by Jesus. Bear in mind also that there was an occupying army in the country and Jesus was encouraging the people to treat even their enemies, the Romans, with love, compassion, and forgiveness. This was a radical and challenging teaching!

**In the midst of oppression:** What a powerful message Jesus delivered to people who were subjugated and oppressed by an invading army. It would have been easy, and somehow "natural," for the people of Palestine to hate the Roman occupiers and to seek revenge upon them. How confronting then for Jesus to say, "love your enemies"! He tells the people that the way to live God's way in this situation was to be compassionate towards the oppressors; that when they rob you of your cloak to present them with your shirt as well. To do otherwise is to become like the oppressors themselves. Meeting hatred with hatred never ended hatred.

**Compassion:** The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasized and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.

**Turn the other cheek:** Presenting your other cheek when someone has already struck you is usually seen as a pacifist action. However, a completely different interpretation can be made. If a man were to strike an inferior, it would be as a backhand strike—only equals fought with fists or open hands. Having been struck on one cheek with a backhand, offering the other cheek makes it impossible to again be struck with a backhand. The only option for the striker would be with an open hand—as equals fight. So, turning the other cheek can be interpreted as claiming your status as an equal.


- Q. Do you think it is genuinely possible to live as Jesus calls us to in this gospel passage?*
- Q. In your life, what would it mean to lend (or give) "without any hope of return"?*
- Q. What does it mean to truly be compassionate?*
- Q. Who are your "enemies" and what would it take to demonstrate love for them?*
- Q. Do you know of people who have very little and yet are incredibly generous? What motivates them?*



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