

Resurrection Parish

April 21, 2019

Easter

Sunday

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

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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

Come! Renew! Connect! Celebrate!

RESURRECTION PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Resurrection Parish is excited to rejoice in our *Jubilee Year* with each of you! With joy we welcome all to celebrate -- renewing faith and connecting with a welcoming and loving community. We commemorate our 50th anniversary with a full year of celebrations, beginning TODAY -- the Feast of the Resurrection -- and concluding Easter of 2020.

This 50th anniversary year holds the promise of many blessings. We hope you will join in celebrating with joy and gratitude all that we've received from God and opening our hearts to the many blessings God has in store for our parish in the years to come.

- Our year of celebration begins with a five-day Parish Renewal given by Fr. Simeon Gallagher -- **Saturday April 27th through Thursday May 5th**. See page 2 for details!
- On **June 9th, Pentecost**, we will celebrate our **50th Anniversary Mass at 10:30 a.m.**, which will be followed by a reception.
- The **50th Anniversary Picnic** will be held following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on **June 23rd**, the day we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ.
- At the beginning of Lent 2020, as we near the conclusion of our year, we will prepare for Easter by again gathering with Fr. Gallagher for another five-day Parish Renewal.

RESURRECTION PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

EASTER RENEWAL WEEK



REV. SIMEON GALLAGER, OFM, CAP A SPIRITUALITY FOR RELATIONSHIPS

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

Monday, April 29 – Thursday, May 2
8:30 a.m. Mass & Brief Talk / 7:00 p.m. Renewal Talk

The core experience of all life is expressed in relationships. Relationship defines the inner life of the Trinity itself; and it is within relationships that we experience the greatest joys and most bitter disappointments of life. Our Easter Renewal will focus on fundamental aspects of spiritual development as reflected through the lens of relationships:

Faith, Prayer, Conversion, and Community

All four are intricately linked one to the other. The end result of this Parish Mission will be a spirituality that will enable us to recognize God in each other.

EVENING TOPICS 7 TO 8:30 P.M.

MONDAY:
SUSTAINING GOOD
RELATIONSHIPS:
FAITH AS
FOUNDATION
HEBREWS 11: 1-16

TUESDAY:
COMMUNICATION IN
RELATIONSHIPS:
PRAYER AS MODEL
PSALM 23

WEDNESDAY:
BREAKING
RELATIONSHIPS:
SIN AS
INTERPERSONAL
ROMANS 7:14-27

THURSDAY:
BUILDING BETTER
RELATIONSHIPS:
GRACES FOR GROWTH
1 COR. 12: 12-26



INTENTIONS

Monday	Apr. 22	8:30 am	+John Perrone
Tuesday	Apr. 23	7:00 pm	+Debbie Barone
Wednesday	Apr. 24	8:30 am	
Friday	Apr. 26	8:30 am	Parish Community
Saturday	Apr. 27	5:30 pm	+Kerrie Glembocki
Sunday	Apr. 28	8:15 am	+Gemma & Neil Erickson
		10:30am	+George Ward

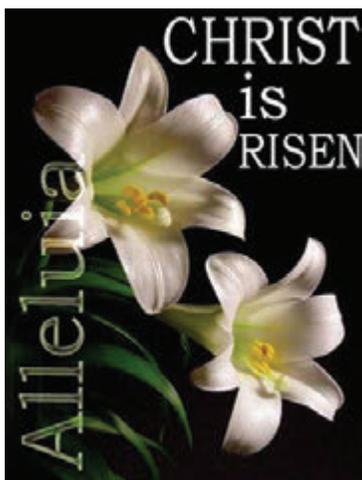


God is the source of all healing and hope, to whom we lift up in prayer the needs of the sick and those who care for them. *Lord, allow your healing hand to assist* Eva Skripchuk, Linda Scarola, Burt

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

Rejoice in our FEAST DAY. THE GREATEST AND THE CENTRAL CHRISTIAN FEAST IS OUR PARISH FEAST DAY. Since the Resurrection is mentioned and remembered throughout the entire year (even in the midst of Christmas), we might get too used to the idea and event. But let it be an occasion of to recall the best of who we are as individuals and families who make us Resurrection Parish. Congratulations! And have many more years of living a redeemed and resurrected life.



PARISH LIFE

Welcome: On Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the 10:30 am mass we will welcome Grant Schieffer as the newest member of our parish family through the sacrament of baptism. Grant is the son of Daniel and Nicha Schieffer. Dan is the son of Ed and Sue Schieffer.

Also on Sunday, April 28 at Noon, we will welcome Lucas Snyder and Emma Henry to our family through the sacrament of baptism. Lucas is the son of William and Elize Snyder and Emma is the daughter of Nicholas and Kristen (Stump) Henry. We pray for them and promise to support them in their new journey of faith.

Welcome: On Sunday, April 28, 2019 at our 8:15 mass we welcome Leonardo, Antonio and Victoria Cardena as full members to our Catholic community through the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist. They have been diligently preparing for these sacraments for the past year and are joyfully ready to come to the table, where they will be able to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. We pray for them and promise to help them in this new undertaking of their faith.

Welcome New Parishioners: For more information, call (302) 368-0146 x0 or visit <https://resurrectionde.org/join-our-parish>



To Mars and Beyond

June 17- 21, 2019
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Join us as we celebrate 40 years of VBS with Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Go to

<https://resurrectionde.org/vacation-bible-school> for registration forms for participants and application forms for volunteers. Registration closes on June 2!

SOCIAL JUSTICE



ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in an envelope in the collection basket.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our K to 5 Elementary Program

will meet 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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School and High School Youth Group

Sunday May 5, 2019 6:30-8:15 PM Youth Group Middle School service experience presentations. Parents are encouraged to attend.

TAKING IT HOME



We have immersed ourselves anew into the Passion and Death of Jesus and so now, on this day of days, we rise triumphant with Jesus from the waters of new life. We began our Paschal season with Lent on February 10 when we received our ashes as we resolved to keep those next six weeks in acts of prayer, fasting and charity. During Lent we were called to purge ourselves of all that might prevent us from once again committing ourselves to Christ and the promises that we made in our baptism. We taught ourselves to die to our weakness and sin by seeking reconciliation and turning to God in our need. But now as we once again plunge into the water of baptism, we experience anew the vitality and the freshness that new life in Jesus brings – we rise in the glory that resurrected life now is. We celebrate that death no longer has its sting; that sorrow has turned into joy;

and that despite our still broken lives there is yet hope for us and our world. This is the joy that we celebrate today and for the next fifty days of Easter.

But just like Lent takes time to change our hearts so Easter as a season takes time to wear on us; time to allow the joy and love of this great mystery of our faith, the gift of new and eternal life, to take possession of us. Easter is a season of fifty days, concluding with the Solemnity of Pentecost, a season which by its number is indicative of its greater importance. But often we fail to recognize this significance and instead think of Lent as truly being the bigger season of change. But Easter really does call us to live in the new life that Jesus by his Paschal Mystery has set before us.

And so we do really need Easter just as much, if not more so, than we need Lent. Yes, during Lent we focus on our sinfulness and our separation from God, which is good because it helps us understand our limitations and this, I think, keeps us honest. But in Easter, we dwell not on our limitations and our faults, but on our goodness and the hope, which comes from the love of God, and this goodness and hope is greater than our sin and, in fact, overcomes it. Unfortunately, we do not take the time during Easter, or too many other times for that matter, to dwell in our goodness and the hope our faith gives us and so our faith gets skewed. We tend to focus more and more on our sin and our lack of worthiness and not enough on our goodness and our worthiness and so we are not always fully alive. Yes, we are sinners, but we are saved sinners. Yes, we are not perfect, but God chooses to love us anyway. We are God's creation and as God's creation, we are capable of the good that God has planted within us.

When we rise from the waters of our baptism we say that we are a new creation. This new creation that we become is the new life that Christ has gifted us with. When we live in this new life, we say that this new life is resurrected life. It is living in the freedom that comes with being loved unconditionally. It is being graced with the Spirit and being loved beyond our imagining. And because we are so loved we are set free to live life as Jesus lived his life. This means that we can risk choosing to love others. We can show the compassion that Jesus showed and we can really be the face and hands of Jesus.

This is why Easter is so important to our faith because it helps us dwell on how we might produce the good fruit we are capable of producing with God's grace. We need to savor God's love and savor the indwelling of the Spirit, which fire's our hearts with God's love. This is the reason for our joy and the reason why we should heartily celebrate this season. And this is the reason we can proclaim our Easter "Alleluia" with such vigor because indeed the Lord has truly risen! Deacon John.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY GOSPEL - JOHN 20: 19 - 31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Gospel Reflection: This passage can be seen as the gospel writer's version of the Pentecost that was previously recorded by the writer of Luke-Acts. As the account of Pentecost in the book of Acts was already in existence, the gospel writer felt no concern about alluding to it in his version of the gospel story. The inclusion of this event in the gospel of John adds a "completeness" to the gospel text—from the Word with God in chapter 1 through the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus to this moment of charging his disciples with the task of carrying on his work and breathing on them the Holy Spirit. It seems that the gospel writer wanted to bring the story to its conclusion. The idea of Jesus "breathing" the Holy Spirit onto the disciples is an interesting one. The Greek word *pneuma* carried two meanings: breath and spirit. So to deliberately breathe on someone was to share one's spirit with them. Jesus gives this act a greater meaning by declaring the spirit to be the Holy Spirit that will empower the disciples for the mission he is entrusting to them. The disciple Thomas has received a pretty raw deal from history. The phrase, *doubting Thomas*, has found its way into our everyday language and condemns Thomas as the one who wouldn't take the word of his fellow disciples but wanted to see the Risen Lord himself. However, rather than remembering Thomas for his doubt, we should remember Thomas as the one who makes the extraordinary declaration of faith, "My Lord and my God!" It is Thomas, alone amongst all those who recognize the greatness of Jesus across the four gospels, who acknowledges Jesus as not just the Messiah, but God.

My Lord and my God: By the time the Gospel of John was written—in the last decade of the 1st Century—there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is recorded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognized him as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, "My Lord and my God!"

Holy Spirit: In the Gospel of John, during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus repeatedly assures his disciples that the Father will provide them with another Advocate to guide them. This advocate (or Paraclete) is to be the Holy Spirit. Although "advocate" carries a certain legal meaning, the gospel writer uses it to mean one who represents the continued presence of Jesus, just as Jesus was the advocate or Paraclete of God. In the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathes on the disciples we see the final element of the Trinitarian experience of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Does he mean us?

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, "You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe." (v29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the 1st Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!

- Q. Which phrase or word from this gospel passage particularly stands out to you? Why?*
- Q. What understandings of the Holy Spirit emerge for you from today's gospel and reflection?*
- Q. Why does Jesus particularly focus the mission of the disciples on the forgiveness of sins?*
- Q. In what ways does Thomas personify elements of our own culture and society?*
- Q. When do you feel like Thomas?*

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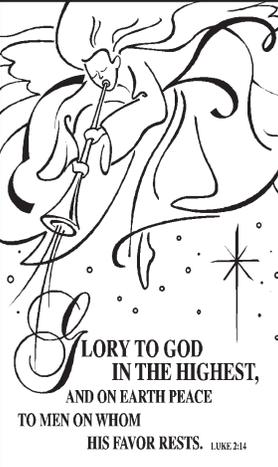


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