

RESURRECTION PARISH

February 19, 2017

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday 10 days prior **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.



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1, 2017

8:30 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word

7:15 p.m. Mass

Church on Videre Drive
 and Chapel at Jesus House
 open all day for focused prayer



ANNUAL ASH WEDNESDAY SOUPER SUPPER

March 1, 2017: 5-7PM

Soup, salad, bread and beverages for only \$5 per person. Four or more family price of only \$20. Tickets will be on sale the weekend of Feb 25 and 26 after all Masses and will be available at the door on March 1.

If you would like to donate a crockpot of steaming hot meatless soup contact Kim Snyder at basx2ks@gmail.com Thank you in advance for sharing your culinary talents.

INTENTIONS

Monday	Feb. 20	8:30 am	
Tuesday	Feb. 21	7:00 pm	+Kenny Grise
Wednesday	Feb. 22	8:30 am	+David Hiles Lazarus
Friday	Feb. 24	8:30 am	
Saturday	Feb. 25	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Feb. 26	8:15 am	+Ken Pfeiffer
		10:30 am	+Lillian Mazzenga
		5:30 pm	+Constance Jones Chesley

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. Pray for all the needs in our Book of Intentions and for those in our

Parish Family who are sick: *Lord, allow your healing hand to assist* Hank Wisniewski, Joan Donnelly, 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, Beth Callahan, Carol Strasser, Alice Weaver, Joan Donnelly, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY



The Sign of Peace: "Greet one another with a holy kiss," wrote Saint Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:20), and he said the same thing to other communities as well. The holy kiss, the sign of peace, has been a hallmark of Christians from the very beginning. In giving and

receiving the sign of peace, we are not giving something of our own, but something that Christ has given to us. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you," Jesus told his disciples (John 14:27). Jesus comes to us when we gather together in

community. We celebrate the Eucharist not just to receive spiritual nourishment to help us on our solitary way to salvation, but to be transformed into one body, the Body of Christ in the world. As we receive the Eucharist, we are not only united to Christ; we are united to each other. It is never easy to live in community, and we hurt each other on the way. So we need to turn to each other in a sign of reconciliation and forgiveness, to look into each other's eyes, and give and receive the peace that is not ours, but Christ's.

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Sunday, March 12, 2017, will be the last 5:30 pm Sunday Mass at Resurrection. That Mass was started to fill a regional niche or need to have a Sunday evening Mass. At one time, the Masses downtown Wilmington were the options for those who needed a Sunday evening Mass. Now in our region, St Thomas More Oratory has a 6:30 and St. John Beloved has a Mass at 5:00 pm (3.5 miles).

I thank all those who helped make our Resurrection Sunday evening Mass a possibility. Many were willing to take a turn to help welcome and serve our visitors to this Mass

Those who do take part in various ministries will not be spread as thin: that is over three rather than four Masses a weekend. Our goal is to have a vibrant, engaging, and welcoming parish. The sense of this is felt less at Mass of 75 people spread across the various chairs in the worship space. Once again, thanks for your ongoing participation.

Fr. Bill Graney, February 6, 2017



Environment Preparation for Lent

Sunday 2/26, 11:30 am
Helpers of all ages welcome!

Liturgy ministers, are you able **to serve for the Ash Wednesday liturgies?** Please sign in the SERVE binder or contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 368-0146 Ext. 106. Thank you for your generous gift of time!

PARISH LIFE

Stations of the Cross on Display

During the middle and high school mini-retreat on Feb. 11, the youth designed Stations of the Cross. They are displayed on the bulletin board outside the nursery. There are chairs outside the nursery if you would like to sit and pray the Stations of the Cross at your convenience.



Lenten Preparation:

Lent calls us to pray, fast and give alms and many take this call very seriously. Let me

introduce you to one form of prayer that you can do in the silence of your homes. Loyola Press has put together a series of daily meditations for Lent. It is called: **Living Lent Daily**. The daily series is based on a book by Amy Andrews called, *Grace-Filled Days*. All you need to do is visit the Loyola Press website and then sign up to receive these daily meditations. They are free. Loyola Press also has a daily **3-Minute Meditation**, which you can also choose to receive. Hope this proves helpful. Deacon John

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/len/living-lent-daily>

Attention 7th Grade Parents: Saint Mark's High School is now offering a Prep Course and Practice Test for the High School Placement Exam (HSPT). Please visit www.stmarkshs.net/7thgrade to register.

*7th Grade HSPT Prep Course at Saint Mark's High School: Tuesday, March 7th, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 9th, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.*

*7th Grade Practice HSPT at Saint Mark's High School: Sat., March 11th, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Prep Courses & Practice HSPT: \$115
Practice HSPT Only: \$65*



L.A.F.F. Group: Tuesdays in Room 2. From 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. Bring a bagged lunch, and join a fun group to play card games.

THIN MINTS, TAGALONGS, AND TREFOILS

ANYONE? Girl Scout Troop 1207 will be selling Girl Scout cookies at the 8:15 am and 10:30 am Masses on February 26th.

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!

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.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Confirmation Class:

February 26, 2017 12:00-2:30PM

Middle School and High School Youth Group:

Sunday March 5, 2017 from 6:30-8:15 PM

SOCIAL CONCERNS

FOOD CLOSET: Many thanks for your generosity to the Food Closet. In January our food closet provided groceries to 9 needy families. We are currently in need of canned goods – chicken, ham, beef stew, beans, potatoes, spaghetti sauce; oatmeal, hot chocolate, jelly, snacks, juice, cookies, crackers, toilet paper, soap. Please consider adding one of these items to your grocery list. Thank you!



Resurrection will be teaming up with Ebenezer UMC for our next hosting week, running from February 26 thru March 4 at Ebenezer. We will be ministering to up to 14 homeless individuals (children, men, and women) each day. We are in need of volunteers to be overnight hosts, van drivers to/from the Family Promise Center to Ebenezer each day, plus we will be helping to provide dinners and to-go items for breakfast and lunch for the week. Contact Deb Buckels, phone 239-2275 or dbuckels@verizon.net for more information or to help those in need.

TAKING IT HOME

Our gospel for this weekend continues the discourse known as the Sermon on the Mount. It flows exactly from last week's instructions to avoid getting angry with our brother or sister, to avoid lusting after our neighbor and to seek forgiveness and reconciliation with others. In this weekend's gospel, the instructions continue. When pressed by an enemy, offer no resistance. When struck on the cheek, offer the other as well. When confronted by someone in need, offer what you can and be prepared to go the extra mile. When called to love your neighbor, love your enemies as well and pray for those who persecute you. In a word says Jesus, we are to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. We are to go beyond the demands of the law and to love as God loves.

But as we hear these commands from Jesus today, we might be asking ourselves, how realistic are they? How realistic is it to not retaliate when confronted by hostile and aggressive behavior? How realistic is it for us to go the extra mile when asked to give more than we might be prepared to give? How realistic is it to love both our neighbor and our enemy? How do we do this? It seems that we don't know how to love our enemies. We preach it as an ideal and naively believe that we are doing it; but for the most part we aren't. We really don't love and forgive those who oppose us. Too often we are distrustful, disrespectful, bitter and demonizing towards others. If there is much love and forgiveness of enemies in our lives, it's far from evident, both in our world and in our churches. And how can we be as perfect as God is perfect? After all God is God and we are not God! So what are we to do? I think because these demands seem so onerous and unrealistic, we simply tend to ignore them and pretend that Jesus did not really mean what he said. We have never really taken seriously Jesus' challenge; after all we live in a cruel world, where such idealism sounds nice, but is merely that, idealism not realism.

But ignoring these instructions of Jesus is not really an option, is it; certainly not if we want to take our faith seriously and, I am sure, we do want to take our faith seriously. So how do we follow this teaching of Jesus? I would say one step at time and with the grace of God.

We must recognize that without God's grace, following these instructions is impossible. It is a task that we are not meant to do alone. Because to accomplish what Jesus asks of us would mean acting heroically; it would mean we were capable of

acting as God acts. But acting heroically and acting as God is not something we commonly do. More likely it is something we strive to do, but typically fail to do. Which is why we not only need God's grace to help us accomplish these things, but also realizing that getting to this point is part of an overall process. We may not always get it right; we may often find roadblocks, but we are committed to following the process. Deacon John

Mary Louise Chesley-Cora Leading Bible Study March 13, 20, and 27, and April 3; 12:45–2:15 p.m. During the holy season of Lent, set aside time to reflect on your faith and your relationship with God by participating in our **4-week Bible Study, "Sisters and Prophets of Faith—A Legacy of Witness and Wisdom."** Come explore the voices and roles of faithful, courageous, and prophetic women throughout the Bible. **Join us in the St. Joseph on the Brandywine Family Center** immediately following the 12:05 Mass. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. Please register by contacting Ann Hapka at [610.388.1362](tel:610.388.1362) or ann.d.hapka@gmail.com. Learn more on our website: stjosephonthebrandywine.org.

Please come to St. Joseph on the Brandywine in Greenville for our Lent Retreat, "A Closer Walk with Jesus Through the Passion Narratives," on Saturday, March 4, in our Parish Family Center. Mass will begin at 8 a.m. in the Church, followed by a continental breakfast in the Family Center. The program will start at 9 a.m. and end around 11:30. Please register by contacting Ann Hapka at 610.388.1362 or ann.d.hapka@gmail.com. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Day of Reflection, Carnival and Springtime Prophets, Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center Tuesday, Feb 28, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, With Retreat Leader, Mary-Louise Chesley-Cora we will acknowledge the dark and messy parts of life and begin to recognize the vulnerable beauty of our humanness. Cost is \$40 which includes lunch. Please visit our website (jesushousecenter.org) to register or call 302-995-6858.



8TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL – MATTHEW 6: 24 - 34

Jesus said to his disciples: “No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.

If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’ All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.”

Gospel Reflection: One of the hardest things to do in our busy modern lives is to live in the present moment. Our lives are almost consumed by a mixture of anticipating what we have to do next and reliving what we have done. We are constantly making plans for catching up with friends, organizing chores that need to be done, working or studying to “get ahead” and create a better future for ourselves. We live our lives in the future and in anticipation of what is to come so much so that we often don’t seem to actually enjoy the event when it comes because we’re already planning what we’ll be doing next. In this incredible rush of living our lives forward, suddenly out of nowhere we’ll be swamped with regrets about some mistake in the past or how we might have handled a situation better. There is an incredible challenge to simply be mindful of the now. If we can be mindful of what we’re doing *now* then we can be purposeful and intentional about our actions rather than operating habitually on auto pilot or operating reactively. When we live in the *now*, instead of the *once was* or *soon to be*, then we find ourselves actually listening to our friends when they speak to us; savoring the food we eat; noticing both the beauty and the pain around us; and sometimes even becoming aware of the presence of God around and within us.

Today’s gospel tells us not to worry about what is to come, rather to be attentive to the way we are living our lives. It tells us to be attentive to living in accordance with the will of God. When we do that it will be amazing just how other things seem to fall into place.

The Sermon on the Mount: 99 per cent of the time when we are in a ‘conversation’ with someone we spend more time thinking about what we will say next than we spend actually listening to what they’re saying. Jesus calls us to be *present* and to be *in the present*. To be present to another person means to be fully attentive to them and more concerned about them and what they’re saying (and not saying) than we are about ourselves. Next time you’re talking with a friend, try asking open, honest questions and then really listening to what they say.

Don’t be distracted: The word, *worry* in this gospel might better be translated as *distracted*. Jesus says to not be distracted or consumed by the pursuit of money, food and nice clothes. He says that it is the gentiles – those who do not know the love of God – who set their hearts on attaining these things. We are immersed in a culture in society that values these outward signs of success above all else. The challenge is to avoid being caught up in the *distractions* of our material society. One way to do that is through regular prayer and reflection.

Being present in the Now: The Sermon on the Mount in the gospel of Matthew stretches over all of chapters 5 – 7, providing a solid core of the explicit teaching ministry of Jesus in this gospel. The gospel writer, in a very Jewish style, presents Jesus as a rabbinic teacher reinterpreting and refocusing the Law of Moses for his listeners. This portion of the gospel seeks to spell out some very explicit teachings of Jesus about life and the kingdom.

- Q. Why might the gospel writer have chosen this style versus a parable to convey this teaching?
- Q. In what ways do the questions Jesus poses apply to our contemporary society?
- Q. In what ways does this gospel present a challenge to you personally?
- Q. Why would it be inaccurate to interpret this passage as encouragement to “opt out” of trying?

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