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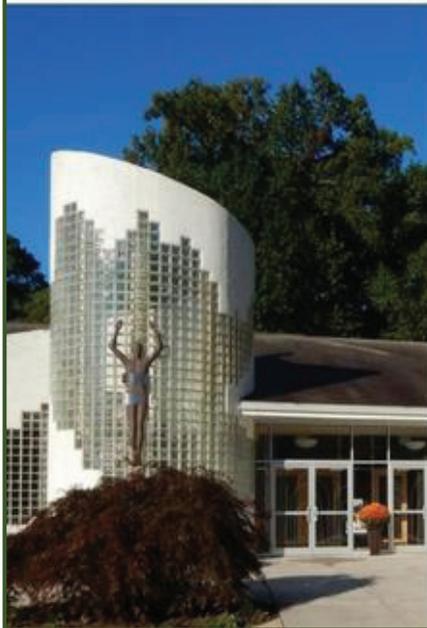
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March 11,
2018
4th Sunday
in Lent

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
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Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon
Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music
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Sandy Landoll, Social Concerns
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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

How to Build a Culture of Life, February 23, 2018 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts.

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to Him and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples. This doesn't necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life.

We often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when

we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to think our lives have decreased value or worth. But God's love--personal, real, unchanging--is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are.

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When parents of young children need a break, we need to consider how we can help and act on it. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them. Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where He leads.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

INTENTIONS

Monday	March 12	8:30am	+Matilda Rivera
Tuesday	March 13	7:00pm	
Wednesday	March 14	8:30 am	+Jane Panichelli
Friday	March 16	8:30 am	
Saturday	March 17	5:30pm	Parish Community
Sunday	March 18	8:15 am	+Marie Sherley
		10:30am	+Tony Piccirillo



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, Kevin Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Courtney Corridori, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Burt & Carol Strasser, Evelyn LeJeune, Kat Edwards, Rachel Rose Boucher, Megan Morton Lawless, Genita Vandell, Brian Duda, and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

LITURGY

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention-March 2018

Formation in Spiritual Discernment: *That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, on the personal and communitarian levels.*

Paschal Season

For our catechumen and elect, Cassandra, the period of Lent is known as the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. Essentially this period is a deeper period of preparation for the reception of the Easter sacraments; baptism, confirmation and eucharist. This is why we have the Scrutiny Rites and the Presentations (Creed and Our Father) during Lent. This period consists more in interior reflection than in catechetical instruction. It is intended to purify the catechumen's mind and heart and help her search out her need for a new way of looking at life in light of Jesus her savior. As Cassandra journeys to the font of baptism, we journey with her. Lent is also the community's time for spiritual reflection and a time to renew its hearts as the community prepares to celebrate the Triduum, the celebration of that great Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.

Lent



Prayer Opportunities

Friday March 16, 7:00 pm

A Light for My Path:

Praying the Psalms on the Way of the Cross

Monday March 19, 7:00 pm

Taize Prayer and Reconciliation

at Immaculate Conception Parish, Elkton

Friday March 23, 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross in Tamil and English

TRIDUUM MUSIC REHEARSALS

Each year we invite all teens and adults interested in participating in our music ministry to join the choir for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Our Women's Choir sings on Holy Thursday, Men's Choir on Good Friday and the women and men combine for the Easter Vigil. **Is this your year to give it a try? We hope so.** The rehearsal schedules are noted below. It would be a kindness to let Ruth Sanders (rsanders@resurrectionde.org) know you intend to participate so that we can have music ready for you.

Holy Thursday Women's Choir

Monday March 12, 7-9 pm
 Sunday March 18, noon to 2 pm
 Monday March 26, 7-9 pm
 Holy Thursday March 29, 6:30-7:30 pm

Good Friday Men's Choir

Tuesday March 20, 7-9 pm
 Monday March 26, 7-9 pm
 Good Friday March 30 6:30-7:30 pm

Easter Vigil Combined Women's/Men's Choirs

NEW DATE! Tuesday March 13, 7-9 pm
 Thursday March 22, 7-9 pm
 Holy Saturday March 31, 1-3:30 pm
 Holy Saturday March 31, 7:30-8:00 pm

PARISH LIFE

Community Garden: Parishioners who have not been part of the community garden, but are interested in a plot this year. Contact Mark Oliver suzmarko@verizon.net or 302-737-1660 to get on a waiting list.



Join the fun! Please come to the **Parish Picnic Planning Meeting** on Sunday, March 18th at noon in Room 4. More details to follow about the Parish Picnic...

Charitable Donation Receipts: Receipts are printed if requested by a parishioner. Please add your name to the request form in the Gathering Space by the welcome table or on the parish website under the welcome tab. Contact Debbie at 302-368-0146 ext. 0 or office@resurrectionde.org. Thank you.

You are all welcome to attend your next Pastoral Council Meeting to be held on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4. The agenda will include an update on the progress of Teams to Improve Pastoral Council; to Improve Parish Communications; to Develop a New Parish Model; to Attract New Parishioners; and to Grow and Promote Ministries. Also on the agenda is a report from Resurrection's Christian Formation Program (CFP) Committee.

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 234-1519 or email: snapdelaware@yahoo.com.

Please Donate to the Friendship House When CFP prayed the Stations of the Cross on March 4th, our family is meditated on Station 10- Jesus is stripped of his clothes. We would like to invite you to bring a **new package of men's socks** that will be donated to Friendship House, an organization that helps alleviate the hardships of homelessness here in Wilmington, Delaware. Collection bins will be in the Gathering Space for the next few weekends. Thank you and God bless! – The Zolandz Family

New Parishioners: *We welcome you! Please register with the parish. Registration forms are always available after Masses on the table by the main entrance or in the Parish Office. For more information, call (302) 368-0146 x0*



The next meeting of the **Prayer Shawl** group is Monday March 12 from 12:30 to 2. Join us!

Our Lady of Fatima devotion: 2017 was the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. The celebration actually commenced on the first day of Spring in 2016.

A statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be present near our regular statue honoring Mary. It will be here on March 24 through March 25. Mary is an intercessor to God on our behalf. The presence of the statue is a reminder and an occasion to pray to Mary for specific personal needs and the other needs present in our world. A suggested prayer will be at the statue.

CFP: YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle and High School Youth Group

March 18: Join us for a Seder Meal – families invited. 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.

ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Welcome! **K-5 Christian Formation Program (CFP)** will meet on 3/11, and 3/18 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

First Holy Communion Classes

Wednesday, March 21st at 5:45-7:00pm

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Put faith into action with the Delaware Catholic Advocacy Network: The Catholic Advocacy Network is an e-mail network that keeps you informed on public policy issues and puts you in direct contact with lawmakers to share your views. Visit www.cdow.org for more information.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT ENCOUNTER ANDRISE

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



TAKING IT HOME

“God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.” (Genesis 1:31). Because what God made is called good, the Catholic worldview is that creation, the world of things and the world of persons, is good. The way we Catholics see the world is that it is good. We are good, the world is good. And not only did God create the world in goodness, God recreated it in goodness through the incarnation of the Son. The Son of God becoming flesh and taking on our human nature was a further sign of the goodness of creation.

This is why we Catholics are a sacramental people. A sacrament is a sign of God’s goodness to us. Catholic wisdom says that the world and everything in it is a gift from God and a sign of God. This is why our most important rituals for the sacraments use water and oil, bread and wine, and human touch as signs of God’s graciousness. This is why we take the world seriously and encourage people to find God in and through the world and not outside of it. This is why we take human activity seriously and encourage people to be like Jesus in the world. Jesus was helping God complete what God began at creation. And with God’s further help we too, like Jesus, bring light and joy and goodness to the world; we are the light of the world; we are co-creators.

But as we look at the world now many are tempted to say that it is not good; that it is not the creation God intended and that it no longer is a place where God can be found. We are no longer encouraged to help our neighbor, but only what’s in our own interest. We are no longer encouraged to be concerned about the world, but only what’s in our little corner. We are encouraged to see the world as a dark place, where violence and hatred exist and where no one can fix it. And so we cannot look at the world and see the presence

of God. In many respects we are blinded to the goodness of God’s creation.

Today the gospel story is that of the “Man Born Blind.” Jesus heals the man’s blindness and so, on one level, the story is about the miracle cure of a man who receives his sight from Jesus. But the story wants to take us deeper. If it is only a story about a man receiving his sight, why would Jesus tell the Pharisees that they say they see yet remain blind?

I think the deeper reality is about faith, particularly faith in God and in God’s Son. Faith affects the way we see. When we allow ourselves the opportunity to be touched by God through faith, we see things differently, even in a world where we have become accustomed to its ugliness. Because when we allow ourselves to be touched through faith by God we, like the man born blind, enter the divine-human communion. The divine-human communion is the revelation that God is not separate from the world, but is in fact at work bringing it to completion through people like you and me when we act in the name of Jesus.

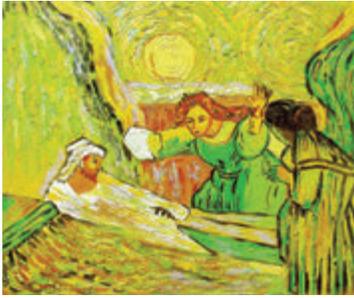
The real story of the “Man Born Blind,” is that Jesus, as God’s Son is at work completing the task of creation. Since the first day of creation to the present, the work of God is to bring light out of darkness. This is what Jesus did for the man born blind and this is what Jesus wants to do for us, if only we would let him; because if we let him, we could continue to see the sacredness of the world because there is not a moment of this world that has not been touched by God.

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808
302-995-6858 jesushousecenter.org

Thursday, March 22, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Day of Reflection: Three Forms of Prayer That Can Change My Life with Fr Nicholas Amato. We will look at the 3 forms of prayer, consider the style, purpose, and goal of each, and see what might be lacking in yours. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

Monday evenings, Continuing Series starting April 9 to May 14 - 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Evenings of Reflection, Seeing with New Eyes: The Universe Story - God’s Kin-dom Coming. Come for a spiritual dialog with contemporary ideas. These six classes will explore how the New Universe story (from the vast cosmos to the tiny energies within the atom) influences our adapting ideas of God, Jesus, Church, and spirituality. Cost is \$15 per session.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT—GOSPEL JOHN 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.”

Martha said, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?”

They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.”

But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

The dead man came out, tied band and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Gospel Reflection: The third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A (used each year there are elect preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil) feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In this passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, “I am the resurrection and the life.” Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life—three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus’ response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need, but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief. The raising of Lazarus marks a turning point in the gospel of John. Chapter 11 concludes with the Jewish authorities plotting to arrest Jesus and then Chapter 12 begins the final week of Jesus’ life in

Jerusalem. The significance of this episode is highlighted by the disciples who question Jesus about the wisdom of going back to Judea when the people there had wanted to stone Jesus to death. In going to save the life of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus knows that he is journeying towards his own death. In fact, the end of Chapter 11 makes clear that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the authorities and precipitate the action against Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is the episode with Lazarus that effectively signs Jesus’ death warrant. The gospel makes clear that Jesus gives up his own life so that Lazarus may live.

Scriptural context – Jesus wept

“Jesus wept” is the shortest verse in the New Testament. Just two little words carry a world of emotion and speak volumes about Jesus. Pope Leo I used this verse to highlight the two natures of Jesus, pointing out that in his humanity, Jesus wept for the death of his friend, but in his divinity Jesus raised Lazarus to life. Lazarus and his sisters were close friends of Jesus and Jesus is clearly emotional about the death and its effect on Martha and Mary. That Jesus is about to restore Lazarus to life does not deny the grief and mourning at Lazarus’ death.

Unbind him, let him go free

To see a man bound up for burial suddenly come walking from his tomb must have been an unnerving experience to say the least. However, Jesus calmly commands the astonished onlookers to “unbind him, let him go free.” These words speak to us today as we come to the end of the Lenten season and approach the celebration of Easter. What are the things that “bind” us? From what do we need to be released so that we may “go free”? Are they bindings placed by ourselves or others? What will it take to be unbound?

Q. What conclusions can be drawn from the fact that Jesus was friends with a family who lived only two miles from Jerusalem?

Q. What other evidence is in the text to suggest that Jesus had been in Jerusalem before this event?

Q. What aspects of your life do you need to “die” to or let go of to enter into a fuller, richer life?

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