

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 16, 2018: The Third Sunday of Advent

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Closed Friday



Stewardship Reflection....At a time when advertisers are trying to convince us to buy those “must-haves,” we hear John the Baptist calling us to share our possessions with others who are less fortunate. May we, as Christian stewards, demonstrate gratitude for the gifts that God has entrusted to us by giving joyfully to others in need.



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:

John Swarney

By Family

This week's Oratory Sanctuary Light

will burn for:

Francis G. Ozog

By Joe and Marlene Smolen



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 - THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday, December 16 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	People of the Parish Dorothy Petrusic By Frank and June Janakovic
Monday, December 17	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	Mary Catherine Kaplaniak By Marsha and David Strushensky Rosary (Oratory)
Tuesday, December 18	8:00 AM	Richard J. Schiffhauer, Sr. By Robert Schiffhauer and Family
Wednesday, December 19	8:00 AM	Margaret Averl By Ray and MaryAnn Kristoff
Thursday, December 20	NO MASS	
Friday, December 21	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	Helen Bachik By Mrs. Virginia Macey Rosary (Oratory)
Saturday, December 22	4:00 PM	Frank Sojak By Tom and Rita Lavis
Sunday, December 23 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	People of the Parish Ralph Kraft By Bill and Joan Stenger, Sr.



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.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec. 9, 2018 Envelope Holders: Adult: 529 Children: 36 Total: 565

Envelopes used: Adults: 268 Children: 12 Total: 280

Offertory Total	\$5,111.00	All Saints	\$10.00	Imm. Conception	\$1,504.00
Build. and Maint.	\$122.00	All Souls	\$10.00	Christmas Flowers	\$235.00
Utilities	\$65.00	Mission Co-op	\$10.00	Christmas	\$125.00
Poor Box	\$30.00	Catholic Charities	\$20.00	Initial Offering	\$15.00
Candles	\$122.00	Retired Fund for Rel.	\$347.00		

Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 16 Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center

Monday, December 17 West End Penance Service 6:30 PM Resurrection Church

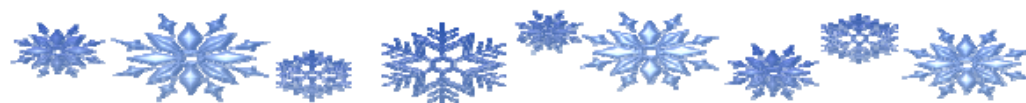
Friday, December 21 thru Wednesday, December 26 Parish Office Closed

Sunday, December 23 No Religious Education Classes

Sunday, December 23 thru Wednesday January 2 The Sweet Shoppe Closed

Friday, December 28 thru Tuesday, January 1 Parish Office Closed

Sunday, December 30 No Religious Education Classes



Resurrection Parish Holiday Mass Schedule:

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 24, 4:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Tuesday, December 25, 12:00 Midnight (Mass During the Night)

Tuesday, December 25, 9:00 AM (Mass During the Day)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, December 31, 5:30 PM (Vigil Mass)

Tuesday, January 1, 9:00 AM (Holy Day Mass)



Parish Office Hours for the Christmas Season:

Monday, December 17 thru Wednesday, December 19, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM;

Thursday, December 20, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM;

Friday, December 21 thru Wednesday, December 26, Closed;

Thursday, December 27, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM;

Friday, December 28, thru Tuesday, January 1, Closed

Parish News...

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 1 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Mon., Dec. 17.** Thank you to all who help!

CHURCH PARKING LOT: Any vehicles that remain parked in the Church Parking Lot after Masses will be promptly towed, **NO EXCEPTIONS, THIS IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

THERE IS STILL TIME TO TURN IN YOUR “WHITE CHRISTMAS” DONATION: We are asking all parishioners to join in the celebration and spirit of giving this Christmas season. 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” or to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call Meaghan Veney 536-9694. Thank you.



THANK YOU to the Ladies’ Auxiliary for your very generous donation of \$10,000.00 to Resurrection Parish and for the purchase of two, new, nine foot Christmas Trees that will adorn the sides of the Altar this Christmas season. Many thanks ladies, for your tireless efforts and the dedication you have for your parish. May God continue to bless each of you.

THANK YOU to all who took tags and bought gifts for the children of the Angel Tree. Through your kindness and generosity, you are making a underprivileged child’s Christmas a little brighter. God’s blessings to you.

HOLIDAY ROLLS AND COOKIE TRAYS are available to purchase at The Sweet Shoppe during regular business hours. Roll flavors available: Nut, Nut/Raisin, Poppy Seed, Poppy Seed/Raisin, Apricot, Pineapple/Cream Cheese, and Dry Cottage Cheese/Raisin. All rolls are \$12.00 each. Cookie Trays available: 4 doz. for \$16.00 or 2 doz. for \$8.00.



REMINDER: If you forgot to bring your ornament for the **Resurrection Family Christmas Tree do not fret.** The next time you come to Mass simply bring it with you. You can place the ornament on the tree yourself or give it to a sacristan who will hang the ornament for 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!

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

BASKET PARTY: Once again, **MANY THANKS TO THE MANY HANDS** who helped to make the Basket Party a success. **The total profit for this event was \$9,917.18. A wonderful job by the ladies and all their helpers!**



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 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.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: If you have not yet picked up your 2019 Offertory Collection Envelopes, you can do so **at the Parish Office** during regular business hours.

WE ARE IN THE FINAL WEEKS OF THE 2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE FUND. To date, **121 out of our 529** families have pledged **\$21 ,464.16** toward our 2018 target amount of \$34,284.00. If you have not made your pledge yet, please do so. 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.



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. 17 - Nancy Fesko

Dec 24 - No Rosary

Dec. 31- No Rosary

Friday

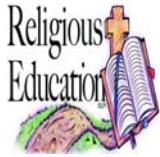
Dec. 21 - Chris Rebar

Dec. 28 - No Rosary

Jan. 4 - Jim and Nina Kopriva

Pray the Rosary





IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- * **Sunday, Dec. 16**, regular class, 9:00 to 10:15 AM
- * **Monday, Dec. 17**, West End Penance Service, Resurrection Church 6:30 PM
- * **Sunday, Dec. 23**, No Classes, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- * **Sunday, Dec. 30**, No Classes, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
- * **Sunday, Jan. 6**, Regular Classes, 9:00 to 10:15 AM



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

Church of the Visitation, Johnstown, Thurs., Dec. 20, 5:30 PM



STOP BY THE SWEET SHOPPE (814-539-6502) TO STOCK UP ON STOCKING STUFFERS OR TO PICK UP A SWEET GIFT FOR SOMEONE SWEET! WE HAVE A GREAT SELECTION!

Christmas Candy Orders will be ready for pick up during the following hours:

Monday, December 17, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

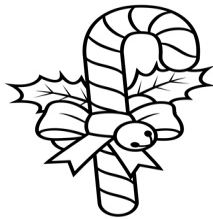
Tuesday, December 18, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 19, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Thursday, December 20, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday, December 21, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, December 22, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



REMINDER: The Sweet Shoppe will be closed Sunday, December 23 thru Wednesday, January 2, so remember to shop early!



PRAYER FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN

Gracious God, we give thanks for military men and women, both from the past and the present, and for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people to secure the blessings of life, liberty and justice for all. May our remembrance be a timely reminder that our freedom was purchased at a high cost, and should not be taken for granted.

Give us resolve to labor in faithful service to you until all share the benefits of freedom, justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



AN ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held on Sat., Dec. 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.

GUIDED TOURS, 2019 - As part of the Casimir Cultural Center's inaugural year of events, Stella, Property Development and Event Production is excited to offer four Guided Tours in 2019. May 4 - National Centre for Padre Pio (St. Pio), Barto, Pa.; June 13 - St. Anthony's Chapel and the Strip District, Pittsburgh - St. Anthony's Feast Day Celebration; August 24 - Casimir Cultural Center First Annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, Pa.; September 21 - National Shrine and Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD. These destinations offer spiritual, historical and cultural experiences in a pilgrimage-like setting. The tours are being provided for the rate of **\$100** per person, per tour or all four tours can be reserved at a reduced rate of **\$375** per person. Tours include: Roundtrip Luxury Motorcoach Transportation; Printed Tour Itinerary and Destination Information; On-board snacks and complimentary coffee/bottled water; Tour Coordinator; Guided Tours at all Destinations; Donation to Shrine; Gratuities; 1 Catered Meal per tour. Each tour is limited to 55 reserved spaces. Further tour details, pricing and on-line reservation form can be found at stellajohnstown.com/guided-tours/ . For more information, email us at stellajohnstown@gmail.com, subject: Guided Tours.

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

