

# RESURRECTION PARISH

February 26, 2017

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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](mailto:basx2ks@gmail.com) Thank you in advance for sharing your culinary talents.

**INTENTIONS**

Monday	Feb. 27	8:30 am	+Leon Skripchuk
Tuesday	Feb. 28	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Mar. 1	8:30 am	
		7:15 pm	Parish Community
Friday	Mar. 3	8:30 am	
Saturday	Mar. 4	5:30 pm	
Sunday	Mar. 5	8:15 am	
		10:30 am	Jean Beattie
		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. 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, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

**LITURGY**



**Agnus Dei:** After the sign of peace, the priest breaks the host into pieces, and prepares the patens or plates of hosts for the assembly. In the early church, “the breaking of the bread” was the name given to the entire Eucharistic liturgy, so central was this action to the meaning of the Christian life.

For just as the one bread is broken and given to many people, the many are made one in receiving it. During this ritual action, we sing an ancient litany, calling on Jesus as the “Lamb of God”—the words used by John the Baptist when he pointed to Jesus

walking beside the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). In calling Jesus “the Lamb of God,” John was already pointing to the death that Jesus would die: in giving his life, Jesus would become the Paschal Lamb of the new covenant. During the Mass, when we call on the Lamb of God, we call to mind his self-sacrificing love, his blood poured out for us, and we ask this compassionate Lord for mercy and peace.

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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 in 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](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org), 368-0146 Ext. 106. Thank you for your generous gift of time!

**Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC).** Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## PARISH LIFE

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 26<sup>th</sup>. Cookies will be at the Cookie Booth. Celebrate National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend!

### 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.



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Thank you in advance for sharing your culinary talents.



**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.

### **Paschal Season**

**There are 40 days of Lent, 3 days of Triduum and 50 days of Eastertime.** These days are really a single season called the Paschal Season; they are the Church's springtime. Paschal comes from "Pascha," for passover. In the Passover from winter

to spring we recognize an image of our own Passover in baptism. Throughout the paschal season we return to our baptism, to the death that we died in those waters and to the new life we gained through the Holy Spirit. **The Paschal Season is about baptism; our own baptism and the commitment that we made in faith and also for Hazel, our catechumen, who is preparing for baptism.** During this season we pray for ourselves that we might renew our commitment in faith and we pray for Hazel that she might truly experience the gift of God's grace. **We pray together as church in the light of God's love that we have through the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.**



### **What apps are out there for Catholics?**

We put together a list of our favorites.

- CRS Ricebowl App
- iBreviary
- Laudate
- Lighthouse Catholic Study Bible App
- Magnificat US App
- Relevant Radio App
- The Catholic Playlist Show App
- The Pope App

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Emmanuel Dining Room Ministry** --- February volunteers for EDR on a cold, wet Sunday morning were Linda and Mike Duffy, Clarence Hunt, Al and Bea Mercatante, and Sue and Andre Dagenais. The volunteers prepared a hearty hot meal and served about 185 hungry people. As always, we got to experience the humble joy of serving God's needy while working side by side with other Resurrection parishioners, helping to strengthen our relationships with one another. One little girl who came for a hot lunch on Sunday proclaimed, "This is delicious," after taking her first bite of the shepherd's pie. That was like hearing the choir sing and made our day! If you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful ministry, which Resurrection does on the 12th of every month, please sign up on the parish website using " Sign Up Genius " by clicking on the volunteer link or by signing up in the notebook in the Gathering Space. We are in need of more volunteers for the coming months, so your help would be most appreciated. We can guarantee a productive and joy-filled morning's work!

## TAKING IT HOME

# encounter

## Lent

Encounter ourselves.  
Encounter our neighbors.  
Encounter our God.



During Lent,  
your family will  
build a culture of  
encounter through

- Daily prayer
- Weekly fasting
- Almsgiving that changes lives

Learn more at  
[csrcicebowl.org/families](http://csrcicebowl.org/families).

Find videos and more  
resources at [csrcicebowl.org](http://csrcicebowl.org)

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## 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](mailto: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

It is significant that the English word “worry” is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word, “worien,” that means “to strangle” or “to choke.” Worry cuts off the air supply that allows one to seize the moment. People get so busy worrying about yesterday or tomorrow that they miss today. We become like the old woman who said, “I always feel bad when I feel good, because I just know that I’ll feel bad after a while.” Worry chokes off the opportunity to seize the moment and makes us susceptible to a life of feeling bad.

In the prayer that we use to pray after the Our Father at Mass, we use to say, “In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety or distress as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.” I wonder why we need to be protected from anxiety? Well, as we can understand from above, worry or anxiety chokes off opportunity, the opportunity to live in joyful hope and instead, like the old woman, we are constantly in a state of feeling bad.

Worry appears to be a constant human condition. We worry about many things: our jobs, our health, our families and just about everything else under the sun. Worry just seems to be so prevalent that it becomes a natural part of our lives, which is why, I suppose, that we often feel so bad even when we try to feel good.

But despite our worry-filled lives, Jesus in our gospel for this weekend tells us to do exactly the opposite: “Do not worry about your life...can any worrying add a single moment to your life?” We probably already know that, but we do it anyway. Worry seems to be something that we cannot just shake. So should we pay attention to what Jesus says or is this just another pie-in-the-sky idea that we should ignore and feel bad about?

The word of God is always a double-edged sword. On the one hand, we like hearing the words that Jesus speaks because they sound pleasing to the ear even if they are pie-in-the-sky. But on the other hand, the words we hear at the beginning of this gospel, the need to serve only one master, may not register with us because we often find ourselves trying to serve two, God and money, which is just a little bit conflicted. And so in our desire to try to do both we become the worry warts we are. We do this even though Jesus says to stop worrying and instead we allow this scripture of serving only one master to become a sword of heartache. So what do we do? We can recognize our anxiousness for what it is, but also realize our life from God as “gift,” and understand that this gift comes before we must do anything to secure it. The more we can appreciate our lives as gift, the more we can begin to beat down our anxiousness. This conversion will not come all at once, but the more we acknowledge this “appreciative grace” the less anxious we will be and the more we can begin to acknowledge God as our “master.”

Deacon John



**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 4: 1 - 11**

*At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.” He said in reply,*

*“It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”*

*Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.” Jesus answered him, “Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”*

*Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.” At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.*

**Gospel Reflection:** Sin and temptation are regular themes in the season of Lent. However, the scripture passages throughout this season allow us the opportunity to think again about these themes and perhaps reconsider some traditional understandings of them.

The first reading and gospel for the First Sunday of Lent in this Year A give us two different takes on the notion of temptation. In the passage from Genesis, humanity is tempted to ignore the will of God and, when they succumb, they lose their innocence and become embarrassed by their nakedness. The temptation they are offered is to believe themselves above and beyond the will of God; to believe that they can judge as well as God; and to rise to an equal level of power and authority with God. Their action breaks the trusting, loving relationship between themselves and God. In the Gospel, Jesus too is confronted with similar temptations. Ultimately, the temptation that faces Jesus relates to his purpose and ministry—will he trust to God’s vision of the suffering servant who will bring about a change of heart in the people, or will he be the sort of Messiah that the people hoped for: a triumphant, glorious victor over all who stood in his way. He is tempted to break his self-imposed fasting, to test God’s promise of nurture and security, and to seek glory and personal power. Whilst Adam and Eve surrender to temptation, Jesus holds fast to God’s vision.

The second reading from Paul ties the Genesis and Gospel readings together and injects the notion of sin into the equation. However, Paul makes it perfectly clear that the sin of Adam, though carrying great ramifications, pales in comparison to the extraordinary abundance of God’s love that is expressed through Jesus Christ.

**Trusting God:** The testing and temptation of Jesus echoes the plight of the people of Israel as they wandered in the desert for forty years. They relied on God to provide them with food and protection and ultimately lead them into the land that was promised to them. They had to trust that God would deliver these things in God’s own time and way. Jesus is tempted to ignore God’s time and ways by seizing for himself food, protection, and ownership of the land. The temptations of Jesus and the people of Israel are all about trusting God.

**Sin:** The Greek word translated as “sin” in the New Testament literally means “miss the mark.” Its origin may lie in archery where the object was always to hit the mark; to miss the mark was to not achieve at one’s best. Jesus set about trying to redefine the Jewish notion of sin from being a transgression against God that deserves punishment to the more compassionate idea that sin is a wandering off course that can be rectified—a missing of the mark. When he encountered someone who was missing the mark, Jesus called them back into right relationship.

**An invitation:** Lent is a season of invitation. It is an invitation to step into the desert with Jesus; to confront our own purpose and ministry and to renew our trust in God’s vision for the world and for us individually. Seen in this light, Lent is so much more than fasting from meat and giving up ice cream for a few weeks. The whole idea of fasting and sacrifice is an attempt to simplify our lives. Through simplifying our life and removing some of the daily distractions, we can share in the desert experience of Jesus and then truly celebrate the hope reborn in the Easter season.

*Q. Why might this gospel reading have been chosen for the Lenten season?*

*Q. How do the actions of Jesus balance or counter the actions of Adam and Eve?*

*Q. What temptations do you face and how do you try to address them?*

*Q. When have you put trust in God to resolve a situation beyond your control?*

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