

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 1, 2019: The 1st Sunday of Advent

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



"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Monday thru Wednesday

& Friday 8:00 AM

Holy Days 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Holidays as announced

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

This week's Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Louis Hoffman

By Mother, Ann

This week's Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Rosemary Campanella

By Eileen



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 - THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday, December 1 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Edward Mish Sr. By Paul and Pauline Molchany Robert T. Meagher By Jack and Kathy Fagan
Monday, December 2	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	Barry A. Sirko By Bob and Sylvia Hruneni Rosary (Oratory)
Tuesday, December 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	8:00 AM	Robert Kopriva By Jim and Nina
Wednesday, December 4 <i>St. John Damascene</i>	8:00 AM	Francis Gyurkovics By Wife and Daughter
Thursday, December 5	NO MASS 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration (Oratory)
Friday, December 6 <i>St. Nicholas</i> <i>First Friday</i>	8:00 AM 12:15 PM 6:30 PM	John Swarney By Children Rosary (Oratory) Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
Saturday, December 7 <i>St. Ambrose</i>	NO MASS	
Sunday, December 8 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Florence Strushensky By Mike and Cathy Strushensky Virginia Fink By Dave, Joyce and Keith Kuckenbrod

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Envelope Holders: Adult: 399 Children: 18 Total: 417

Nov. 24, 2019 Envelopes Used: Adults: 252 Children: 12 Total: 264

Offertory Total	\$5,955.00	Missions	\$5.00	Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Build. and Maint.	\$60.00	All Saints	\$20.00	Christmas Flowers	\$240.00
Utilities	\$200.00	All Souls	\$50.00	Christmas	\$5.00
Candles	\$78.00	Catholic Charities	\$385.00		

*Friendly
Reminders*

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

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS are scheduled to clean the church on **Friday, Dec. 20.** Thanks to all who help!

Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 1 No Religious Ed. Classes

Monday, December 2 Ladies' Aux. Christmas Social/Meeting 6:00 PM Resurrection Hall

Tuesday, December 3 Parish Office opens at Noon
Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM Parish Center

Thursday, December 5 Sewing Ministry Meeting 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Sewing Room
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Resurrection Church

Sunday, December 8 Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center
Confirmation Sessions 9A, 10A and 11B, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
John Paul II Building

Have a Beautiful and Blessed Advent Season!



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.

Parish News...

THE PARISH OFFICE will open at Noon on Tuesday, December 3.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tues., Dec. 3 starting at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. **PLEASE note the change in date due to the Christmas holiday.** Parishioners are welcome to attend.

THE SEWING MINISTRY will meet on Thurs., Dec. 5 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Sewing Room above The Sweet Shoppe. New members are always welcome!

O COME LET US ADORE HIM: The choir will be singing for the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. We ask you to consider joining our choir to celebrate the birth of our Lord. We will rehearse our Christmas music for the first 20 minutes of each rehearsal leading up to Christmas. Our rehearsals will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 5; Wednesday, December 11; and Thursday, December 19. If you would like to sing with us, please contact Emily Roy: (814)242-4995, emilyroy411@gmail.com

ARISE: Please join us after the Covered Dish Dinner on Sun., Dec. 8 at 4:00 PM. Come and meet the participants from the other Arise groups

2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the back of the Church in alphabetical order. Please remember to take yours after Mass. If you know someone who is unable to get to Mass please feel free to take their envelopes to them.

THE JANUARY 2020 SIZZLER TICKETS MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS! They may be purchased before or after the Sunday Masses, or at the Parish Office or The Sweet Shoppe during regular business hours. You may also call Ed or Pat Gregorchik at 539-6320 for more information or to purchase Sizzlers. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket.

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

RESURRECTION FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE: In studying Church history, the importance of **TRADITION** and **HERITAGE** to the early Christians can easily be seen. Ironically, many Christians today fear that **TRADITION** and the importance of **HERITAGE** are disappearing in 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. Ornaments will be returned after the Christmas Season. Please bring your ornament to Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent (Dec. 15) and place them in one of the boxes at the back of the church.

BLESSED BLANKETS are available at the Parish Office. The Sewing Ministry invites all parishioners to take them for your loved ones or anyone in need. Many hours of prayer went into making these hand-made articles (there is no fee).



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

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

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

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

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

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 AM at St. Clare of Assisi Church



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31, 4:00 PM at Resurrection Church

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

Parish Office Holiday Hours :

Monday, December 23, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24 thru Sunday, December 29, Closed

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

Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1, Closed

Thursday, January 2, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Friday, January 3, Closed





St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown, Sun., Dec. 8, 1:30 PM
Church of the Transfiguration, Conemaugh, Wed., Dec. 11, 6:30 PM
St. Clement Church, Johnstown, Wed., Dec. 11, 7:00 PM
Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Johnstown, Mon., Dec. 16, 6:00 PM

West End Penance Service, St. Therese Church, Johnstown, Mon., Dec. 16, 6:30 PM

Church of the Visitation of the B.V.M., Johnstown, Tues., Dec 17, 5:30 PM

St. Patrick Church, Johnstown, Thurs., Dec. 19, 7:00 PM

St. Benedict Church, Geistown, Sun., Dec. 22, 5:00 PM



HOLIDAY ROLL AND COOKIE TRAY SALE

Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 AM to Noon at Oratory Hall

Nut, Poppy Seed, 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 12.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held on the first Friday of every month, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. This Holy Hour will consist of Exposition, proclamation of a Gospel reading, short homily, and silent prayer. At 7:00 PM the Litany of the Holy Eucharist will be chanted and followed by silent prayer. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. **Please join us on Fri., Dec. 6 at 6:30 PM in Resurrection Church for the next Eucharistic Adoration.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Printed copies of the Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Advent, Christmas, and Early Ordinary Time are now available in the sacristy. For those of you who have registered your email address with us, an electronic copy has been sent to you as well. The schedule can also be found on the parish's web site.

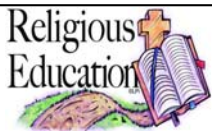
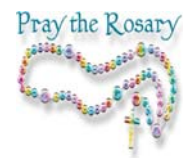
ROSARY SESSIONS: Please join us in praying the Rosary before all weekend Masses, (the Rosary begins a half-hour before Mass at Resurrection Church) and on Mon. and Fri., at 12:15 PM at the Oratory. A schedule of Oratory Rosary leaders is as follows:

Monday

- Dec. 2 - Nancy Fesko
- Dec. 9 - Judy Rozich
- Dec. 16 - Phil Skala
- Dec. 23 - No Rosary
- Dec. 30 - No Rosary

Friday

- Dec. 6 - Chris Rebar
- Dec. 13 - Jim and Nina Kopriva
- Dec. 20 - Diane Ashbridge
- Dec. 27 - No Rosary, Merry Christmas!
- Jan. 3 - Pat Barrett



SUN., DEC. 1, NO CLASSES. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

SUN., DEC. 8, Confirmation Sessions 9A, 10A and 11B, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. This is your last opportunity for this session. Parents are not required to attend. The sessions are held in the St. Johns Paul II Building at St. Benedict Church.



THE LADIES' AUXILIARY will hold our Christmas Social meeting on **Mon., Dec. 2, starting 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 SWEET SHOPPE 814-539-6502

Hours are: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM ; and Saturday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The Sweet Shoppe will be CLOSED on Monday and Tuesday, December 2 and 3, to work on Christmas Orders.



LET'S CELEBRATE....JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY COVERED

DISH on Sun., Dec. 8 at 4:00 PM at the Oratory Hall. ALL are Welcome. Bring any dish to share.

Anyone who participated in **ARISE** can discuss their thoughts on the program after the meal...Come and join in there is always plenty.



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. 14; 1:00-3:00 PM, in Resurrection Church Hall to celebrate. Our theme is "EVERGREEN". **We will be taking monetary donations (\$1.00) for the needy, if you could help by adding a "little green" to our Evergreen Tree, it would be most appreciated.** **Green attire is encouraged for the party.** Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the church office not later than Dec. 11. Anyone interested in helping with suggestions, snacks, or at the event are welcome. Please call Faith at 479-2062.



We invite you to the upcoming Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14 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 11.

CHILDREN'S NAME(S): _____

PHONE #: _____ AGE(S): _____



HOLIDAY COOKING AND BAKING: We will be cooking and packing for the upcoming Holiday Sale and would appreciate any time you could spare to help. All work is done in the Oratory Hall. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 AM, Steaming Cabbage

Wednesday, December 11, 8:45 AM, Cooking Pigs-in-the-Blanket

Thursday, December 12, 8:45 AM, Packing Pigs-in-the-Blanket

Friday, December 13, 8:45 AM, Packing Cookie Trays

Saturday, December 14, Holiday Bake Sale, 9:00 AM to Noon, Oratory Hall



NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY'S monthly night of Adoration will be held on Thurs., Dec. 5 at 7:00 PM at the **Resurrection Oratory**. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by being in the presence of our Lord for one hour.

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH invites all to recite the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe **on** Saturday, December 14 at Noon. We will also pray to Keep Christ In Christmas. A short movie about Our Lady of Guadalupe will be shown in the 3rd Grade classroom of the school building afterward. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES: Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by signing up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, held on February 14-16, 2020 at the Hampton Inn & Suites Penn-Ohio, Grove City Pa. It's the best gift you'll ever give to each other, your family, and your marriage! Here's a quote from a recent couple: "Our Marriage Encounter Weekend was without qualification the most fantastic and moving experience of our lives". For more info call 330-305-9963 or visit WWME.org.

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
Jeff McKissick, Activities Committee, 242-0359
Kyra Miller, Education Committee, 279-8746
Cindy O'Connor, Family Life Committee, 242-8776
Brian Pavic, Liturgy Committee, 418-0279
Rick Pavic, Properties & Maintenance Committee, 244-3047
George Pisula, Liturgy Committee, 254-1961
Steve Reasbeck, Education Committee, 288-9924
Larry Sestrich, Finance Committee, 255-2344
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

