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SPIRITUALITY OUTREACH STEWARDSHIP

Resurrection Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Community founded on the renewed vision of Vatican II. Dedicated to the ongoing formation of all parishioners, we seek a deeper spirituality by encountering God in liturgy, prayer, scripture, service and in each other. We make a fuller commitment to outreach by seeking to understand and to address the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of our parish community and beyond our borders. For the evangelization of our community and our stewardship of God's kingdom we will joyfully share our time, talent and treasure making the gospel call to ministry our way of life.



January 22, 2017

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM**  
**Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 AM**  
**and 5:30 PM**

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
**Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. 8:30 AM**  
**Tuesday 7:00 PM**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**Tues. 6:30 PM**  
**Sat. 4:45 PM**

**RCIA**  
For information on the process for adults being fully initiated into the Catholic Church, please call the Pastor.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
One year preparation period is required.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**  
For hospital and home visits, please call the office for arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
Before the birth of your child, please call the Christian Formation Office about the preparation process.

Thank you to our kind Coffee and Donut Counter Volunteers who help make our Sunday morning gathering after Mass more wonderful!

To volunteer look for the serve binder in the Gathering Space, or visit sign up genius on the parish website.



## INTENTIONS

|           |         |          |                   |
|-----------|---------|----------|-------------------|
| Monday    | Jan. 23 | 8:30 am  |                   |
| Tuesday   | Jan. 24 | 7:00 pm  | +Buddy Sheehan    |
| Wednesday | Jan. 25 | 8:30 am  | +Ken Pfeiffer     |
| Thursday  | Jan. 26 | -----    | No mass           |
| Friday    | Jan. 27 | 8:30 am  |                   |
| Saturday  | Jan. 28 | 5:30 pm  |                   |
| Sunday    | Jan. 29 | 8:15 am  | +Richard Houten   |
|           |         | 10:30 am | +Margaret Brennan |
|           |         | 5:30 pm  | Parish Community  |

Parish **cancels daily Mass** on Thursdays. We recommend attending a church closest to you.

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.



Wisniewski, Tia Langan, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Joseph Hemphill, Renee Roder, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Ben Stam, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Kat Edwards, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Carol Strasser, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY



### **Offering and Intercessions--**

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves,

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that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the Prayer of the Faithful earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

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## PARISH LIFE

### **Pray for Discernment**

This is good for individuals as well as groups. In the book, *Great Catholic Parishes*: "Lay leadership is fundamental to the success of vibrant parishes. It came up as a topic in the vast majority of interviews because these parishes are sustained in part by competent, dedicated, and generous lay people. Sixty-seven percent of the pastors specially named their lay leaders as a major asset of their parishes and emphasized how integral they are to advancing their parishes' mission." The Pastoral Council is the established vehicle of lay leadership. Obviously, others in the parish provide various degrees of leadership. Please pray for discernment in what is best for the parish and our ability and effectiveness in bringing forth the Gospel of Jesus to others. Thank you for your most needed prayers. Bill Graney

**Tuesday, Jan 24, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection, Living the Simple Life,** Bernadette DeAngelis challenges us to live more simply and deepen our relationship with the Spirit. Cost is \$40 which includes lunch.

**Please visit our website ([jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)) for more information or to register.**

**Today, we are taking up the second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).** Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remains in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).

**Today, we are taking up the second collection for the Catholic University of America.** Established by the Vatican and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. It is proud to have nearly one third of the U.S. bishops as alumni, along with over 12,400 living priests and religious from around the world. In Washington, DC the university provides an education based in Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students through its 12 schools – that include arts & sciences, music, engineering, philosophy, social work, law, and business in addition to ecclesiastical degrees in canon law and theology. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity. You can learn more at [collection.cua.edu](http://collection.cua.edu).

**Donation Statements for 2016 are available in the Gathering Space. Please pick yours up today!**

### ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome!  
K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) meet from 9:15-10:15. Drop off begins at 9:10. See you there! 1/22, 29.

Would you like more information about Christian Formation for Children (Religious Education or Sacramental Preparation)? Contact Nancy at 302-368-0146 ext. 104 or at [nmaloney@resurrectionde.org](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org).

**Faith Environment/Safe Environment:** Did you know that on the Diocesan Website there is a 20 minute presentation entitled: For the Sake of God's Children: Safe Environment Education that explains the Diocesan safe environment program and provides valuable information for parents and other adults who are engaged with children? For more information go to [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org) and click on For the Sake of God's Children.

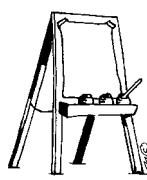


CFP Living Rosary, October 9, 2016

### CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



**Middle School and High School Youth Group:  
Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 6:30-8:15**



**February Mini-Retreat for all middle and high school students**

**Saturday Feb 11, 2017- 10:00 AM-2:30 PM**  
Guest presenter Mr. Brian Magargal, parent and art teacher at Salesianum School  
Come nourish your creative side!

**Confirmation class:**  
Jan. 22, 2017  
12:00PM-2:30 PM

**Young Adult Retreat at the NJ Shore**  
February 10-12, 2017

This weekend is for young adults (age 22 -35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, co-workers and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing and social interaction.

To register or get more information go to:  
<http://capemaymariannists.org/>

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Support Refugees:** The local Muslim community, with some assistance from the Jewish community, is working to help house and support refugees. Help can be rides, medical advice, visits, housing, food, clothing, translators. Immigrants will be from Africa and South America, as well as Syria. They welcome those who would like to help. We can arrange an informational meeting if there is interest. Contact Jack Sanders or Sandy Landoll if you are interested.

**VOCATIONS:** In today's gospel, Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John to be His disciples. At our baptism, he called each of us to be His disciples too. Is the Lord calling you to live out your discipleship as a religious sister or brother, as a priest or as a deacon? What signs might He be giving you? Call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org)). Don't forget to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations)

**TAKING IT HOME:** In the gospel for this week, we learn that after Herod has John arrested, Jesus withdraws to Galilee. This sounds like a retreat on Jesus' part, but it isn't. Galilee is the very territory that Herod rules. Instead of retreating, Jesus is moving boldly right into the thick of a very risky situation. Perhaps this is because Jesus admired John and as a possible disciple of John, Jesus sought to carry on John's mission. This is because not only does Jesus move into territory where John preached and baptized, it is also because Jesus takes up the same message that John preached. Into a land of darkness and death, Jesus brings light and a message that people are to "repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Instead of cowering, instead of waiting for a better opportunity, Jesus takes the mantle left by John and calls people from their listlessness, from their darkened spirits and welcomes them to the light of God's kingdom. Jesus is like a man possessed and nothing, not even the threat of resistance, the threat of closed ears or the threat of arrest and possible death will keep him from his appointed mission to follow the will of God. Jesus seizes the moment, the

vacuum left by John's arrest, and begins his mission to lead people to the kingdom.

As Jesus goes about his mission, like John, he determines that he needs others to help him. He recruits Peter, Andrew and later, James and John and calls them to leave their nets and follow him. So they leave their nets immediately and follow. Perhaps it was the boldness of Jesus, the boldness that caused him to pick up the mantle from John and carry on the mission left by John that attracted men like Peter, Andrew, James and John to Jesus. Perhaps they too knew of John's arrest, but also knew that Jesus seemed unfazed by these events and went ahead with his mission anyway. There must have been some kind of chemistry that Jesus exuded that made their hearts pound with excitement and that made leave their livelihood to follow their dreams. Jesus seemed to fascinate them.

Who are the people that fascinate you? Is Jesus one of them or have we so sterilized Jesus that he no longer holds our attention? Jesus has been so homogenized that he really isn't someone who excites us. But if we could leave behind these stoic images to see a man filled with passion for pursuing the Father's will and a man who does not hesitate to put himself in harm's way for the sake of that purpose and a man who wants to awaken love in our hearts, then maybe we too just might be attracted to him. But maybe that's why we might not want to see Jesus in this light because we fear our hearts would be committed to him and that's what we don't want. But just maybe that's what our hearts need.

Deacon John

# EXPLORING THE WORD

PREPARE FOR 01/29/17



## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOSPEL – MATTHEW 5:1-12A

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:*

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.*

*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”*

### Gospel Reflection

The gospel of Matthew is keen to cast Jesus in the role of the “new Moses.” Moses was revered in Jewish history not only as the one who led the people out of Egypt, but even more importantly as the one who received the Ten Commandments from God. The first five books of the Bible, known to Jews as the *Torah*, or the Law, were accredited to Moses for a very long time. So Moses was seen as the one who received the Commandments from God and who also wrote down the Law of the people, the *Torah*. He was the Law-Giver for the Jewish people. When the gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus as the new Moses it emphasizes the way in which Jesus sought to bring the Law of Moses to fulfillment and bring about a new understanding and appreciation of both the Law and God. Jesus introduced a new way of perceiving God; as a God of compassion and mercy, rather than the jealous, vengeful God that is often expressed in the Old Testament. The Sermon on the Mount that begins with the Beatitudes comes out of this historical context. Jesus is trying to present a new interpretation of the right way to be in relationship with God; one that is not dominated by rules and regulations. The text is so familiar to us today that it is almost bland. However, at the time it must have been incredibly challenging. The attitudes and states of being that Jesus blesses were not the characteristics that were valued in the society of his time. Poverty, gentleness, and mourning were not considered strong, desirable qualities. So, the picture Jesus paints of how to be in right relationship with God and others was confronting the standards and expectations of the time.

*Q. In what ways can the Beatitudes be seen in parallel with the Ten Commandments?*

*Q. How do the Beatitudes provide a guide for living in right relationship with God and others?*

*Q. How might you answer the claim that the Beatitudes just teach Christians to accept bad things?*

*Q. How can the Beatitudes be misused?*

**Purity:** Purity and impurity was a major issue in 1st Century Jewish society. The Priests and Pharisees maintained that only pure adherence to the Law could make a person acceptable in God’s eyes. Impurity came to be associated with physical disease and injury. Those with severe disease or disability were regarded as sinful and punished by God. Jesus’ statement, “Happy are the pure of heart,” would have scandalized those who maintained that purity came through strict observance of Law. Jesus suggests that purity (and impurity) comes from within a person rather than from the outside—regardless of their observance of the Law.

**Be-attitudes:** One way to read the Beatitudes is that Jesus was commanding and blessing the various people who found themselves in those sorts of conditions. Another, is as a list of qualities that all people should strive to exhibit. It’s not just some people who happen to be economically poor who are blessed. Rather, we must all have a poverty of spirit—a humility about our need for God’s merciful action in our lives. The Beatitudes are not a menu to select from, but rather an essential list of ingredients.

**Covenant:** The structure of the Beatitudes can be seen as yet another attempt by God to re-establish a covenant between Godself and the people. Throughout Jewish history, God called the people back into relationship and re-established God’s covenant with them. Like all the previous versions of the covenant, the Beatitudes contain both a series of demands and a series of promises. It is a two-way deal. The first part of each Beatitude is a statement of what the people are called to do and the second part is God’s promise of how they will be rewarded for their right action.

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