



# Spirit

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**“The Church is holy, not just because ALL ARE WELCOME. The Church is holy because ALL BELONG!”**  
(Timothy Matovina + Pope Francis)

Welcome to *Spirit*, the Newsletter of Resurrection Parish. In each quarterly issue, we will feature one or more of our ministries and their works. We will also feature some recent events and those that are coming your way. This issue highlights the Women of Faith with Janet Meissner.

## Pope Francis' Corner

“Without realizing, we have generated a lay elite, believing that only they are committed laymen who work in the things “of the priests,” and we have forgotten and neglected the believer who often exhausts his or her hope in the daily struggle to live the faith.” *Address to participants in the Pontifical Commission for Latin America plenary*



*assembly, April 26, 2016.*

## Women of Faith

By Janet Meissner

The Women of Faith is one of the oldest ministries at Resurrection. As the parish nears its fortieth anniversary, we look back at how we have evolved with the parish.

What would become the Women of Faith was originally several young mothers who had helped with the "Growing in the Spirit" summer program that their children attended. Sister Pat Godri was the Director of Education then. When the program ended, Sister Pat kept the group together by setting up a women's education group, which met on Thursdays in the Resource Room. At one point, they were dubbed “the twelve apostles”, referring to their size and faithfulness.

Now, the “mustard seed” that Sister Pat planted so long ago has grown to a group of 38 active members, as well as 18 others who have moved away or otherwise cannot

attend, but want to stay in touch. We still meet on Thursday mornings, but have outgrown the Resource Room. Now in the Community Room, we can accommodate and welcome many more members.



We support each other and listen to each other. And we learn! After our greeting and prayer service, we usually see a DVD on some theme

from which we can discuss religious, moral or ethical implications. Occasionally, we invite speakers on a subject of interest. We then gather in table discussion groups and learn from each other.

Two of our recent programs have been on Saint Kateri and Dorothy Day. We have also enjoyed learning about Rosie the Riveter, the Amish, the history of religion in the US and pilgrimages in countries such as Spain and Ireland, as well as the Holy Land. Discussions of religious artwork and architecture have been aesthetically enjoyable as well as enlightening. The variety of programs adds fun to our learning.

We meet from September to May. At Christmas and at the end of the year we treat ourselves to a restaurant or catered lunch. We also form lasting friends and continue to socialize outside of our meetings. We'd love to have you join us.

## YES Technology Workshop for Seniors

By Cameron Record

The YES group held a Technology Workshop for 55 and above parishioners for the third year in a row.

Seniors brought along their many different types of devices - tablets, android and apple phones, and e-readers to the YES volunteers for assistance with calling, e-mail, setting up contacts, receiving and sending texts, saving pictures to



the cloud and even customizing their bit moji's!

This year, the group tried three different sessions, one on Saturday, January 21

before the 5pm mass, and two on Sunday, January 22 after the 9:30 and 11:00 am masses. While there were not a lot of seniors in attendance for the first two sessions, the last session made up for it. YES volunteers also contributed snacks, coffee and water for seniors to enjoy. Thank you to all the YES volunteers and seniors who attended!



**Super Bowl pancake Breakfast Feb. 5, 2017 video**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmVUOuMVpY&feature=youtu.be>

### **New Mayor in Randolph Has Ties to Our Parish**

By Henry M. Holden

Mayor Christine Carey was elected to the Randolph Township Council in November 2012. She served as deputy mayor in 2016, and was selected by her peers to serve as mayor in 2017. Seven members of the Town Council are elected and they in turn select one of their own to a one-year term as mayor,

Cary said her parents were both very involved in their community. "My mother had five kids and she was involved in the PTA and other organizations. My father was a newspaper reporter and always covered PTA, meetings, town council, and school board meetings. I felt like I knew what was going on in

the town as I was growing up. It just felt like this was the thing you did. Not that you had to do it, but it was normal to volunteer.

Carey lives with her husband of 28 years (in May), Frank Brenner, and 16-year-old son, Joey, a junior at Morris Catholic High School. She has two other children, Kelsey, a second-grade teacher in Buffalo, N.Y. and Nick, who works in social media marketing in Pittsburg, PA.

Carey, a resident of Randolph since 1992, brings an extensive history of public service with her into the mayor's office. As a longtime volunteer in the Randolph community, she has served on many boards and committees.

Carey was elected for three terms on the Randolph Board of Education, first in 2002, before winning re-election in 2005 and 2008.

"When I moved to Randolph, I started getting involved with the PTA, and library and it progressed from there. "I think it's been a lifelong commitment to volunteering that grew from grassroots as a child.

Cary has also been very active in Resurrection Parish, "I first met Chris in a PTA meeting," said Lorraine Scandariato,



Director of Religious Education at Resurrection Parish. "Chris had a natural skill communicating with parents. She joined our religious education program and started as a catechist assistant, first in the Children's ministry and then working through the Middle School and Youth Ministry. We were so blessed to have her in our parish." As a catechist, she had to do service work with the teens, and helped them prepare for

Confirmation for 2 ½ years. Cary was a Caring Group Leader for the Youth Ministry, and she and her husband served on the Social Committee.

"The education institutions in Randolph play critical roles in the Randolph community and it is important that we continue to maintain close working relationships with them.

"When you serve in the community, it helps to understand the community values," said Carey. "If you listen, you will hear a lot from residents. Whether it is about library programs, school programs, the curriculum or homework, or what your dreams and desires are for your children, it just translates into getting a real feel for the community."

Cary has no aspirations for higher public office. "I'm very content where I am. I like serving my community. It's very personal. You know the people, their issues and understand the community."

## Celebrating Lent

By Henry M. Holden

On March 4, 2017, Resurrection Parish, celebrated its semi-annual Day of Reflection. Their guest speaker was Benedictine Father Jude Salus, OSB. The theme: *"Journey with Christ through Lent - Forgiveness, Grace and Love."*

Fr. Jude, has celebrated more than 40 years as a priest, and 26 years as pastor at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, in Cedar Knolls, before retiring in 2015.

The day was a blend of prayer, humor, and insight, and began with a Continental breakfast at 8:00 am followed



by Fr. Jude's presentation. Over 145 people spent the day honoring the forgiveness and love of God. "With his help, we can have our daily faults and failings forgiven, and have our hearts changed," said Fr. Jude. "Lent can make a difference in our relationship with God. Lent can be a time to grow more deeply in God's grace, and accept His forgiveness."

Lent began as a way for Christians to remind themselves of the value of repentance. The austerity of the Lenten season was seen as similar to how people in the Old Testament fasted and repented in sackcloth and ashes.

But modern-day Lent is a time of homecoming to Jesus. "Lent is not a penitential time alone, but a joyful time, when we can see other's kindness, goodness, laughter and smiles," said Fr. Jude. "When we choose to see that love, then we're gravitating into making ourselves available to others. That also makes us vulnerable. This availability, this vulnerability, what does that make us? Expectant!"



gentleness, a sense of human joy, that's there too."

"You can't change anyone but yourself. You can change your mind. You can change your attitude, by deciding to be calm and gentle, and that can change your direction.

"Where are you looking lately? Around your parish, around your table, around your families? How are you looking? If you want to see goodness and joy, is that on your Lenten Pilgrimage list?"

"If you want to see faults, and failures, knock yourself out. Most of us have a thousand. We're human beings. If you want to see kindness, and



Fr. Jude raised the question, is suffering a punishment? "When we have a family heartache, when there is illness, a diagnosis we don't understand, is our loved one being punished? When you look at a crucifix how can you possibly say that God the Father is punishing his Son?"

"Once we stop that attitude, once we realize that the suffering, like Christ's, is redemptive, it causes us to come out of ourselves and bring us more lovingly not into the future, but to seize, and live in the present moment, grateful for our faith, family and friends.

"We don't figure out our illnesses, and we can't determine what is going to happen, but we can realize that it is our attitude, and it is our choice, to make a change.



"When we get up in the morning we don't say, 'Jesus I'm up. Don't let me sin'. Is that the prayer we want to have?"

"Or maybe the prayer should be, 'Jesus, let me be your hands, let me be your face, let me be your feet. Take me where someone needs to be lifted.' Perhaps it's your neighbor who needs help with her food shopping, or a lift to the doctor.

"Isn't that much more dramatic than Jesus don't let me sin? We must see now, this loving Jesus, not in ritual, but in that joy of walking with someone who loves us so much. He is our Savior and Lord, our unconditional lover, and unconditional friend. When we let that wash over us, we are not the same person. We can't be, and that is what Lent is about. Going back with all our heart and understanding this God who loves us and inspires us is something we can't take for granted."

Fr. Jude suggested we look again at our values, at our motivations, and our willingness, despite life's hurts to see Jesus' footprints in that space.

"Maybe we need to be more patient, maybe we should start listening more often. Sometimes we don't listen to the very old, or the very young. Maybe we should listen better.

"Lent is a time to step back and see what are some of the changes you'd like to make," said Fr. Jude. "And that

nothing for you is going to be hurtful or hateful. Once you begin to do that, it begins to have that change effect.

“As you’re celebrating your journey, what things happened providentially? Maybe you did get that diagnoses, maybe you lost your job, but maybe, just maybe, you said, ‘Jesus, point me in the right direction. Where do you want me to go? What do you want me to do?’ When you begin to trust him, and love him, you will start noticing that we become a lifeline, and the lifeline comes back to us.”

**Video here** [Journey With Christ Through Lent March 04, 2017](#)

**The mysterious disappearing eggs.** To make each Day of Reflection memorable the Team decided to bring back John Cristadoro’s special Deviled Eggs and add Lorraine Scandariato’s French Toast recipe to the menu. John prepared 72 servings and is thinking about renting another chicken. There were 400 slices of French toast. It took 80 eggs, 10 lbs. of butter, eight loaves of bread and copious amounts of brown sugar and cinnamon. French Toast and deviled eggs lasted less than 15 minutes.



**John Cristadoro preparing his now-famous Deviled Eggs.**

**Do you know a parishioner with an interesting background or story to tell? Let us know.**

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**Parish Video Reaches across the country**

Our videographer, Delia Vince-Cruz, recently went to the YouTube video of the Living Stations of the Cross she filmed on March 25, 2016. She found it has been viewed 1,410 times in the last 12 months! **Excellent work, Delia!**

**Dolores Hallock reports,** “I received an email in early March from a woman from our west somewhere, either the Dakotas or Montana. She was searching the web and found our Living Stations that Delia had put on YouTube.

She asked if I could explain it to her and if I had any information to share. I sent her the script, and gave her the details. She communicated several times and sent me something she found interesting for the Stations of the Cross.”

**Mark your Calendar Coming soon**

April 2 Easter baskets (YES group) 10:30-1:00pm

April 14, Living Stations of the Cross 7:30-9:30pm

May 5, St. Baldrick (YES event) 5:00pm-7:00pm

May 6/7, Samaritan’s Baby Shower Sat. 5:00-7:00pm

Sun. 8:00am-2:00pm

May 12, Cub Scout Fund Raiser 7:00-9:00pm

June 4, Piano Recital/Reception 1:00-5:00pm

June 22, Troop 50 Picnic/Court of Honor 3:00pm

**Watch the Bulletin for more details.**

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