

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 23, 2018: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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



Stewardship Reflection... Mary expressed her trust in God by proclaiming “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). May her “yes” serve to remind us of our unique roles in God’s divine plan. The course of history may very well be changed if we choose to reply “no” to His invitation.



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:

Kay Karan

By Eileen

This week’s Oratory Sanctuary Light

will burn for:

Bill Rayha

By Wife



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018 - THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
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.
Monday, December 24 <i>Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Mark Yuran By Tom and Judy Slusser Helen and Edward Kicko By Nieces and Nephews
Tuesday, December 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	12:00 AM 9:00 AM	Midnight Mass - Martin and Elizabeth Hodos By Daughter, Theresa, Brian and Joe Andrew & Agnes Andrews and John and Mary Vargo By Ray and Andrea
Wednesday, December 26 <i>St. Stephen</i>	8:00 AM	Anna Elliott By Emilia J. Cigan and Family
Thursday, December 27 <i>St. John</i>	NO MASS	
Friday, December 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	8:00 AM	Michael Hornick By Minersville P.N.A.
Saturday, December 29	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, December 30 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Matt Isenberg By Georgie Christine Hynes By Mary Tomkosky and Family

Father George and the Staff of Resurrection Parish would like to wish all the parishioners and their families and friends a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Dec. 16, 2018 Envelope Holders: Adult: 529 Children: 36 Total: 565			
Envelopes used: Adults: 287 Children: 20 Total: 307			
Offertory Total	\$5,313.00	Candles	\$318.00
Build. and Maint.	\$60.00	Mission Co-op	\$5.00
Utilities	\$470.00	Retired Fund for Rel.	\$40.00
Poor Box	\$108.00	Imm. Conception	\$92.00
		Christmas Flowers	\$40.00
		Christmas	\$185.00
		Initial Offering	\$20.00

Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 23 No Religious Education Classes

Monday, December 24 thru Wednesday, December 26 Parish Office Closed

Monday, December 24 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



On this final Sunday of Advent, with only hours away from the great celebration of Christmas, Mary is placed in her rightful position in the divine plan of salvation. With Elizabeth, we say (as we do every time we pray the *Hail Mary*), “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” The Incarnate Word is so close that Elizabeth’s baby leaps for joy in her womb. We too are filled with holy joy.

*Merry Christmas
and have a wonderful New Year*



The Word has become flesh and dwells among us. This Christmas Day Christians celebrate the mystery of the eternal Word of God becoming one like us in all things but sin. The Eternal Word lived on this earth, to reveal to us the great love of God. God who has no beginning or end has arrived as an infant in a manger. We are filled with awe as we attempt to understand the mystery of this birth. Angels and shepherds sing Christmas praise. We join in singing, *Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will!*



Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good feelings with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May this Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and this Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen



ROSARY SESSIONS: Please join us in praying the Rosary before all week-end 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:

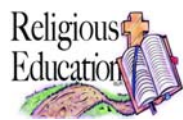
Monday

- Dec 24 - No Rosary
- Dec. 31- No Rosary
- Jan 7 - Phil Skala

Friday

- Dec. 28 - No Rosary
- Jan. 4 - Jim and Nina Kopriva
- Jan. 11 - Diane Ashbridge

Pray the Rosary



- * **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



2018 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT: ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE THEIR 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TAXES, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR BRING TO THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ ENVELOPE NUMBER _____



Parish News...

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 2 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Thurs., Dec. 27.** Thank you to all who help!

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS are scheduled to clean the church on **Friday, Jan 4.** Thanks to all who help!

THE BULLETIN DEADLINE for the feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 30 will be Monday, December 24.

PLEASE NOTE, there will be **NO Rosary** at the Oratory on **Mon., Dec. 24; Fri., Dec. 28; and Mon., Dec. 31.** The regular Rosary schedule will resume on Fri., Jan. 4 at 12:15 PM at the Oratory.

THE SWEET SHOPPE will be closed **Sunday, December 23 thru Wednesday, January 2.** Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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

NEW MISSAL BOOKS: You may have noticed that the missal covers were not placed on the new missals. This is because they were more of a hindrance than a help. Please be as gentle with the new missals as possible as they need to last us throughout the new year.

NATIONAL GOB DAY: We will be selling Gobs at The Galleria for National Gob Day on Saturday, January 26. **We need many hands to make this event successful.** If you can spare any time to help bake, wrap or pack, it would be most appreciated. We will be making at least 3000 Gobs for this **FUN** fundraiser! We will be baking gobs on Fri., Jan. 11; Sat., Jan. 19; and Fri., Jan. 25; beginning at 9:00 AM at the Oratory Hall on all three days. **Again, we need many hands to make this project happen!**

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR JANUARY 2019 SIZZLER CALENDARS! 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.

WE ARE IN THE FINAL WEEKS OF THE 2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE. 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.

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
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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

