

Resurrection Parish February 4, 2018 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon
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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

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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

Please join the Conversation About our Future Parish Leadership

Pastoral Council is inviting you to engage in a conversation as announced in last weekend's liturgies about future leadership for Resurrection Parish after Fr. Graney's expected retirement in the foreseeable future. Your input is critical in shaping the future of our parish by advising us of your support for the leadership model being developed. We want to faithfully represent your views about this approach when we meet with Bishop Malooly on February 20. Before then you will have opportunities to participate in brief focus groups.

Again your voice is critical to our ability to move forward on this journey. Please participate in one of these focus groups and we commit to use your time wisely. We will continue to keep the parish informed and seek your input as we move forward with this leadership model. Please contact Al Mercatante (almerc@mindspring.com) if you have questions or comments.

These focus groups to review the model and obtain your input have been scheduled as follows:

Saturday Feb 3: after 5:30 pm Mass in Room 4

Sunday Feb. 4: after 8:15 am Mass in Chapel / after 10:30 am Mass in Room 4

Tuesday Feb 6: at 6:30 pm in Room 4

Thursday Feb 8: at 10:30 am in Room 4

Saturday Feb 10: after 5:30 pm Mass in Room 4

Sunday Feb 11: after 8:15 am Mass near Room 4 in Gathering Space / after 10:30 am Mass in Room 4

Also in your Faith Sharing Group

RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION

On the weekend of February 3 at our Saturday 5:30 pm mass we will celebrate the Rite of Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church for two individuals. They are Karen Mitchell and Robert Burdeshaw. At the Rite on February 3 they will become full members of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist.

Karen is the wife of Michael Mitchell and both have participated in the life of our parish for several years now; Michael as a CFP catechist and Karen as Michael's helper. Karen is a baptized Lutheran. Robert moved into the Pike Creek area several months ago and eventually found Resurrection on our web page. He informed us that he was interested in becoming Catholic. Robert has been a seeker for many years. He was baptized Baptist, but has been exploring other faith denominations for years, eventually discovering that the Catholic faith was what he needed.

We welcome Karen and Robert to our faith community and pray that they will discover what they desire. We also acknowledge the help of our RCIA team who helped to prepare them for this occasion.

INTENTIONS

Monday	February 5	8:30am	
Tuesday	February 6	7:00pm	
Wednesday	February 7	8:30 am	
Friday	February 9	8:30 am	
Saturday	February 10	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	February 12	8:15 am	Deceased members of the Picollelli Family
		10:30am	+Ron Nissen



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, Bill Dorsey, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Maryann Ciabattoni, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Joel Rivera, Kevin Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Courtney Corridori, Joel Rivera, David Heckman, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Burt & Carol Strasser, Ed Baum, Evelyn LeJeune and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-February 2018
Say "No" to Corruption: *That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.*



Environment Preparation for Lent! Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 this year. That's only a few weeks from now. We invite you to join in preparing our Worship Space for the celebrations of Lent on **Sunday, February 11 beginning at 11:30 am.**



Choose JOY for LENT!

Our parish is participating in *Living the Eucharist!* This **Lenten spiritual renewal** program provides us with opportunities to

grow in our faith through learning more about the Eucharist, participating more actively in Sunday Mass, and Living the Eucharist each day as disciples of Jesus. This small faith sharing group will meet on Thursday evenings from February 15 through March 22, 7-8:30 pm. **Please consider joining!** We encourage you to give it a try, even if you can't be present for all the gatherings. To join in, please contact Cory Zolandz, czolandz@gmail.com, or Ruth Sanders, rsanders@resurrectionde.org.

Especially during **cold and flu season**, remember to **pray for those who are sick**, for their caregivers, for those who have died because of sickness, and for those who suffer with no one to care for them. **At Mass if you think you're not well, you may want to refrain from shaking or holding hands and receiving communion from the cup.** Others will understand and appreciate your concern for them!

PARISH LIFE



ANNUAL ASH WEDNESDAY SOUPER SUPPER

February 14, 2017: 5-7PM

Soup, salad, bread and beverages for only \$4 for children, \$6 for adults. Four or more family price of only \$20. Tickets will be on sale the weekend of Feb 10 and 11 after all Masses and will be available at the door.

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.

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.

S'MORE COOKIES PLEASE!-

Girl Scouts Cookie Sale!

Troop 1207 will be selling Girls Scout Cookies on February 10th before and after the Saturday Mass and February 11th before and after the Sunday Masses.

(Cookies will be available for purchase).

Second Collection on February 11, 2018

These ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities

Next week, our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast.

"Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible" Program at St. Mary of the Assumption

Deacon Dennis Wuebbels will lead the program on 8 Thursdays from Feb. 1 through Mar. 22. This is an opportunity to learn and discuss how learning more

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about Scripture can help us understand more and motivate us more to live our faith. There will be both morning and evening sessions. 302-239-9219

<https://smachurch7200.wixsite.com/smachurch-bible>

Charitable Donation Receipts

If you require a receipt, please contact Debbie in the parish office at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 or office@resurrectionde.org. There is also a request form in the Gathering Space by the welcome table and on the parish website under the welcome tab.

<http://resurrectionde.org/charitable-donation-receipt> Thank you kindly for your contributions to support Resurrection Parish and its ministries.



The Annual Winter Arts Festival and silent auction will be held Saturday Feb 24, 2018 in the gathering space. Plan ahead for how you can participate or help in

making this a success. Thank you.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Family Promise -- The next hosting week for homeless children and adults of Family Promise is the week of February 11. Along with Ebenezer UMC, help is needed from Resurrection to provide dinners for 2 nights, to-go items for breakfasts and lunch, serve as overnight hosts (2 adults needed per night) and help driving the Family Promise van to/from the Family Promise Day Center. If you are able to assist in any way, that would be fantastic!

Here is the link to sign up to provide food/grocery items

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45adae2fa0ff2-family2>

Contact Deb Buckels, dbuckels@verizon.net or 302-239-2275 Thank you for your generosity!

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School
Mini Retreat
Saturday February 3, 2018
9 am to 2 pm

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome! K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP) will meet on 2/4, 2/11, and 2/25 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 Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at nmaloney@resurrectionde.org

TAKING IT HOME

As Christians we believe that death is really a birth to a new and fuller life. Though we may know this with some certainty, that life and death are part of the same pattern of existence on this earth, the reality is we still hurt when there is death. And so to believe that death is a new birth to a fuller life is not something easy to believe.

A woman has lost her husband and she was in terrible grief. She tried to do many things to get rid of her grief, but nothing worked. Someone convinced her that she should go see the master, which she eventually did. When she came to the master and told him of her loss and the pain she suffered, the master told the woman that he would love to help her but he was very cold. It was a chilly day and he had no wood for the fire. The master asked the woman if she could collect some wood then, he could address the woman's problem. The master said to the woman that there were many nearby houses each with a generous household who would be sure to give her some wood. But, said the master, "only take wood from a household that had lost no one." And so the woman went to each house asking that, "if this house has lost no one, then please give me some wood." The woman came back to the master many hours later without any wood, but with her grief healed. (John Shea, "The Legend of the Bells & Other Tales").

Like this woman, and like our existence on this earth, we all will at one time or another be in a similar place, experiencing feelings of deep pain and sadness at the face of death. We cannot help but fall prey to these feelings of grief. And as we allow this grief to grow deeper, we can drift into a sense of hopelessness and despair. At this point we can become like Job in our first reading, despairing and angry with a God who does not appear to hear our cry or feel our pain. Is there really a God who cares about what happens to us; what happens to me?

But just when all hope seems lost; just when our situation seems hopeless, we look around and see that we are not alone. There are many others who have suffered as we have suffered and in that there is some comfort. The grieving woman learned this lesson. Her husband was lost forever and she was deeply hurting this loss, but in her search for firewood, she discovered that she was not alone. There were many others who felt as she felt and in the telling of their common stories of hurt and pain, healing became possible. Suffering often does this because it is so universal. At first we close down and feel so alone, but in ways we cannot often know, suffering opens us up to others. In this communion with others whom we might have previously ignored, we find healing and strength because we discover that suffering is a place where all people at one time or another live.

How do we know this truth? Well, we don't always have a ready explanation; it is so prevalent in our world. And for this reason suffering has haunted our world. It was the point of the Book of Job. Is suffering the result of sin or is it from someplace else? There is no satisfying answer in Job. But what we do have is the story of Jesus. Instead of trying to tell us why we suffer, why there is pain and sickness and death, Jesus shows us how to react to it. We are to approach those who suffer as he did by grasping their hands, helping them up, healing their broken hearts and binding up their wounds. In this way, Jesus shows the compassionate face of God who cares for a world that is broken and in pain. Jesus shows us a way through that hurt and pain bears it and moves through it to resurrection. This is the Paschal Mystery. Deacon John

Paschal Season

Our annual season of turning to God begins in just two weeks. Lent, an English word which means lengthening of days, is the annual turning of Winter into Spring. The practicing the disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are renewed. They are part of our ritual of self-giving and giving ourselves back to God.

There are 40 days of Lent, 3 days of Triduum and 50 days of Eastertime. These days are a single season, the paschal season, the springtime of the church. Paschal comes from Pascha, Passover.

In the Passover from Winter to Spring we recognize an image of our own Passover in baptism. What was cold becomes warm. What was dark becomes enlightened. The enslaved are set free, and the dead raised to life. Throughout the paschal season we return to our baptism, to the death we died in those waters and to the life we gained in the Holy Spirit. We renew our baptismal promises, and accompany others making those promises for the first time.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL – MARK 1: 40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.”

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.”

The leprosy left the man immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, warning him sternly, Jesus dismissed him at once. He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.”

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Gospel Reflection: It is hard to imagine a person in first century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorized as leprosy (known as Hansen’s disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God’s punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus’ ability and good will: “if you want to, you can cure me.”

Jesus’ reaction is one of equally strong emotion—he is so moved by this man’s plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed—the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus

able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life

Leprosy: To be a leper in first century Palestine was to be utterly rejected from society. They were not permitted to engage in religious practice as they were permanently regarded as being ritually unclean and, indeed, unable to become clean as long as their disease lasted. The book of Leviticus, quoted in today’s first reading, contains two whole chapters of rules regarding lepers. Lepers were forced to live outside of any village for fear of contamination and even had to call out a warning of “Unclean! Unclean!” if anyone came near them. They were forced to beg for food and money because no-one would hire them. They were literally on the very edge of society.

What’s in a word? Verse 41 of this reading begins, “Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand.” This translation is from the Jerusalem Bible but if we were to consider other translations of the Bible we would find other phrases used such as: *moved with pity; filled with pity; moved with compassion; filled with compassion; or even, filled with anger.* By comparison, “Feeling sorry for him” seems a weak translation. Jesus’ reaction is a fully human one of indignation at what this man is forced to endure. It is a gut-wrenching response from the very core of Jesus’ humanity.

Who is your leper? *There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man, but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!*

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