

Resurrection Parish

March 10, 2019
1st Sunday in
Lent

A Catholic Christian Community

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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
Tina Donald, Bookkeeper
Debbie Seymour, Admin. Asst.

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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.

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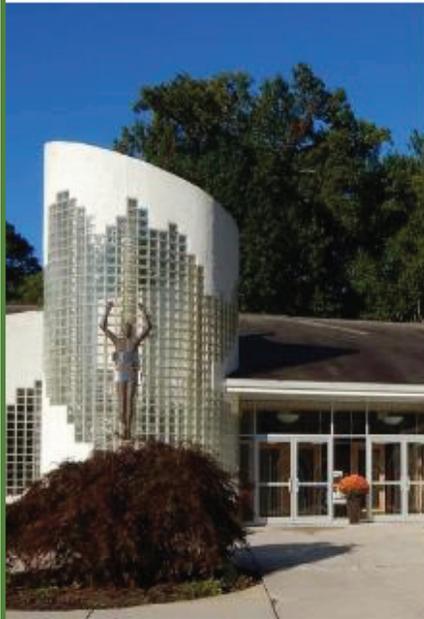
Learn more by contacting
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

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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TONY MAGLIANO LENTEN TALK SOCIAL JUSTICE

March 27, 2019
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



Talk given HERE,
by nationally syndicated
Tony Magliano
on transforming society's
structures of sin which oppress
the poor and vulnerable into
structures of justice, love, and
peace.

Tony Magliano, who lives in our Diocese, will lay out four key examples of structural sin: poverty/hunger, war, environmental degradation and abortion. After clearly laying out these problems, Tony submits life-affirming responses based on the church's social doctrine. Throughout his address Tony quotes Jesus, as well as other saints, popes and other highly respected social justice and peace advocates.

Tony's enthusiastic presentation is highly informative, faithfully Catholic, very challenging and deeply inspiring! His address has been well received by diocesan and parish gatherings from Santa Clara, California to Baltimore, Maryland.

More information, Fr. Bill Graney
(302) 368-0146 ext. 102.

INTENTIONS

Monday	March 11	8:30 am	
Tuesday	March 12	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	March 13	8:30 am	Parish Community
Friday	March 15	8:30 am	+ Jane Panichelli
Saturday	March 16	5:30 pm	+Peggy Collins
Sunday	March 17	8:15 am	+Scott Piscarik
		10:30am	+George Ward



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, Joseph (Morton) Scruggs and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention—March 2019 Evangelization – Christian Communities: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**Virtual Workshops
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.

Lent



Prayer Opportunities at Resurrection Parish

Friday March 22, 7:00 pm

Sharing the Good News – Prayer for All Ages,
followed by a Simple Pizza Supper

Saturday March 16 – 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Contemplative Outreach United in Prayer Day
RSVP to Bev Roberts at bkr92649@aol.com

Please bring a bag lunch.

Friday March 29, 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross by Resurrection Youth

Friday April 5, 7:00 pm

Taize Prayer Around the Cross

A priest is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** each Tuesday 6:30 pm and Saturday 4:45 pm, before the evening Masses.

PARISH LIFE

DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent: Discover simple ways to transform your life in forty days. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive a short inspirational video.

Recently all registered parishioners have received a letter of introduction from the Pastoral Council Stewards who represents you and your family on Pastoral Council. If you did not receive such a mailing, or have misplaced it, please contact the parish office for a copy. Stewards desire to hear from you regarding your experiences at Resurrection and desire to know how our parish can improve on serving your spiritual and personal growth. You have chosen Resurrection Parish as your family of faith. We would gain much by knowing how you evaluate the way Resurrection provides you the experiences you desire to grow in the Way of Jesus.

Please do communicate your comments, ideas and concerns with your Steward. All Pastoral Council meetings are open to all parishioners. Please consider attending our next meeting on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm in room 4.

On the Agenda:

- Pastoral Council 2018-19 Objectives & Goals Team Update Reports
- Report from Charitable Giving Committee
- Discuss first draft of Property & Grounds operating procedures
- Discuss first draft of Bylaw Revisions



**RESURRECTION PARISH
50TH ANNIVERSARY**

Calling for help!

Resurrection's 50th Anniversary Planning Committee needs some help with the communications. As part of planning the Resurrection 50th Anniversary celebration events, we need someone who has some experience with communications and promotion. We welcome you to help us with: messaging, planning, writing and graphics. Interested? Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org. Thank you!



ENCOUNTER LENT

Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Gathering Space. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTIANITY

Evening of Prayer
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.
Gathering Space & Chapel

ALL ARE WELCOME please join us!

Facilitated by Bev Roberts and Mary Trotter

"Mysticism is simply the art of going to heaven before you die - or perhaps better said, the art of letting heaven emerge within you now." - Carl McColman

The Delaware Contact Area of Contemplative Outreach is sponsoring a local celebration of Contemplative Outreach's 27th Annual United in Prayer Day

March 16, 2019
9 am to 2:30 pm
Gathering Space

The focus this year is celebrating the gifts of the Spiritual Journey, the Gift of Thomas Keating, and the gifts of Centering Prayer.

Bev Roberts will facilitate our time together which will include periods of Centering Prayer, DVDs, and reflection/discussion. RSVP to Bev at bkr92649@aol.com.

Please bring a bag lunch and consider making a free will donation which will be contributed to the parish and Contemplative Outreach. Come join us!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Family Promise Update: Thank you for another successful hosting week supporting families who are experiencing homelessness! Along with Ebenezer UMC, Resurrection parishioners ministered to 13 individuals (3 parents and 10 children ranging in age from 2 months to 12 years old).

A special THANK YOU to the following who showed God's love to those in need during hosting week: JoAnn & Ed Hedrick, Ellen Shackelford, Trish Herron, Ellen Pringle, Elaine Greggo, Linda Malm, Brian Cote, Donna Ramage, Joe & Joan Budd, Judy Apostolico, Bonnie Wallner, Mize Rzucidlo, Ellen Turano, Peggy Smith, Sue & Andre Dagenais, Lisa Ciminello, Deanna Marcelo, Wendy Gill, Maria Quintana, Sandy Landoll, Mike Reis, Joe McClory, and Jeff & Deb Buckels.

Peace and blessings to you and your family.
Deb dbuckels@verizon.net

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our K to 5 Elementary Program



will meet on 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!

Would you like more information?

Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 ext. 104.

Sacramental Preparation Schedule

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 17, 2019 6:30-8:15 PM

March 24, 2019 6:30-8:15 PM
Rehearsal for Stations of the Cross

Friday March 30, 2019 7:00 PM
Youth-led Stations of the Cross.

Saturday April 13, 2019 Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage

TAKING IT HOME

A woman went into a marketplace, looked around, and saw a sign that read "God's Fruit Stand." "Thank goodness. It's about time," the woman said to herself. She went inside and said, "I would like a perfect banana, a perfect cantaloupe, a perfect strawberry and a perfect peach." God, who was behind the counter, shrugged and said, "I'm sorry. I sell only seeds." (John Shea, The Legend of the Bells and Other Tales).

With God's fruit stand we want perfect fruit, but God is not about perfection. The divine energy initiates. It invites us into a relationship, where we enter into a process, the process of living. We are never complete. God plants, but doesn't produce a finished product. Openness to God means we need to be aware of our need to be constantly unfolding. Though not finished products, God is always involved in our lives as are others. This process of God's involvement and the help of others is a gift from God and is called transforming grace. In the unfolding of ourselves we need to be aware of this grace and its action in our lives. Part of this awareness comes when we recognize our limits, our incompleteness and our failings, but also realizing that our call from God is always a call forward; a call to conversion and wholeness.

But what is wholeness? What it is not is getting it all together. Instead, wholeness is a commitment to being on

the way, a process of moving forward. It is a commitment to be aware and reflective in our lives and our actions, thoughts and feelings and a commitment to allow God's love to embrace us just as we are. Being whole involves a process developing a sense of a self, and then a process of surrendering that self to God and others.

This process is not one of certitude. It is not something we, that I, can simply will into being to become the person I want to be. It takes time and effort, and it most especially takes trust in a God who loves us beyond our imagining. But we are a people who like certitude, who like things to happen automatically; I like to have a God who will solve all my problems. But this is not the way God works. How does God work? I think Jesus shows us just how God works in the gospel regarding his temptations in the desert.

The temptations of Jesus come just after he has learned of his identity. In his baptism, the sky opens and God proclaims Jesus as the "Beloved Son." But for Jesus, what does it mean to be the Beloved Son?

In the first temptation, Jesus had to confront what it meant to be hungry. If the Beloved Son goes physically hungry, does this mean that he is not Beloved? In the second temptation, Jesus had to confront what it means to have power and dominion over the earth. If Jesus does not have earthly power does this too mean that he is not Beloved? And in the third temptation Jesus had to confront what it means to be personally harmed. If Jesus is harmed, does this also mean that he is not Beloved?

But Jesus discovered something quite extraordinary, that the idea of being the Beloved and having personal privilege, political power and exemption from harm were illusions. Instead, being the Beloved, God's chosen one, meant that Jesus was loved and that this love was greater than any physical hunger, more powerful than any political power and more enduring than any sort of trial or tragedy. And so if Jesus is to be the Son of God, but also the Son of Man (a human person) he is to be one of us sharing our personal pain, our loss of innocence and our full humanity, believing still in the depth of God's love.

In this process Jesus shows us what it means to be human and how as human beings we too can hold onto God's love and allow that love to change our lives. In our unfolding lives, we will go hungry and be unhappy with the way things are. We will not be powerful, and we will suffer loss or face tragedy. This is recognizing our weakness, our limitations and our incompleteness, but in doing so, can we also realize our continuing call from God to move forward in love so that we can allow that love to embrace us even in the midst of trial and suffering? For the claim that our faith makes on us is that even in the midst of a broken world, God's grace abounds. This is the meaning and the victory of the cross. In this faith, which makes us God's own sons and daughters, we too can "confess with our mouth and our whole being that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead" and know that we are saved. Deacon John



**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
GOSPEL - LUKE 9: 28B-36**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That’s a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. While Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don’t really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus’ identity and yet they’re half asleep and we’re told Peter doesn’t know what he’s saying when he starts talking about building tents. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven’t understood fully who and what Jesus is. What a great reading for the season of Lent!

Gospel Parallels: The account of the Transfiguration appears in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). The word, synoptic, means “seen together” and these three gospels can be seen together because they have so much material in common. It is now accepted that the gospel of Mark was the first written as so much of it appears in the other two, while the gospels of Matthew and Luke both seem to have also drawn on another source of Jesus material (known as the “Q” source). Despite the parallels, each writer uses the same story to convey the particular message of that gospel.

“Listen to him!”: God’s voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present—and we, the readers—to “Listen to him!” For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to Jesus. Jesus tells us that to be his follower involves sacrifice, hardship, and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

Asleep again?: It seems that at crucial points in the gospel where Jesus’ true identity and mission are revealed, the disciples are falling asleep! In the gospel of Luke the disciples were sleepy at the Transfiguration. They managed to fight off sleep in this instance, but were fast asleep at the Mount of Olives as Jesus prayed in agony. The sleepiness of the disciples at these crucial times is indicative of limited grasp of what Jesus is on about. They are wearied by all that he asks of them, rather than energized by it, and consequently they’re not ready to witness great events when they come along.

- Q. What message did the Transfiguration hold for the three disciples who witnessed it?*
- Q. What message does the event hold for us today?*
- Q. Why does it seem important for the gospel writer to specify that Peter did not know what he was saying?*

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