

Resurrection Parish

April 16, 2017 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.



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Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation	ext. 104
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry	ext. 107
Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns	ext. 103
John Werner, Business Manager	ext. 105
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Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.	
6:30-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.	

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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

Easter Greetings

In John 20: "Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, I have seen the Lord." (v.18) Then in verse 20: "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

Welcome to all who come and rejoice on this extended feast of the Parish of the Resurrection. The Paschal fire of the Vigil reminded me of this quote from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin in his *Hymn of the Universe*: "In the beginning was *Power*, intelligent, loving, energizing. In the beginning was the *Word*, supremely capable of mastering and moulding whatever might come into being in the world of matter. In the beginning there were not coldness and darkness: there was the *Fire*. This is the truth." An Easter prayer could be that Jesus Christ, the *Word*, master and mold us into ever more effective witnesses to the Resurrection.

As nature bursts forth, let us own and feel the energy conveyed in the insights of Teilhard. May we be renewed in mind, body, and spirit in our individual and community celebration of the

Resurrection. Some in the parish are engaged in self-reflection and discussing strategies to be faithful to the Gospel and the Great Commission of going forth to be disciples to a world in need. Part of this discussion is how best to fulfill the responsibilities that were handled by two staff persons who are retiring.

The parish and I extend our thanks to John Werner and Fr. Greg Corrigan. John was hired by Fr. Mast to handle much of the administration of the parish. John has shown graciousness in discovering what that meant over more than a decade of service to the parish. Over the past months the doctors helped Fr. Greg realize that his spine and health issues were more extensive than he thought when he began his leave. So, he did not have the planned operation. He did have treatments and therapy for his spine. He is retired for medical reasons. He plans to be back in this area later this month. Every ending is a new beginning.

With love for all of you, I pray for Easter peace and joy, Fr. Bill

INTENTIONS

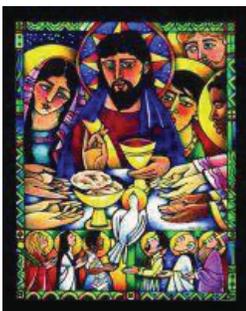
Monday	Apr. 17	8:30 am	+Jane Panichelli
Tuesday	Apr. 18	7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Apr. 19	8:30 am	+Dee Mudrock
Friday	Apr. 21	8:30 am	
Saturday	Apr. 22	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	Apr. 23	8:15 am	+Bonnie Maichle
		10:30 am	+Edward DePietropaolo



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 Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Beth Callahan, Carol Strasser, Alice Weaver, Courtney Corridori, Elba Arroyo, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY



Liturgy: Work of the Spirit-- The Spirit of God who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation—the Holy Spirit who descended upon the disciples at Pentecost in ever-changing forms in the sound of a mighty wind or tongues of flame—hovers also over our celebration of the liturgy, giving it life, making it real. It is the Spirit of

God who draws us, gathering us together, Sunday after Sunday. It is the Spirit of God who called loudly to the inspired writers of the scriptures and who continues to whisper to us, revealing ever-new facets of God's word, granting insight just when we need it. It is by the Spirit's power that, when Christ's words are uttered by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. And it is surely the Spirit who inspires us—that is, breathes in us—when, sent forth from the assembly, we seek ways to serve our brothers and sisters, to allow the gospel to come to life in the world.

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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 once 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.

PARISH LIFE

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

Vocations: After Mary Magdalen encountered the risen Christ, she brought the Good News to the Apostles. God may be calling you to spread the Good News as a priest, deacon, religious sister or religious brother. If you'd like to chat about that more, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). www.cdow.org/vocations!

New Parishioners: We welcome you! Please register with the parish. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Registration forms are always available after Masses on the book rack by the main entrance, in the Parish Office, and on our website. For more information, call (302) 368-0146 x0.

Resurrection Prayer Chain: If you or a family member needs prayer, please contact Valerie Werner on 239-2220 or vjw302@verizon.net. All requests for prayer are kept confidential.

Car Wash during Masses April 29 and 30th

The youth will be washing cars during all Masses the weekend of April 29 and 30th. Park your car in the row closest to the garden. A flyer for your dashboard will be in next week's bulletin. Cost: donation. All money raised will go toward the service trip to Boston, MA this summer.

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

– “Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him”

In the Resurrection of Jesus we find hope in the prospect of everlasting life in heaven. But to obtain eternal life, we must accept the Lord’s invitation to follow Him by imitating His love and compassion for others.

During the weekend of April 29 & 30, our parish will participate in the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal – a campaign conducted each year throughout the Diocese of Wilmington. Funds generated through the Appeal help provide critical financial support to nearly forty pastoral, charitable and educational programs and ministries.

As Christian stewards we are called to a lifelong conversion to the ways of Jesus. Each of us is asked to examine the blessings we have received from God and to discern how best to use them for others. We do this cheerfully and sacrificially and with faith in God’s love for us, knowing that He will provide for our earthly wants.

You can learn more about the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal by reading the campaign insert in this week’s *Dialog* or visiting the diocesan website at www.cdow.org; click “Giving” then “Annual Catholic Appeal.”

Did you know?

All dioceses and eparchies have Victim Assistance Coordinators, assuring that victims of abuse will be heard. In 2016, dioceses and eparchies provided outreach and support to 250 victims/survivors and their families who came forward to report abuse. Continued support was also provided to 1,510 victims/survivors and their families who reported abuse in prior years.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

St. Andrew’s Place: Apr. 30th: 5:30PM. . Prepare and share a meal with homeless men. This is a part of Friendship House outreach to the homeless.

Food Closet: Many thanks for your generosity to the Food Closet. In March groceries were provided given to nine needy families.

Emmanuel Dining Room: May 12th: (9AM-1PM) Join parishioners preparing a serving a lunch for the needy. Sign up in the Gathering Space binder or on the parish website under “Volunteer” tab.

Highmark Community Walk at Bellevue: June 3rd We will have teams supporting the Delaware Center for Justice and Family Promise. You can support our runners/walkers or run/walk yourself.

Family Promise: The next week we are scheduled to help Ebenezer United Methodist Church with hosting of homeless families begins July 9. Contact Deb Buckels, phone 239-2275 or dbuckels@verizon.net for more information.

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) 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

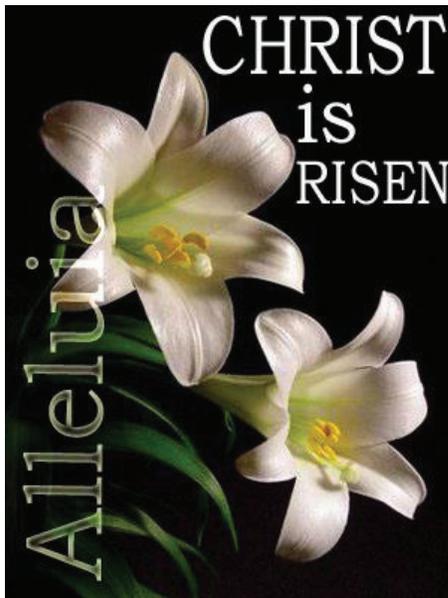


Middle School and High School Youth Group:
Sunday April 30, 2017
6:30-8:15 PM
Guest Presenter: Jane Hanson



Tuesday, April 25, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection: Pondering the Mystery of God and of Self with Sister Liz Sweeney. Over one hundred years since his birth, Thomas

Merton, monk, mystic, prophet and writer still offers profound wisdom for our time. This retreat day will explore Merton's writings experientially to get a fresh glimpse of our own communion with the Ineffable Mystery of God revealed in the simplicity and of our own prayer, daily life and relationships. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Please visit our website jesushousecenter.org or call our office at 302-995-6858. for more information or to register.



TAKING IT HOME

We have immersed ourselves anew into the Passion and Death of Jesus and so now, we rise triumphant with Jesus from the waters of new life. We began our Paschal season with Lent we received our ashes, resolved to make 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 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 indicates 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.

We 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 on our goodness and the hope, which comes from the love of God. 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. When this happens 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. For this reason 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 are a new creation. This 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

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
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 nailmarks 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: Because the focus of this gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, “for fear of the Jews.” Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world.

Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities, thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They’d gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well.

They’d already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus, yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, “Peace be with you.” It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake—in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm. Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labeled as “Doubting Thomas” because he wasn’t prepared to take someone else’s word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, “My Lord and my God!”

This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognizes Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

Historical Context: Why does the Gospel of John make this extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written—at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

Have you thought? We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. This gospel recognizes that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we—blessed are we—who have not seen and yet still believe!

Scriptural context: The final two verses of this gospel passage (Jn 20:30-31) read like the conclusion to the whole gospel. They are a statement of finality about the purpose for writing the gospel and something of a blessing for those who read it. Yet, surprisingly, there is another whole chapter that follows this passage that deals with still more post-resurrection appearances. Most scripture scholars believe that the end of Chapter 20 was the original ending of the gospel and that Chapter 21 is a later addition—possibly added by the community for whom the gospel was originally written.

- Q. Which phrase or word from this gospel passage particularly stands out to you? Why?*
Q. Why does Jesus particularly focus the mission of the disciples on the forgiveness of sins?
Q. In what situations do you most need to hear Jesus’ words, “Peace be with you”?
Q. In what ways does Thomas personify elements of our own culture and society?

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