

Resurrection Parish

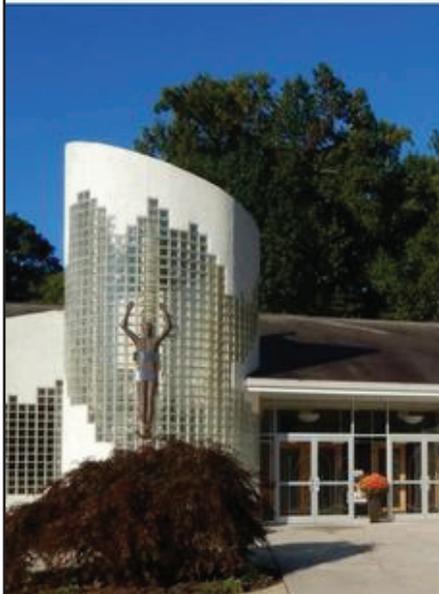
April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday

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

John Falkowski, Deacon ext 102
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Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation ext. 106
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry ext. 104
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns ext. 107
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Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.
6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

Pastoral Council

Mike Rzucidlo Executive Officer
Sharon Gidumal Asst. Executive
JoAnn Hedrick Secretary
Maritza Poza-Grise Trustee
Chip Schussler 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

April 13--Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00 p.m. Night Prayer

April 14--Good Friday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
[Noon to 3 p.m. "The Way of the Cross" Walk]
7:30 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 15--Holy Saturday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:45 a.m. Blessing of Easter Foods
8:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil

April 16--Easter Sunday

of the Resurrection of Our Lord

8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass

Fr. Greg is now a Retired Priest

Fr. Greg is taking an early retirement from active ministry due to medical reasons. He is most grateful for the kind support of Fr. Bill and the parish community during this period of transition.

Join the Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council works with the Pastor to establish and administer pastoral goals for the Parish and foster a spirit of faith, hope, and love throughout the community. This spring we're looking for parishioners to run for election to the Council. **To Sign up as a candidate for this Spring's election, please see a current member of the Council in the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend.**

INTENTIONS

Monday	Apr.10	8:30 am	+Jane Panichelli
Tuesday	Apr.11	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Apr.12	8:30 am	Elba Arroyo
Thursday	Apr.13	7:30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	Apr.14	7:30 pm	Celebration of our Lord's Passion
Saturday	Apr.15	8:30 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	Apr.16	8:15 am	Parish Community
		10:30 am	+Bernadette Nai

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** Joan Donnelly, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Kat Edwards, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Cass Thomas, Kyle Rzuclidlo, Mike Pohlen, Beth Callahan, Carol Strasser, Alice Weaver, Courtney Corridori, Elba Arroyo, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Linen Sacristans Needed: Looking for a way to help at church while not leaving home? Altar linen sacristans launder and iron small altar linens in their homes. These linens include the purificators, corporals, hand towels, and altar cloth on occasion. Linen sacristans serve about one each month to pick up soiled linens, usually after the last Mass on Sunday, and return the clean linens before the next weekend Mass. Please contact Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org, 302-368-0146 Ext. 106.

ENVIRONMENT PREP for EASTER: On April 15



Holy Saturday at 9:45 am, following Morning Prayer and the Blessing of Easter Foods, we will prepare our Worship Space and Gathering Space for Easter. We'll be putting up banners, arranging plants and flowers, ironing altar cloths, adding chairs and hymnals, re-arranging the Chapel and more! There will be lots to do for all ages and stages. We welcome any and all help you are able to offer. Thank you.

Triduum Choir Rehearsals

Holy Thursday Women's Choir

Monday April 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

Good Friday Men's Choir

Monday, April 10, 7-9 p.m.

Easter Vigil Combined Women's/Men's Choirs

Sunday April 2, noon-2 p.m.

Saturday April 15, 1-3:30 p.m.

Liturgy Ministers for Triduum: Please help! Sign-up for Triduum liturgies by email, phone or in the Serve binder in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generous gifts of time and talent at this important AND busy time of year!

PARISH LIFE



Paschal Season:

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday ends Lent and begins the three days of the Sacred Triduum. These three days have their root in the Jewish sense of time, when counting of a day's time went from sunset to sunset. The three days begin on Holy Thursday evening and end with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. The three days celebrate the entire passion, death and resurrection of Jesus and are the culmination of the Church's entire liturgical year. Despite common misperception, these three days are not historical reenactments of the last three days of Jesus' life. They are in fact part of the mystery of our faith made real again for us through our commemoration and celebration of them in the now of our lives. So a question we might ask ourselves is how do these three days and our celebration of them now

Speak to us today? That is, what does it mean to say that Jesus loved us even unto his death and because of this God raised him to new life? This is the life that is now our gift from God. Finally, though we seem to celebrate three separate events during each of these three days, they are in fact one continuous celebration of the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Good Friday Cross Walk: The Way of the Cross will take place on Good Friday, April 14, beginning at Resurrection Parish at Noon, traveling along Linden Hill Road and then Polly Drummond Hill Road, and ending at Ebenezer Methodist Church at approximately 3 pm. This is a meditative walk with prayer, singing and readings. We carry the cross with us. This is a great opportunity to remember, meditate and worship with your neighbors in the Pike Creek Valley. Transportation will be available back to Resurrection parking lot from Ebenezer Church. Please contact Dick Schwer at 368-2328 for additional information or if interested in doing a reading for one of the stations

Gardening Opportunity!

Spring is coming, and there are plots available in the Resurrection community garden. Plots are 20'x10' for \$70, 10'x10' for \$35, and 20" pots are \$7 each. Interested? Contact Mark Oliver at 302-737-1660 or suzmarko@verizon.net.

Shawl Ministry: Come pray, and knit or crochet, with us. The shawls we make will bring comfort to family and friends in need. Join us on Monday, April 10 at 12:30 p.m. in room 2.

Did you know? The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People was established by the USCCB in June 2002. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors. The *Charter* also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of further acts of abuse.

SNAP Support Group: A support group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families sponsored by Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) meets in Wilmington on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For the location, call Judy Miller at 302-234-1519 or email: snapdelaware@yahoo.com. We hope that you will join us for this informal and confidential meeting.

An Olympian among us!

Torie Moore competed in the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria. There were 210 nations present and 200 athletes from the USA competing in a host of winter sports. Torie was in the snowshoeing competition for the USA team. Torie won 1 Gold Medal in the 200m, and 2 Bronze Medals in the 100m and the 4x100m relay. Way to go Torie!

SOCIAL CONCERNS



We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well.

We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives?

Your CRS Rice Bowl donation will be collected at the Presentation of the Gifts in our Holy Thursday liturgy, as well as in the Gathering Space on early Easter Time Sundays.

Please convert your CRS Rice Bowl gifts to a check for easier counting. Checks can be made out to Resurrection Parish with "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line. Thank you.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Be a Prayer Partner

Please be a Prayer Partner to our First Holy Communion candidates. Visit the First Holy Communion display outside of the chapel. You can take a child's name from the basket and pray for the child each week as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.



Welcome! K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) meets 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



Middle School and High School Youth Group:

Sunday April 30, 2017
6:30-8:15 PM

TAKING IT HOME

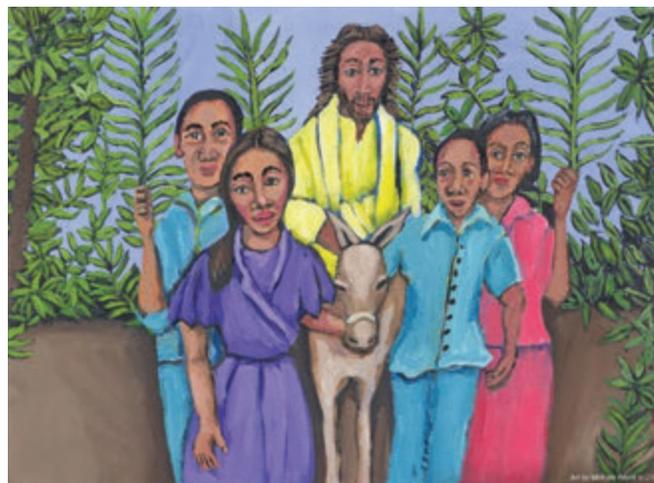
Our Lenten journey now enters its final days as we begin this holiest of weeks with the celebration today of Passion/Palm Sunday. This Passion/Palm Sunday begins on a joyous note. We first process with Palm branches in worship of the Christ who would be king. This procession with palms marks Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. It would appear that Jesus is getting his just due as the holy one of God, the Messiah and Lord. But our joy this day is quickly overshadowed as we immerse ourselves in the Passion narrative of Matthew and as Matthew recounts the events of Jesus' eventual suffering and death.

It is important for us to note this transition from joy to suffering because we cannot escape the notion that the glory of Easter cannot come without first realizing the reality of Christ's suffering and death. We have no Easter celebration that ignores the reality of the cross.

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The converse is also true; the Passion and death make no sense without the glory of the resurrection. The two need to be put in balance lest we get a distorted view of our faith.

For in fact what we celebrate in this Holiest of weeks is the total event of Christ's Paschal Mystery – his life, passion, death and resurrection. Because it was not just the death of Jesus, but also his committed life, which becomes the symbol of our faith. This was the committed life, which went unflinching to the cross that makes the cross no longer a symbol of shame, but a symbol of new life. For through Jesus the cross is now the ultimate symbol of the self-giving love of a God who loved even to the point of death. And because the cross becomes the symbol of such real committed love, we can say that those who risk giving their lives for others are not fools, but lovers; lovers who follow the master and make life, where none existed. And so power no longer comes in the form of the brute force of authority, but in those who would risk giving their lives in order that the world might be made whole once again. God as it were carrying God's suffering people in God's womb with the same intimacy as a caring mother; such is the power of divine compassion. Wendy Farley says this of God's compassion: "Compassion does not overcome the power of destruction, any more than Jesus came down from the cross. The power of destruction is real; the lives, hope, sanity and goodness that are maimed by cruelty can never be replaced or atoned for. But it is the power of divine compassion to endure, to be deathless, to be resurrected even from the ashes of despair and death. There is a resilience to divine compassion that the superior strength of evil cannot finally overcome, however, real its victories. Compassion remains the ground and power of resistance, of hope, of a transformation of the future and a recovery of the past...divine compassion is the power of redemption."





EASTER SUNDAY
GOSPEL – JOHN 20: 1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

[Then the disciples returned home.

Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She said to them, “They have taken my Lord, and I don’t know where they laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

She thought it was the gardener and said to him, “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.”

Jesus said to her, Mary!”

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni,” which means Teacher.

Jesus said to her, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and what he told her.]

Gospel Reflection

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realization of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel, included here in [brackets], we would also hear the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen

Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ’s resurrection. As it is, we don’t hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb—although so simply told—is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. While Christ’s willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God’s love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple—the one whom Jesus loved—who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus’ burial cloths lying there, “he saw and he believed.” Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognized the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn’t need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

MARY MAGDALENE—A VICTIM OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY: Mary of Magdala plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner.

Q. Why is the passion, death and resurrection central to Christian belief?

Q. What message do you take from the beloved disciple who “saw and believed.”

Q. Why did the cross become the symbol of Christianity, rather than the empty tomb?

Q. In what ways does Mary Magdala’s encounter with the risen Christ “complete” the story of the empty tomb?

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