

Resurrection Parish

March 31, 2019

4th Sunday

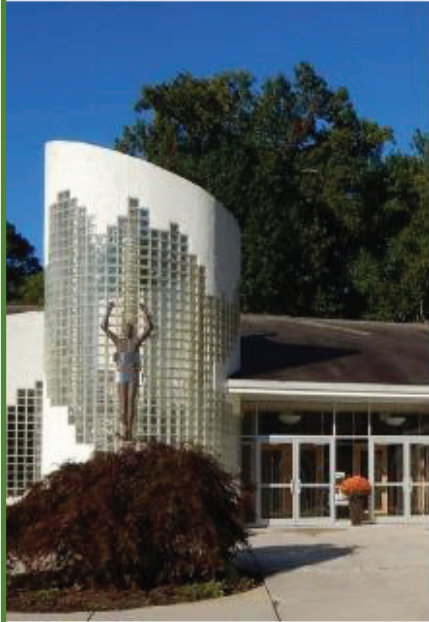
of Lent

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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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
Maritza Poza-Grise	Trustee
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

RESURRECTION PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

begins with the

RESURRECTION PARISH EASTER RENEWAL

presented by
Father Simeon

Gallagher, OFM Cap
April 27 through May 2, 2019

Saturday and Sunday,
April 27 -28 Fr. Gallagher
celebrates all Masses.



Monday, April 29
8:30 a.m. Mass & Talk / 7:00 p.m. Renewal Talk

Tuesday, April 30
8:30 a.m. Mass & Talk / 7:00 p.m. Renewal Talk

Wednesday, May 1
8:30 a.m. Mass & Talk / 7:00 p.m. Renewal Talk

Thursday, May 2
8:30 a.m. Mass & Talk / 7:00 p.m. Renewal Talk

Renewal Prayer

*God our Father, we praise you
for all your wonderful works,
and we thank you for your goodness to us.*

*All who come to you in faith
receive healing, comfort, and peace.*

*Give us expectant hearts as we
prepare for our upcoming Parish Renewal.*

*Help us to recognize your Son,
Jesus, more clearly in the Eucharist.*

*Increase our anticipation for this Renewal
and help us to witness to others
with an invitation to join us.*

*May our calendars be freed up so that we can
participate more fully, and may our Renewal be a
great moment of grace for this faith community.*

*We ask this in the name of
Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord. Amen.*

INTENTIONS

Monday	Apr. 1	8:30 am	+Leslie Lloyd
Tuesday	Apr. 2	7:00 pm	+Denis Curran
Wednesday	Apr. 3	8:30 am	+Gary Mionske
Friday	Apr. 5	8:30 am	+Jack Dagenais
Saturday	Apr. 6	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Apr. 7	8:15 am	+Bishop Francis Y. Ford
		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, Joseph (Morton) Scruggs and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Virtual Workshop Proclaimers of the Word and **ALL** who are interested

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:

**Literary Genres in the Lectionary:
Proclaiming in Different Forms of Scripture**
April 9, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00 pm ET

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

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.

ENVIRONMENT PREPARATION for TRIDUUM!

Sunday April 14, 11:30 pm.
Thank you for all help you can offer!

TRIDUUM MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE!

Each year we invite all teens and adults interested in participating in our music ministry to join the choir for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Our Women's Choir sings on Holy Thursday, Men's Choir on Good Friday and women and men combine for the Easter Vigil. **Is this your year to give it a try? We hope so.** Rehearsal schedules are noted below. It would be a kindness to let Ruth Sanders (rsanders@resurrectionde.org) know you intend to participate so that we can have music ready for you.

Holy Thursday Women's Choir

Monday April 1 – 7-9 pm
Monday April 8 – 7-9 pm
Holy Thursday 4/18 – 6-7 pm

Good Friday Men's Choir

Tuesday April 2 – 7-8:30 pm
Monday April 15 – 7-8:30 pm
Friday April 19 – 6-7 pm

Easter Vigil Combined Choirs

Wednesday April 3 – 7-9 pm
Wednesday April 10 – 7-9 pm
Holy Saturday April 20 – 1-3 pm

Lent



Prayer Opportunities at Resurrection Parish

Friday April 5, 7:00 pm

Taize Prayer Around the Cross

Friday April 12, 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross in Tamil and English

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

**Penance Service and Confession
at St John the Beloved.
Tuesday April 9 6:30p.m.**

PARISH LIFE

The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Funds generated by the Appeal provide pastoral, charitable, and educational ministries to tens of thousands of people in our 12-County diocese.

As members of Resurrection Parish, we are proud to be part of the Church of Wilmington. As members, it is important that we reach out in service to others by sharing our resources. Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes and the diocese. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us a chance to work in collaboration to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us.

Our Parish target is \$68,500. Your financial support also provides funding for your parish since 100% of monies collected above our target will be returned for our own ministerial needs.

Please give prayerful consideration to your resources as well as the thousands of individuals and families who receive needed assistance through the 37 ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to church next weekend prepared to offer your support.

You can learn more about the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal by picking up a copy of the campaign information handout located in the Gathering Space or by visiting the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal.



Resurrection's Community Garden "Tour"

On Sunday March 31, all parishioners are encouraged to come out to the garden. Mark Oliver and other gardeners will be in the garden to show you around and answer questions.

Plots are available for the coming gardening season. The cost is \$70 for a 10' x 20' plot and \$35 for a 10' x 10' plot. Call or e-mail Mark Oliver at 302-737-1660 or suzmarko@verizon.net for more information and to reserve your plot.

There are also Community Garden opportunities to help raise vegetables for community outreach and flowers for our church and home bound parishioners.

Please join us in the garden. (Rain date April 7)

Pastoral Council Nominations

Elections for Stewards and Trustees on Pastoral Council will be held in May. **Nominations for open Council positions will be taken after all Masses the last weekend of March and the first weekend of April.** This is a wonderful opportunity to help shape the future of Resurrection Parish as we approach our 50th Anniversary. Pastoral Council advises Fr. Bill and helps address pastoral needs in the parish. All parishioners eighteen and older are eligible. There will be a table in the Gathering Space where you can obtain information and nomination forms. Self nomination is encouraged. Please stop by the nominations table to get more information or talk with your Steward on Pastoral Council.

<https://resurrectionde.org/pastoral-council-nominations>

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School and High School Youth Group

Sunday April 7, 2019 6:30-8:15 PM Youth Group

Saturday April 13, 2019 Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Malooly invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the tenth annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 13, 2019



Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Ben Walther at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Elaine Little. Registration deadline including payment is April 3, 2019.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our K to 5 Elementary Program



will meet 3/31/19, 4/7/19, 4/28/19,
5/5/19, and 5/19/19 from 9:15 to
10:15 a.m. See you there!

Would you like more information?

Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP
Coordinator, at

nmaloney@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 ext. 104.

Sacramental Preparation

Sunday, April 7th, 12-1:30pm, "Banner Sunday"

Friday, May 3rd, 6:30-7:30pm, First Communion
Rehearsal (parent must attend)

Sunday, May 5th, 10:30am Mass, First Communion

CFP Events

Friday, May 10th, 5:30-8:00pm, Spring Fling

Sunday, May 19th, 9:30-10:15, Closing Ceremony

SOCIAL JUSTICE



ENCOUNTER KUMBA

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

TAKING IT HOME

In the story of the Prodigal Son (or as some say the Profligate Father), we assume that the story is about God's mercy, as it is, but the story really characterizes God's relationship with us. And then it says how we, in turn, should relate to one another. But, I think, more importantly the story characterizes how we often view how God relates to us. Just when we think we know who God is, Jesus gives us the parable of the Prodigal son and un.masks our assumptions about God and how we think God treats us.

The first assumption that Jesus un.masks is that God rejects those who reject God. There is no place in the kingdom for those who choose to separate themselves from their family, their faith and their heritage. God is a God who demands that I love God always and if I don't, if I cut myself off from God, there just is no right of return. The younger son in the story represents this way of thinking about God. He demands his inheritance while the father is still alive thereby declaring that the father is dead to him. Then he squanders the inheritance and is forced to take work among swine, indicating that he has cut himself off

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from his faith and his heritage as a chosen child of God. Grace, mercy and forgiveness are just legal ideals, when there is disobedience and disloyalty.

But the father does something quite uncharacteristic; he anxiously awaits the son's return. And when the son returns, instead of rebuking the son, the father disregards his own honor, overwhelms the son with joy and invites the son to a feast because this son was lost, but has now been found. God is more interested in mercy, grace and compassion than about legality and convention because when forgiveness becomes a weighing and judging process, it is defined by who is in and who is out. Unfortunately, when I do this, I destroy the likelihood that anyone will ever experience the pure gift of God's grace and forgiveness. The son in God's eyes has and always will be a chosen child of God and mercy in all cases is always and everywhere available from a God who wants to love us more than anything because love is the only thing that transforms the human heart. This means that no matter what happens, we belong to God and God belongs to us.

Another assumption that gets unmasked is that God gives special protection to those who are hardworking and who do the will of God. God will reward the good and punish the bad. The elder son is angry and upset with the father; what right does the father have to treat the younger son with mercy and compassion and still allow him to be part of the family? But despite even the elder son's rude tone, the father acknowledges that this son too has and always will always have a place in the father's house. This son too is a chosen one of God. Unfortunately, as long as the elder son sees that forgiveness is a matter of weighing and measuring, determining who is worthy and who is to be excluded, this elder son will never experience the pure gift of God's grace; and as long as the elder son keeps counting, he will never realize that all are chosen, that all are saved by God's mercy anyway.

But deep down we know that in this thing called life, we are not really as distinct as the characters described by Luke in the Gospel. We know that at any point in time we may be one or the other, the wayward child or the righteous, offended critic, both in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. We are each the child who is squandering the treasure we call life. We are each the child who is judging those who do not do life as I do.



We are each called to be the one who forgives the stumbling self and celebrates the effort of the other. There is no proof that the erring son reformed and stayed home. We only know that this son tried to begin again and that that was enough for the loving parent. We have no certainty that the perfect son ever escaped the imperfection of a jealous strictness. We only know that in either case the loving, extravagant parent understood the struggle and forgave them both. And in this is our hope, despite our assumptions, God is always bigger than we can imagine. As Richard Rohr says, "God does not love you because you are good; God loves you because God is good." Deacon John



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT GOSPEL - JOHN 8: 1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they?

Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”

GOSPEL REFLECTION: This entire scene is a conspiratorial “set-up” to trap Jesus. Jewish law dictated that adultery was to be punished by death for both parties. However, the Roman occupation had forbidden the Jewish authorities to carry out the death penalty. By bringing the woman to Jesus they sought to place Jesus in a no-win situation. If he upheld the Jewish law and ordered the death penalty, then he was flaunting Roman law. If he did not uphold the law then he could be branded as a false teacher. They thought it was a perfect trap!

But where is the man with whom the woman was committing adultery? When he is not also brought forward for judgment as any legitimate accusation would demand, Jesus senses the trap being set for him. He realizes that those accusing the woman must have somehow been involved in setting her up so that she could be “caught committing adultery.” In Jewish law, accessories to a crime were equally guilty and subject to the same penalty. When Jesus says to the gathering, “If there is one of you who has not sinned . . .,” he’s letting them know that he’s aware of their part in this crime and what judgment is due them also! If they persist with their accusation, they’ll also be tried as accessories! So they quietly walk away.

Jesus’ words to the woman sum up his message throughout the gospel: “Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don’t sin anymore.” As with others in the gospels, Jesus recognizes that the woman has indeed sinned, but he does not condemn her for it. By telling her not to sin any more he is calling her to conversion. He is saying, yes, you’ve made mistakes, but you can do better and I’m challenging you to try.

Restoring honor: When the woman who was accused is brought before Jesus for judgment, he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the dirt. When the accusers melt away, Jesus (still kneeling on the ground) looks up at the woman to speak to her. She has probably never been treated with this level of respect in all her life. With this action, as much as anything else, Jesus restores dignity and honor to the woman. No longer looked down upon, she can begin a new life.

Forgiven, not forgotten: The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we’ve done the wrong thing—something we don’t deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you’ve done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. We can draw strength from Jesus’ promise not to give up on us we try to respond to his challenge to change.

Jerusalem: This gospel passage begins with Jesus going to the Mount of Olives. We know the Mount of Olives best from the passion narratives in the synoptic gospels. But today’s passage is not part of the last week of Jesus’ life. The three synoptic gospels generally portray the ministry of Jesus as something of a journey towards Jerusalem and have him arriving just in time for the Passover and his arrest. However, to better focus the tension between the teachings of Jesus and the Jewish hierarchy, the gospel of John places most of Jesus’ ministry in and around Jerusalem.

- Q. What one word would you use to describe what this passage is about?*
- Q. What’s the effect of Jesus challenging, rather than condemning, the woman’s actions?*
- Q. How is it possible to go against the tide and challenge group behavior or group thinking?*
- Q. Why was it the eldest in the crowd who walked away first?*




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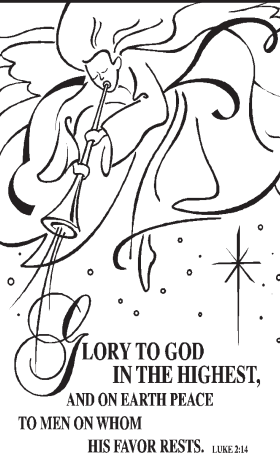
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