

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 13, 2020: 3rd Sunday of Advent

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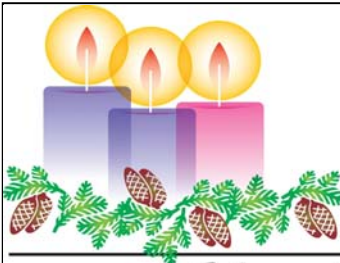
MaryBeth Konieczny, Parish Secretary

Rose Eckenrod, Financial Secretary

Christine Babik, Director of Religious Education

Emily Roy, Director of Music

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM; Closed Friday



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need.

“Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in

all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM

Holy Days and Holidays as announced.

Confessions:

Saturday 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

This week's Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Ed Figura

By Sisters, Cathy Strushensky and

Phyllis Holdsworth

This week's Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Ed Gregorchik By Resurrection Staff



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday, December 13 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Virginia Fink By Dave, Joyce and Keith Kuckenbrod Florence "Honey" Strushensky By Martha Banda
Monday, December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	6:30 PM 12:15 PM	Theresa Arena By Sons and Family Rosary (Oratory)
Tuesday, December 15	8:00 AM	Patricia Puchko By Mark and Beverly Hull
Wednesday, December 16	8:00 AM	Liz Virus By Kathy and Jack Fagan
Thursday, December 17	NO MASS	
Friday, December 18	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	Mark Yuran By Ed and Jean Krupa Rosary (Oratory)
Saturday, December 19	4:00 PM	Pita Andolina By Aunt Marge Mitchell
Sunday, December 20 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Helen "Honey" Venglarchik By John and Chris Falduto Rose Draksler By Janet Brehm

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Envelope Holders: Adult: 451 Children: 15 Total: 466		
<u>December 6, 2020</u> Weekly Envelopes Used: Adults: 206 Children: 7 Total: 213		
Weekly Offertory Envelopes: Adults: \$ 6,119.00 Child: \$ 6.00 Total: \$6,125.00		
Assumption \$5.00	Cemetery \$40.00	Mission Co-op \$40.00
All Saints \$45.00	Christmas \$505.00	Poor Box: \$22.00
All Souls \$25.00	Christmas Flowers: \$ 225.00	Retired Fund for Religious \$113.00
Build. and Maint. \$ 245.00	Immaculate Conception \$157.00	Utilities: \$142.00
Candles: \$ 132.00	Initial Offering \$5.00	World Mission Sunday: \$10.00
Catholic Charities \$65.00	Loose Offertory: \$ 73.00	
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$7,974.00		

Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, Dec. 13 Women's Book Discussion 4:00 PM Oratory Hall
Men's Advent Discussion 4:00 PM Oratory

Monday, Dec. 21 Setting up Platforms and Trees 8:30 AM Parish Garage (8th Ave.)

Tuesday, Dec. 22 Church Decorating 12:30 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 23 Church Decorating Time to be announced



Today the priest may wear a rose vestment at Mass. There is an obvious tone of joy in today's Advent Mass. Christmas quickly approaches and the scripture readings speak of rejoicing in the Lord always, of the presence of the Holy One of Israel, and the Baptist telling us the Holy One will baptize in the Holy Spirit. Christians are nearing the holy commemoration of the birth of the Savior. Our joy is obvious and, hopefully, contagious.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR ARE SUFFERING IN ANY WAY, THOSE IN NURSING HOMES AND THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND: Helen Lech; Arlene Schaffer; Florence Urbassik, Nellie Barkley, Sophie Mulvehill, Kay Komar, Eric Moran; Rita Ozog; Ed Wysocki; Mary Ann Robatin; Dorothy Saverling; Sylvia Brisko; and Helen Angelo. If you know of someone that you would like added to the prayer list please call MaryBeth at the Parish Office at 539-5788, ext 4.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Due to the painting in St. Clare of Assisi Church, Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 14 at 6:30 PM and Saturday, December 19 at 4:00 PM at Resurrection Church. Please call MaryBeth at the Parish Office with reservations.



COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 3 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Monday, December 14.** Thank you to all who help!

Parish News

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

WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION: In anticipation of the season, there will be a book discussion "Women of Christmas", by Liz Curtis Higgs on Sunday December 13 at 4:00 PM in Oratory Hall. Joan Cammarata will be the leader. All are welcome. Please wear your masks.

A MEN'S ADVENT DISCUSSION will be held in the Oratory Dec. 13 at 4:00PM. There is plenty of room to space out, wear your masks. Dan Thomas will lead the discussion.

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT: Due to the current increase in Covid cases, the area churches will not be hosting Advent Penance Services. Confessions are heard at Resurrection Church on Saturdays, from 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM; at St. Clare of Assisi Church on Saturdays from 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM; and will be heard at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish on Monday and Tuesday, December 14 and 15 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

BULLETIN ANNOUCEMENT DEADLINES are as follows: For the December 20 bulletin, announcements are due in to the Parish Office by **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 9:00 AM;** for the **December 27 bulletin,** announcements are due in to the Parish Office by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 9:00 AM;** and for the **January 3 bulletin,** announcements are due in to the Parish Office by **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 AT 9:00 AM.**

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Help is needed on the following days: Monday, December 21 at 8:30 AM at the Parish Garage on 8th Ave. to move and set up the platforms and trees at the Church; Tuesday, December 22 at 12:30 PM at the Church to decorate; and on Wednesday, December 23 (time to be announced) to help with the delivery and placement of the poinsettias. So we can limit the number of people inside the Church, please call MaryBeth at the Parish Office if you plan on helping. Please keep in mind that masks must be worn and social distancing practiced.

HOLIDAY MASS RESERVATIONS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM MASS IS FULL. NO MORE RESERVATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR 4:00 PM MASS. We are taking Mass reservations for Midnight Mass; 9:00 AM Morning Mass; and for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Dec. 31, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass). Please call MaryBeth at the Parish Office at 539-5788, ext. 4, to make a reservation.

ALL ARE WELCOME in praying the Rosary on Mon. and Fri., at 12:15 PM at the Oratory. A schedule of Oratory Rosary leaders is as follows:

Monday

Dec. 14 - Deacon Sam

Dec. 21 - Nancy Fesko

Dec. 28 - No Rosary

Jan. 4 - Phil Skala

Jan. 11 - Fran Findley

Jan. 18 - Deacon Sam

Jan. 25 - Nancy Fesko

Friday

Dec. 18 - Pat Barrett

Dec. 25 - No Rosary

Jan. 1 - No Rosary

Jan. 8 - Jim and Nina Kopriva

Jan. 15 - Diane Ashbridge

Jan. 22 - Janet Yuras

Jan. 29 - Pat Barrett

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up. If you have been attending Mass, your envelopes will be available at the Church. If you have not been attending Mass, your envelopes will be available at the Parish Office. If you know someone who is home-bound please feel free to take their envelopes to them.

CALENDARS AND MISSALETTES are available at the Church and the Parish Office for all parishioners. You can pick them up when you pick up your 2021 Offertory Envelopes.

LECTORS: The *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word* have arrived. If you have been attending Mass, you may pick up your copy at the Church. If you have not been attending Mass, you may pick up your copy at the Parish Office.

MASS RESERVATIONS: If you would like to attend Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM, PLEASE call MaryBeth at the Parish Office to make a reservation, 539-5788, ext. 4, **Mon. thru Thurs., 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Reminder...Parish Office is closed on Fri.)**. If you leave a message, please be sure to leave the Mass you would like to attend and the number of people who will be attending. Reminder, masks must be worn and may only be removed to receive Holy Communion and social distancing will be practiced.



JANUARY 2021 SIZZLER TICKETS (\$20.00) are available. They can be purchased before or after Sunday Masses, at the Parish Office, the Sweet Shoppe, REMMCO Plumbing and Symon's Auto Wash during regular business hours. For more information or for tickets you may call the Parish Office.



Parish Council News

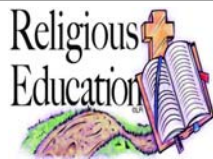
The following is information from the December 1, 2020 Parish Council Meeting:

We would like to THANK all of our parishioners for your continued cooperation, patience, and understanding as it relates to our pandemic response. This continues to be a fluid and dynamic process. We will continue to make any adjustments as needed with the ultimate goal of ensuring all parishioners' health and safety. As always, if there are any adjustments, they will be shared with you.

As a reminder, please remember to register for Mass if you plan on attending. Also, PLEASE register for the upcoming holiday Masses if you are planning to attend as they are starting to fill up. We will still maintain our current capacity for attendees at the holiday Masses so that we are able to continue to ensure social distancing.

The technology which will allow us to stream Masses has been installed in the Church. Final tweaks and adjustments are being made with a goal of live streaming the holiday Masses.

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



REMINDER that Safe Environment Lesson acknowledgement forms are due. Please review the lessons and return the form by email, mail or drop off at the Parish Office.

11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES, please turn in your Sponsor information and Confirmation name paperwork as soon as possible.



THE SWEET SHOPPE (539-6502) 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. Masks and social distancing required.



Resurrection Parish and St. Clare of Assisi Parish Holiday Mass Schedule:

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 24, 4:00 PM at Resurrection Church

Thursday, December 24, 6:30 PM at St. Clare of Assisi Church

Friday, December 25, 12:00 Midnight at Resurrection Church

Friday, December 25, 9:00 AM at Resurrection Parish



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, December 31, 5:00 PM at Resurrection Church

Friday, January 1, 9:00 AM at St. Clare of Assisi Church

Resurrection Parish Office Holiday Hours :

Monday, December 21, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tuesday, December 22, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Wednesday, December 23 thru Sunday, December 27, Parish Office Closed

Monday, December 28, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tuesday, December 29, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Wednesday, December 30, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Thursday, December 31 thru Sunday, January 3, Parish Office Closed



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
Gregg Majercsik, Cemetery Committee, 539-9068
Kyra Miller, Education Committee, 279-8746
Kris Moran, Education Committee, 262-8070
Cindy O'Connor, Family Life Committee, 242-8776
Brian Pavic, Liturgy Committee, 418-0279
Rick Pavic, Properties & Maintenance Committee, 244-3047
Lynn Popovich, Activities Committee, 536-7336
Steve Reasbeck, Education Committee, 288-9924
Larry Sestrich, Finance Committee, 255-2344
Faith Thomas, 479-2062

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
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