

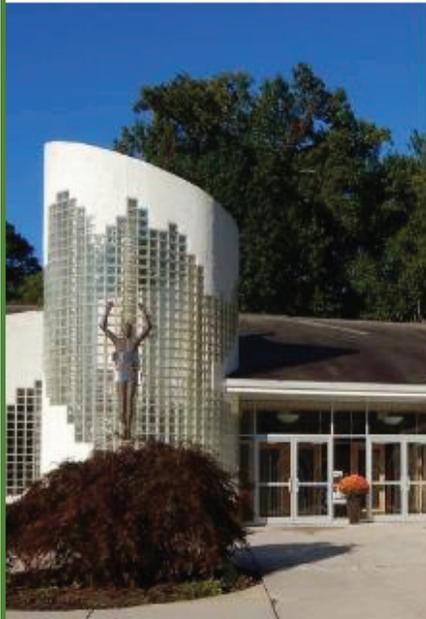
Resurrection Parish

February 24, 2019

A Catholic Christian Community 6th 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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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

HOOKED FOLLOWERS FISH

Years ago, Fr. Bill invited the staff and other members of our faith community to a conference held at the Church of the Nativity, a parish in Timonium Maryland that is passionate about the local catholic parish. With God's grace, they work to help other parishes build faith and enliven the spiritual life of their community.

I recently saw on their website (www.churchnativity.com) an announcement for an upcoming 3 week series called: "HOOKED FOLLOWERS FISH." The title "caught" my attention. Resurrection is a community of remarkable hospitality. For years, we have emphasized our need to INVITE and WELCOME.



Well, Nativity uses the words "invest and invite," and their "Hooked Followers Fish" series describes how it can be done.

Let me summarize Fr. Michael White's message from week one of the series:

In the past, the work of identifying and inviting and welcoming new people to a parish was called evangelization and discipleship. This is a vital action that needs participation from ALL of us. It doesn't require a change of lifestyle. Our mission field is not on the other side of the planet. Those whom the Lord wants us to "see" and "invite" are in our own back yard, in our workplaces, our schools, and in our own families.

We have opportunities all the time to bring people into relationship with Christ. Sadly, Catholics don't have much of a history of sharing our faith stories. We may feel that it's unnecessary, impolite, even inappropriate.

Two truths:

- The most loving way to love others is to share Christ with them.
- Sharing our faith is a great way, a crucial way, to grow our faith.

Can you invest something of your prayer, your caring, for someone you know who doesn't have a relationship with Christ? And, when appropriate, would you be willing to invite someone to church?

Also, don't think you're doing this on your own. We, the staff and parish ministers, are here to help. We guarantee that if you invite someone to church we will do our best to provide heartfelt hospitality and a worship experience that will be memorable.

Can you identify just one person in your "world," and make a focused effort to pray for them on a daily basis, maybe even sacrifice for them, do some small "fast," or kind act that will add power to your prayer? Can you find opportunities to talk and connect with them?

What we are doing is NOT introducing people to religion. We are introducing people into a relationship, a relationship with the one person who brings the fullness of life and love to each person willing to meet and come to know...the Lord.

That's why... Followers Fish. (Fr. Michael White, 2019).

Peace,
Fr. Greg Corrigan

INTENTIONS

Monday	Feb. 25	8:30 am	+Chris Sturfels
Tuesday	Feb. 26	7:00 pm	Rick Jusino
Wednesday	Feb. 27	8:30 am	
Friday	Mar. 1	8:30 am	
Saturday	Mar. 2	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Mar. 3	8:15 am	+Kyle Rzucidlo
		10:30am	+Richard McCracken



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, Shannon Wilson, Gil Ramil 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.

Welcome and Blessing: *Today at our 8:15 am mass, Leonardo Augusto, Antonio Joseph and Victoria Anne Cardena will be welcomed and blessed as they prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation in April. All three have previously been baptized, but have not yet completed their sacraments of initiation. As a community we welcome them and offer our prayers of support as our RCIA team continues to prepare them to become full members and are able to join us at the table of the Lord.*

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!



ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019

8:30 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Word

7:00 p.m. Mass

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. Sample materials are available for you to review here at the parish or online at <http://www.livingtheeucharist.org/>.

Virtual Workshop Proclaimers of the Word

and **ALL** who are interested
Attend one, two or three!

Designed specifically for lectors and those who proclaim God's Word, these workshops will help participants to develop their public speaking skills as they become more familiar with the Lectionary:

Techniques for Effective Proclaiming: Public Speaking Skills to Bring God's Word to Life

March 12, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00 pm

The Word of the Lord at Mass: Understanding the Lectionary

March 26, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00pm ET

Literary Genres in the Lectionary: Proclaiming in Different Forms of Scripture

April 9, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00 pm ET

Virtual Workshops™ offer formation, dialogue, and reflection. Through the internet, our presenter will use several multimedia components at once, including short films, presentation slides, chat boxes, handouts/downloads, and polls, engaging participants from many parts of the country virtually – as we here at Resurrection join in the conversation. 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.

PARISH LIFE



ANNUAL SOUPER SUPPER

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 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.

Community Weekend

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.



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.

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. Thank you.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Second Collection March 2/3

Collection for the Church in Latin America

For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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, 368-0146 ext. 104.

Sacramental Preparation Schedule

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School and High School Youth Group

March 3, 2019 6:30-8:15 PM
March 17, 2019 6:30-8:15 PM

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

Jesus was walking down the road with his disciples. Some people threw stones at him and cursed him. Jesus blessed them. The disciples asked him, "Master, why do you bless those who curse you?" Jesus replied, "I can only give what I have in my sack."

When we are attacked, there is an instinctive drive to protect ourselves and fight back. It is what we do because the negative pressure of our outer world does not give us much time to think. The outer world wants us on its terms. Now those terms may not always be what we would choose, but these terms are often how we react. And so not feeling so secure about our deeper, loving identity, we usually are unable to find our sack, but a rock always seems to be close at hand.

This deeper loving identity, however, is who we are called to be. By our baptism, which connects us all as members of the one body of Christ, we are to literally bear

the image of Christ to the world. We are the image of Christ and, like Christ, we are called to be shining lights in a world of impending darkness. We are called to give the world what should only be in our sack. But what does all this mean?

In our gospel, Jesus describes qualities of discipleship. These are the qualities that Jesus displayed throughout his lifetime, the qualities that filled his sack – qualities like love of enemies, total self-giving, forgiveness and compassion. And so if by our baptism we too are to be the continuing presence of Christ to the world, then we also have a responsibility to live these qualities in our lives. The bottom line is this: if we feel we have a right to judge and condemn others, if we feel we don't need to be generous and giving, if we feel we don't need to be forgiving and compassionate, where then is the light of Christ still shining in the darkness?

But we object! We say we live in a world that pressures us to instinctively react to the darkness that surrounds us, which leads us to do to others before they can do it to us. And that seems to make what we do okay. So instead of doing good to others who hate us, we get them back (so a certain president seems to think). Instead of offering our other cheek to the one who strikes us, we hit them back in return. It is the way of our world and it is simply a matter of survival. Unfortunately, this seems to only escalate the violence in the world. But what Jesus is really saying to us is that for the violence and hatred to end in this world, we need to end it in ourselves first. But this is so hard; how can we do it?

Fortunately, in between the time when someone does something to us and we react, there is a time for a pause. Stephen Covey in his 8th Habit From Effectiveness to Greatness says it this way. Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space lies our freedom and power to choose our response. In those choices lie our growth and our happiness. The qualities that Jesus exhibits in his lifetime, in particular those Jesus mentions in the gospel, are qualities of God. And these very same qualities are the gifts that God gives us through unconditional grace. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we too can learn to exhibit these qualities in our relationships with others around us as we learn to appreciate what God desires for us. In other words, God has given us the ability to defeat the darkness and the negative flow of events around us. We just need to take the time to find that inner space where God unconditionally loves us. This is our deeper loving identity and we are free to embody this loving identity that is at our core. This is the love that fills us and that will help make our speech and actions worthy of being a child of God.

Unfortunately, what Jesus gives us in the gospel are general imperatives for graceful living. They are not specific instructions about what to actually say and do. So pausing is necessary for us to figure out our response. So if you see me in a silent pause in the midst of a series of negative events, I am not lost, I am only trying to find my sack. Deacon John.



8TH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL - LUKE 6: 39-45

*Jesus told his disciples a parable,
 “Can a blind person guide a blind
 person? Will not both fall into a pit?
 No disciple is superior to the teacher;
 but when fully trained, every disciple
 will be like his teacher.*

*“Why do you notice the splinter in
 your brother’s eye, but do not perceive
 the wooden beam in your own? How
 can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let
 me remove that splinter in your eye,’
 when you do not even notice the wooden
 beam in your own eye? You hypocrite!
 Remove the wooden beam from your eye
 first; then you will see clearly to remove
 the splinter in your brother’s eye.*

*“A good tree does not bear rotten
 fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good
 fruit. For every tree is known by its own
 fruit. For people do not pick figs from
 thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes
 from brambles.*

*“A good person out of the store of
 goodness in his heart produces good, but
 an evil person out of a store of evil
 produces evil; for from the fullness of the
 heart the mouth speaks.”*

GOSPEL REFLECTION: In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbor’s eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticized because one person’s opinion is just as good as the next person’s. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a metanarrative—an underlying “big picture” story for life. On the surface, the idea that one person’s opinion is as valid as any other’s seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practicing in a particular field of endeavor cannot be lightly dismissed as “that’s just your opinion.” Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion—frequently in the name of “balanced” discussion. For some people immersed in the postmodern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal, and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and metanarratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today’s gospel: the blind leading the blind.

Good from Good: “The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.” What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet goodness constantly flows from them. It’s not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing “good treasure” or harboring “evil treasure.” It is a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.

Three texts; one lesson: This gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

You hypocrite: It is a often argued that it is hypocrisy to attend Mass on Sundays and be “holy” in that circumstance but to then be less than perfect during the rest of the week. This is often rolled out as a convenient excuse for not attending Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass does not imply perfection. It is in fact a recognition of imperfection and the need to come together as a community and to seek God’s help to have another go at trying to get it a bit more right in the coming week.

Q. What strategies do you use to evaluate critical comments before you make them?

Q. How do you recognize a person who produces good “out of the good treasure of the heart”?

Q. How do you seek to nurture the good treasure of your heart?

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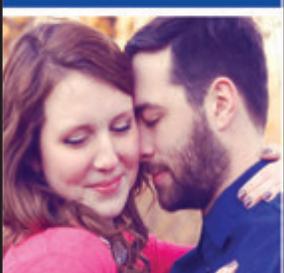
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