

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 2, 2018: The First Sunday of Advent

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Stewardship Reflection....Let us begin this great season of Advent with a vow to be “vigilant.” (Luke 21:36) In the wise stewardship of everything entrusted to us that we will be held accountable for *our* actions, independent of the action of others.



Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM

Monday - Wednesday, Friday

Holidays as announced

Confessions: Saturday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

This week's Church Sanctuary Light

will burn for:

Eli Jacob Yonish

By Baba

This week's Oratory Sanctuary Light

will burn for:

Ed Popovich

By Joann and Kenny



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 - THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday, December 2 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	John Swarney By Family Edward Popovich By Elaine
Monday, December 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	Robert Kopriva By Jim and Nina Rosary (Oratory)
Tuesday, December 4 <i>St. John Damascene</i>	8:00 AM	Francis Gyurkovics By Wife, Rosie and Daughter, Dannette
Wednesday, December 5	8:00 AM	Mary Popovich By Children
Thursday, December 6 <i>St. Nicholas</i>	NO MASS	
Friday, December 7 <i>St. Ambrose</i>	8:00 AM 12:15 PM 6:30 PM	Ann Wargo By Family Rosary (Oratory) Francis G. Ozog By Employees and Families
Saturday, December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Margaret Stofa, Beloved Mother and Grandmother, By Christine and Eric Rose Draksler By Kim Furfari
Sunday, December 9 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	People of the Parish Sr. Regina Kiel (Sr. Marie Adele) By Sister, Mauvette O'Dowd

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Nov. 25, 2018 Envelope Holders: Adult: 529 Children: 36 Total: 565
 Envelopes used: Adults: 256 Children: 14 Total: 270
 Offertory Total \$5,094.00 Utilities \$155.00 All Souls \$15.00 Catholic Charities \$60.00
 Build. and Maint. \$25.00 Candles \$117.00 All Saints \$15.00 Food Pantry \$292.00
 Christmas Flowers \$265.00 Poor Box \$7.00 Cemetery \$35.00 Imm. Conception \$5.00

Have a Beautiful and Blessed Advent Season!

Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events

- Sunday, December 2** Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center
Advent Day of Reflection after 10:30 AM Mass Resurrection Hall
Confirmation Sessions 9A, 10A and 11B 3:00 to 5:00 PM
St. John Paul II Building at St. Benedict Church
- Monday, December 3** Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 PM Resurrection Hall
- Tuesday, December 4** Pig-in-the-Blanket Making 7:00 AM Oratory Hall
- Wednesday, December 5** Pig-in-the-Blanket Making 8:45 AM Oratory Hall
- Thursday, December 6** Pig-in-the-Blanket Packing 8:45 AM Oratory Hall
Sewing Ministry Meeting 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Sewing Room
- Friday, December 7** Cookie Tray Packing 8:45 AM Oratory Hall
- Saturday, December 8** Holiday Bake Sale 9:00 AM to Noon Oratory Hall
- Sunday, December 9** Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center



Advent prepares us for the great celebration of Christmas. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent Season is a period for devout and joyful expectation.

God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for your coming again.

When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most. Amen.



Saturday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast celebrates that she, who was to bear the Incarnate Word of God, was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception. Our country places itself under the protection of our patroness, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception Mass schedule is as follows: Friday, Dec. 7, 6:30 PM Vigil Mass and Sat. Dec. 8, 9:00 AM Holy Day Mass.

Parish News...

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 2 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Mon., Dec. 3**. Thank you to all who help!

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS are scheduled to clean the church on **Friday, Dec. 14**. Thanks to all who help!

THE SEWING MINISTRY will meet on Thurs., Dec. 6 in the Sewing Room above the Sweet Shoppe from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. New members most welcome!



OPLATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS) are available in the back of the Church or at the Parish Office. The cost is \$2.00 per envelope.

WHITE CHRISTMAS: The theme of this year's Children's Christmas Party is "White Christmas." We are asking all parishioners to join in the celebration and spirit of giving. Please bring a white item to be donated to the Cambria City Mission and Food Bank. Items include: white socks (men's, women's, or children's,) paper plates, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and deodorant. Please drop items off in the bin at the back of the church marked "White Christmas," no later than Sun., Dec. 16, 2018. If you have any questions, please call Meaghan Veney 536-9694. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPROACHING. We are really going to need your help to prepare the Church for the holidays. Decorating will take place Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 PM. Any and all help is welcome. Please step up and pitch in!



THE JANUARY 2019 SIZZLER CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE! The cost of the ticket is \$20.00. They can be purchased before and after all weekend Masses and at the Parish Office or The Sweet Shoppe during regular business hours. For more information on the Sizzlers please contact Ed or Pat Gregorchik at 539-6320. A special thank you to Dr. Johanna Vena V.M.D. of Cambria Veterinary Care for sponsoring this fundraiser.

DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, Resurrection Parish will follow the Johnstown School District's and/or Bishop McCort's schedule. If there is a two hour delay, the Parish Office will open two hours late (11:00 AM), and all meetings/activities will take place. If there is no school the Parish Office will be closed and all meetings/activities will be cancelled. If there is an unscheduled early dismissal the Parish Office will close early and all meetings/activities will be cancelled. **Please note, Mass WILL BE celebrated regardless.**



RESURRECTION FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE TRADITION:

In one of our Arise discussion groups, the importance of **TRADITION** and **HERITAGE** to the early Christians was noted. Ironically, many participants in the group feared that **TRADITION** and the importance of **HERITAGE** is disappearing in today's society and even in our own families. As one way to help keep tradition and heritage alive in our parish and in our families, the **Resurrection Family Christmas Tree** will be placed in the sanctuary once again this year during the Christmas Season. Each household is being asked to bring an ornament that signifies something important to your family. The ornaments can be homemade or purchased, they can be an heirloom, or they can be anything else that fittingly represents what is important to your family. Don't forget to apply your name to the ornament as well. All ornaments will be returned after the Christmas Season. We ask you to bring your ornament to Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent (December 15 or 16) and place them in one of the boxes at the back of the church.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the back of the Church in alphabetical order. If you have not picked yours up yet, please remember to take them after Mass.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS REMINDER: A register can be found on the table in the back of the church where you can volunteer your services for Masses beginning with the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 22) through Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day). Please help out if you are able. If you are currently unsure of your availability, at the Mass you do attend, check with the sacristan to see if help is needed.

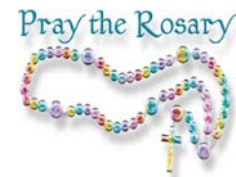
ROSARY SESSIONS: Please join us in praying the Rosary before all weekend Masses, (the Rosary begins a half-hour before Mass at Resurrection Church) and on Mon. and Fri., at 12:15 PM at the Oratory. A schedule of Oratory Rosary leaders is as follows:

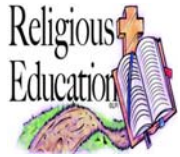
Monday

Dec. 3 - Fran Findley
Dec. 10 - Deacon Sam
Dec. 17 - Nancy Fesko
Dec 24 - No Rosary
Dec. 31- No Rosary

Friday

Dec. 7 - Janet Yuras
Dec. 14 - Pat Barrett
Dec. 21 - Chris Rebar
Dec. 28 - No Rosary
Jan. 4 - Jim and Nina Kopriva





THE WEST END PENANCE SERVICE will be held on Monday , Dec. 17 at Resurrection Parish at 6:30 PM.

11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES, please make sure to turn in all your sponsor information as soon as possible.



St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown, Sun., Dec. 9, 1:30 PM

Church of the Transfiguration, Conemaugh, Wed., Dec. 12, 6:30 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Windber, Thurs., Dec. 13, 6:00 PM

St. Patrick Church, Johnstown, Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:00 PM

St. Benedict Church, Geistown, Sun., Dec. 16, 5:00 PM

Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Johnstown, Mon., Dec. 17, 6:00 PM

West End Penance Service, Resurrection Church, Johnstown, Mon., Dec. 17, 6:30 PM



THE LADIES' AUXILIARY Christmas Social meeting will be held on **Mon., Dec. 3, at 6:00 PM** at Resurrection Hall. ***Please note the change in start time!*** We will be starting with a short business meeting, followed by our Social. Members are reminded to bring a side or dessert to share as well as a Christmas exchange gift (\$10 in value – if you wish to participate in the exchange). The lift will be open.



THE ANGEL TREE: If you took an Angel Tree gift tag, please remember to return gifts by December 5 to the Church or the Parish Office. Reminder: the “wish lists” are only suggestions. You only need to buy one gift (\$25.00 value).

UNUSED CARDS: The Ladies' Auxiliary would like to THANK all the parishioners who donated un-used Christmas cards to distribute to residents of local nursing homes. The response was OVERWHELMING! This is a very important ministry as we help nursing home residents stay connected to their loved ones by providing them with cards to send out. Because of your donations, residents of 13 nursing homes will have Christmas cards to send out to their loved ones! Thank you for your continued donations to this important, and dear to our hearts, ministry!



PIG-IN-THE-BLANKET MAKING: We will be cooking and packing in Oratory Hall for the upcoming Holiday Sale and would appreciate any time you could spare to help. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 AM, Steaming Cabbage

Wednesday, December 5, 8:45 AM, Cooking Pigs-in-the-Blanket

Thursday, December 6, 8:45 AM, Packing Pigs-in-the-Blanket

Friday, December 7, 8:45 AM, Packing Cookie Trays



HOLIDAY ROLL AND COOKIE TRAY SALE

Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 AM to Noon at Oratory Hall

Nut, Nut with Raisin, Poppy Seed, Poppy Seed with Raisin, Apricot,

Cottage Cheese with Raisin and Pineapple Cream Cheese Rolls - \$12.00 each

Cookie Trays - Trays of 4 doz. for \$16.00; 3 doz. for \$12.00; and 2 doz. for \$8.00

This sale is on a first-come, first-serve basis. No orders are being taken and we cannot hold items. The sale is open to the public so come early!

We also have FRESH HALUSKI for sale for \$5.00 per quart container and

PIGS IN THE BLANKET for \$25.00 per dozen, \$12.50 for a half dozen.

REMINDER - BAKERS OF THE PARISH: We need your help by making and donating cookies for the Cookie Sale. All cookies should be taken to Oratory Hall or the Parish Office by 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 6.



THE SWEET SHOPPE 814-539-6502

Sweet Shoppe Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM;

Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM


Don't forget, Saint Nicholas Day is December 6th.


Stop by to stock up on stocking stuffers! We have a great selection!


The Sweet Shoppe will be closed on Wednesday, December 5.



THE 2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE FUND supports only specific ministries which are focused on: caring for the poor, strengthening families, nurturing our youth and forming clergy and laity. **To date, 115 out of our 529 families have pledged \$20,764.16 toward our 2018 target amount of \$34,284.00. Please send all contributions to the Resurrection Parish Office. DO NOT SEND DIRECTLY TO THE DIOCESE.** Make checks payable to Resurrection Church. Thank you for your generosity.


 **CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, NEPHEWS, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS OF RESURRECTION PARISH:** Join us for a Christmas celebration! Anyone, ages 12 and under, are invited to join us on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018; 1:00-3:00 PM, in Resurrection Church Hall to celebrate a “White Christmas!” Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the church office not later than Dec. 10, 2018. This year we are asking all our guests to bring a WHITE item for donation to help everyone have a white Christmas this year. Items will be donated to the Cambria City Mission and Food Bank. Items requested include: white socks (men’s women’s children’s), paper plates, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and deodorant. Please call Meaghan Veney (536-9694) with any questions. ****White attire is encouraged for the party.****



 We invite you to the upcoming Children’s Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in Resurrection Hall. If you are able to attend, please complete the registration form and drop in the collection basket. Please R.S.V.P by, December 10.

NAME (S): _____

PHONE #: _____ AGE(S): _____

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THE FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION FROM THE NOV. 20, 2018 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

During the new year, Parish Council will be refocusing on the purpose of our various Committees which serve the needs of our parish. These Committees serve various functions within the Parish. But, are they meeting your needs as a parishioner? We will be looking for parishioners' input as to what your needs are and how our various Committees can meet those needs. Look for more information regarding this in the bulletin as the new year progresses.

The Safe Environments Committee has begun their ministry. The purpose of this committee is to ensure the physical and emotional safety of all parishioners (children through the elderly) at all functions and properties of the Parish. They will be making recommendations regarding the properties of the parish to the Property and Maintenance Committee for consideration and prioritization. Their work will continue on their mandate.

We will continue the schedule for the Committee and Parish Council meetings of every other month. We will be evaluating the new schedule in April 2019. The schedule is as follows: 1/15 Committee meetings, NO Parish Council meeting; 2/19 Parish Council meeting, NO Committee meeting; and 3/19 Committee meetings, NO Parish Council meeting. All meetings begin at 6:30 PM.

If you have any questions, please see a Parish Council member.



NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY'S monthly night of Adoration is scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 6 at 7:00 PM at the St. Claire of Assisi Church, 124 Maple Ave., Johnstown. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by being with our Lord for one hour. All are welcome.

AN ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held on Saturday, December 22 at 7:00 PM at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Youth Chorale. The choral groups will be accompanied by the Hilltop Chamber Music Ensemble. Admission is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome those who have found a spiritual home in our faith community. Parish registration is indicated by a registration (envelope) number. Registration is not to be assumed by simply attending Mass at the parish. Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage are not scheduled within six months of parish registration so evidence of practicing the Faith may be demonstrated. To register at this parish, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The sacrament of baptism is celebrated at any Sunday liturgy throughout the year (normally not during the season of Lent). At least one of the parents must be a registered and participating member of this parish for at least 6 months. Baptisms for non-parishioners are arranged after permission is given in writing by the proper pastor of the parents. Arrangements for a baptism can be made at any time before the birth of the child. Normally, a baptismal preparation class is required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The sacrament of marriage is arranged by meeting with the pastor. No date or other arrangements are to be made before this meeting. One of the parties must be a registered and participating member of the parish for 6 months before preparations can be made. According to diocesan policy, a date for the wedding is not to take place within 9 months of the initial contact so that all preparation and paperwork can be completed.

GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS

A godparent/sponsor is to give good example of living out the Catholic faith. A godparent/sponsor is to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church, having received the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. They are to, and indeed do, receive the Sacrament of Eucharist often. If there is a situation of co-habitation or marriage outside the laws of the Church, that person is ineligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. Church law states *that* for infant baptism, one male and one female are to be used as godparents. Sponsor certificates can only be given to those eligible and registered at this parish. Participation in the prayer life of this parish must be evident for six months before sponsor certificates are given. Less than six months will need indication from your previous parish that there was participation in the life of that parish.



Parish Council

Michelle Rager, Chairperson, 525-4154
Gary Vitko, Vice-Chairperson, Education Committee, 535-2239
Ray Gorman, Liturgy Committee, 536-7442
Gregg Majercsik, Cemetery Committee, 539-9068
Jeff McKissick, Activities Committee, 242-0359
Cindy O'Connor, Family Life Committee, 535-7640
George Pisula, Liturgy Committee, 254-1961
Steve Reasbeck, Education Committee, 288-9924
Larry Sestrich, Finance Committee, 255-2344
Joe Strihan, Properties & Maintenance Committee
Faith Thomas, Family Life Committee, 479-2062
Meaghan Veney, Family Life Committee, 536-9694

If you have a need for a prayer
and would like to be put on the
prayer chain, please contact Barb
Gulick at 814-467-8576 or
ibg213@atlanticbb.net

