

# Resurrection Parish August 6, 2017 The Transfiguration of the Lord

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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Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sat. 4:45 p.m.  
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## Baptisms

Please contact Deacon John.

## Marriage

Contact clergy one year prior.

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For hospital and home visits  
contact clergy or the office.

## Becoming Catholic

Learn more by contacting  
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

## Spirituality Outreach Stewardship

### CALLED TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES –

A follow up to Msgr. Hurley's article in the Dialog  
JULY 14, 2017 Tommy O'Donnell

In early July, I was privileged to attend the Convocation of Catholic Leaders, a gathering of over 3,000 Catholics reflecting on Pope Francis' "The Joy of the Gospel" and discussing how the Church can undergo what Francis calls a missionary conversion in the United States. One of the starkest realities facing us in this country is that 50% of baptized Catholics who are under the age of 30 no longer identify as Catholic. And this is not because they have left for a different faith.

Rather, they simply identify as having no religion at all.

Appropriately, this July, the Holy Father asked us to join him in a prayer for lapsed Catholics: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life. Friendship with Christ is not merely a private affair, and so evangelization also leads to a transformation of the social order (EG, 182). In Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis explains that this

transformation must be built on a solid foundation: the defense of the unborn, a defense which is inextricably linked to protecting the dignity of all (213-214). The Holy Father also encourages the accompaniment of women in difficult situations of pregnancy, poverty, and instability.

The Convocation fostered many conversations on family life in an often hostile culture, as well as the societal ripple effects of neglect for the most vulnerable.

In addition to addressing these socio-economic realities, one theme that struck many was receptivity, both to God and to others. In an age of noise, we must prioritize contemplation before God, lest our actions lose purpose and we find ourselves "just running around all the time."

It is possible to learn much of what was shared at the Convocation by visiting [www.usccb.org/convocation](http://www.usccb.org/convocation), where recordings of sessions will be posted as they become available.

Tommy O'Donnell is a staff assistant for the Pro-Life Secretariat of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more on the bishops' pro-life work, visit [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife).

## INTENTIONS

Monday	Aug. 7	8:30 am	+Jill Irwin
Tuesday	Aug. 8	7:00pm	+Louis F. Bellini
Wednesday	Aug. 9	8:30 am	+Louis F. Bellini
Friday	Aug. 11	8:30 am	
Saturday	Aug. 12	5:30pm	+Dillon Scofield
Sunday	Aug. 13	8:15 am	+Joan Donnelly
		10:30am	Parish Community



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** 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, Kyle Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Beth Callahan, Priscilla Callahan, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

### **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday August 15 -- Mass at 7:00 pm**

Mary is the first of those who came wholly into God's presence. In the earliest of the Church documents, we read of the "dormition"—that is, the falling asleep or death—of Mary. Documents dating from the fifth century indicate that the Church in the East celebrated the feast of the Dormition of Mary.



The celebration of her assumption expresses our faith in the saving power of

the resurrection of Christ. Celebrations of Mary are at root celebrations of Christ. There is a "proper order" to our celebration, Paul tells us: "Christ the first fruits; and then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ." This is how those who have "fallen asleep" will be raised from the dead. The

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Church has long known that if anyone belonged to Jesus, it was Mary—although in the natural order of things, Jesus first belonged to Mary; he was her child, after all. That is the focal point of the Gospel reading of the day.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56.

From SCRIPTURE SOUNDINGS YEAR A

### **Ministry Needs**

If you are interested in learning about or helping with any liturgical ministry, please contact Ruth Sanders, [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org), 368-0146 Ext 106. The following ministries are currently most in need:

**EM Chiefs:** Current EMs, you know the importance of having a person to organize our EMs for each Mass! Throughout the year, and especially in the summertime, we have far fewer EM Chiefs than we need. Will you help? An experienced EM Chief will train you to take on this important role!

**Mass Sacristans needed** at all Masses. The sacristan works in the sacristy 15 minutes before and after the Mass preparing the vessels, bread, and wine to be shared at our "Eucharistic Meal". Men, women, families are all welcome!

**Altar Servers needed:** Adults, teens and young people (fourth grade and up) assist priest and deacon – and so the assembly – at Mass and other liturgies. This can be a *great parent/child* ministry! Adults are very welcome. Some of our best servers have been teens and young adults

## PARISH LIFE

**As you may have seen in *The Dialog*, as part of our 150th anniversary celebration, the Diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage** to Annecy, France, and to Rome. Please consider joining Bishop Malooly for this exciting opportunity. Caravelle Tours has extended the deadline to August 15. Space is limited and reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Information on the trip is available in the vestibules, in the parish office, and on the diocesan website [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org).

**Centering Prayer** is held every Thursday in the chapel from 7:00 p.m.-8:00p.m. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

## Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Marian

Pilgrimage with Bishop W. Francis Malooly at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

**September 30, 2017, 10AM-4PM**

- *Come pray where Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope St. John Paul II and St. Teresa of Calcutta prayed during their visits to the United States*
- Visit the site of the first saint canonized on American soil, St. Junipero Serra
- *Take a guided tour of the Basilica*
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- *Pray through Our Lady at over 40 chapels dedicated to her many titles*
- Visit the recently-dedicated Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Walk and Garden
- *Participate in the Sacred Mass with Bishop Malooly*

Consult the parish office for more details including transportation to and from the Basilica.

**LOST AND FOUND** If you have a missing item, come to the lost and found green tote located on the lower shelf of the credenza table in the CFP/Youth Ministry hallway.



**Saturday, August 12, 2017  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of  
Reflection: Six Steps in the  
Journey of Faith with Tom  
Ashe.**

**Sunday August 13 to  
Friday August 18, 2017 Silent, Directed Retreat  
Metanoia with Tom Ashe.**

**Saturday, August 26, 2017, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day  
of Reflection: Art and Spirituality with Jane  
Hanson.**

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

**Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501  
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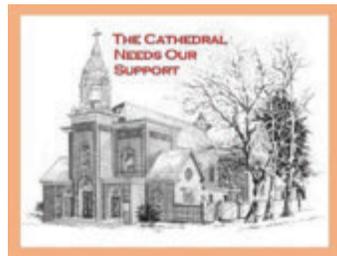
**SNAP Support Group:** A support group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families sponsored by Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) meets in Wilmington on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. For the location, call Judy Miller at 302-234-1519 or email: [snapdelaware@yahoo.com](mailto:snapdelaware@yahoo.com).

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## SOCIAL CONCERNS

**11th Annual Benefit Concert to Fight Human Trafficking** is happening on Monday, Aug. 14, at 7:00pm at Skyline Methodist Church, 3100 Skyline Dr. Please come support all of the performers as they share their talents in many genres of music. Free Will donations benefit Shared Hope International, an organization that works to Prevent trafficking and Rescue and Restore victims. This year donations will also support Zoe Ministries of Delaware. Yolanda Schlabach of Zoe Ministries DE will speak briefly about the Fight against Human Trafficking. For more info Kate Regan at 302-738-9989.

**On Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Resurrection Parish will host a Peace Week Delaware event called Pathways to Peace: Broadening our Understanding of American Muslims.** The event will present a panel of local Muslim experts to help us replace common, erroneous assumptions about Islam with accurate information about its tenets and beliefs and to increase our appreciation of its value and contribution to our shared world. The panel discussion will be followed by a break-out session during which participants will discuss what they learned, share stories to promote human connection, and brainstorm ways to continue making actionable progress. During the discussion, we will serve a light meal, consisting of a sampling of Middle Eastern appetizers, often called a "meze". Advance Registration Suggested: Debbie Seymour, 302-368-0146 or [dseymour@resurrectionde.org](mailto:dseymour@resurrectionde.org)  
Questions: Peggy Smith, 302-737-8927 [pegsmith@comcast.net](mailto:pegsmith@comcast.net)



**On Aug 19 & 20, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese.** For more

info about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at [www.resurrectionde.org](http://www.resurrectionde.org). Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



**Growing Disciples: Helping the children of Resurrection Parish to know, love and serve the Lord.**

Registration Forms and calendars for our 2017-2018 K to 12 Christian Formation Programs have been mailed. They are also available in the Gathering Space and on our website under Christian Formation.

### PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!

**The Good News of our Catholic Faith!** This September, over 60 children, Kindergarten through grade 5 will be enrolled to learn more about our religion. **You can help them by sharing your talents, compassion, and your faith as substitute assistants, substitute catechists, assistants, and catechists for CFP.** We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes begin September 10<sup>th</sup>. If interested or for more information contact Nancy Maloney at [nmaloney@resurrectionde.org](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org) or (302) 368-0146 x104.

### CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



#### **FUN NIGHT!**

*Friday September 8  
6:00-10:30 PM.* Bring a snack to share!

#### **PARENT MEETING**

*Friday September 8  
6:00-7:00 PM Room 4*

Bring registration forms!

### **SUMMER SERVICE 2018**

If you are interested in participating in our service trip **next** summer, grab a parent and come to our information meeting on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 PM in the youth room.

## TAKING IT HOME

This weekend we celebrate a feast of the Lord, the Transfiguration. This feast is always celebrated on August 6 on the Church calendar. But some might wonder why do we celebrate it now when we always acknowledge the Transfiguration every year during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent? The Church has always seen fit to celebrate the significant events in the life of the Lord throughout the calendar year. Liken this feast to the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which we celebrate on February 2. The Church added this feast to the calendar in the year 1457 in gratitude for a victory over the Turks. Ancient tradition says that the Transfiguration took place 40 day before the crucifixion. On September 14 we also celebrate the feast of the Lord's Exaltation on the Cross and so the Transfiguration was placed on the calendar 40 days earlier on August 6. Here are some glancing thoughts on the topic by Eleonore Stump.

On the cross, Christ is humiliated, shamed and suffering. To ordinary people passing by, he looks like a loser more than a winner. And yet we treasure the crucifix because it is the symbol of God's love made manifest to us. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that we should not die but have everlasting life. Could anything be more glorious than this love? The glory of Christ is shown on the cross.

But in our gospel, we see Christ glorious in a more obvious way. Up on a mountain, Christ is transfigured. His clothes are radiant and so is he. Moses and Elijah come to talk to him. And a voice from heaven proclaims that Jesus is God's beloved Son, in whom God is well-pleased. In this Transfiguration, Christ looks both lovely and powerful, a winner rather than a loser in anybody's view. And Christ takes just Peter, James and John up to the mountain to see his transfiguration.

Why would Christ allow himself to be transfigured to his followers before his passion? And why would Christ want to show himself transfigured to his followers? Shouldn't his suffering be for us the right way was to understand true glory?

If Christ had not been resurrected, we might have supposed that suffering (or at least suffering for the Lord) is all there is to glory. And then we might have gotten confused and thought that there is something especially good about suffering taken all by itself. Maybe Christ allows himself to be transfigured so that his followers will understand even before the grieving events of the crucifixion that suffering is not the end of the story, not for Christ and not for his followers either...Consolation increases with affliction, the apostle Paul says (2 Cor. 1:5). That is a consoling thought for us, isn't it?

Deacon John



**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
GOSPEL – MATTHEW 14: 22-33**

*After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone.*

*Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it.*

*During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.*

*At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

*Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."*

*He said, "Come."*

*Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"*

*Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

*After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."*

**Gospel Reflection:** To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus, it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks.

When Jesus asks Peter, "Why did you doubt?" he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

**Separation:** The image of Jesus still ashore while the disciples battled against strong winds and rising seas must have been an evocative one for the Matthean community. Like the

their separation from Jesus. Unlike the disciples, they were separated by time and the raging storm that beset them was a tide of suspicion and persecution. At times they felt the strength and courage of Peter to step out of the boat and be Jesus in their world, but at other times they doubted their own abilities. It is a message for the Church of the day and the Church of today.

**Christian:** What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be "one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ." Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car. **"Lord! Save me!":** The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realizing that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves—the Savior. When the realization eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

- Q. In what way would the command to walk on water have been a confirmation of Jesus' identity for Peter?*
- Q. How do you imagine the other disciples reacted to Peter stepping out of the boat?*
- Q. In what ways would describing the message of this story as "have faith" be inadequate?*
- Q. When have you ever felt separated from Jesus as the disciples were when the storm engulfed them?*

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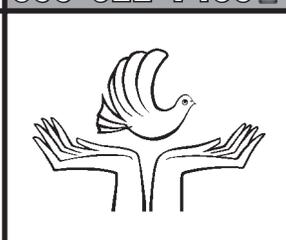
  
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