

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 3, 2017: The First Sunday of Advent

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Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Closed Thursday



“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” - MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.



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:

Katie Karan

By Joe and Marlene Smolen

This week's Oratory Sanctuary

Light will burn for :

Mary and John Tomak

By Son, Dan Tomak



Weekly Mass Schedule
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017 - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday, December 3 <i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Robert Fatula By Daughters, Diane, Marian and Families People of the Parish
Monday, December 4 <i>St. John Damascene</i>	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	Francis Gyurkovics By Wife, Rosie and Daughter, Dannette Rosary (Oratory)
Tuesday, December 5 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:00 AM	Mary Zahoran By Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Tovato
Wednesday, December 6 <i>St. Nicholas</i>	8:00 AM	Rose Popalis By Georgie Jakovcic
Thursday, December 7 <i>St. Ambrose</i>	No Mass	
Friday, December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:00 AM 12:15 PM 6:30 PM	Mark Yuran By Francis Rosenberger and Son Rosary (Oratory) Mary Popovich By Children
Saturday, December 9 <i>St. Juan Diego Cuaubilatootz'in</i>	4:00 PM	Mike Samo By Wife
Sunday, December 10 <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	People of the Parish Michael and Anna Fecko By Daughter, Joan

THE 2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE: To date 100 out of 565 families have contributed \$15,944.84 toward our "target amount" of \$40,114.00. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. PLEASE DO NOT SEND DIRECTLY TO THE DIOCESE. Please take to the Resurrection Parish Office or drop in the collection basket. Make checks payable to Resurrection Church.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS:

Envelope Holders: Adult: 565 Children: 33 Total 598
Envelopes Used This Week: Nov. 26, 2017 Adults: 352 Children: 15 Total: 367

Offertory Total	\$5,484.08	Building & Maintenance	\$60.00	Utilities	\$168.00
Poor Box	\$43.00	All Saints Day	\$10.00	All Souls Day	\$5.00
Candles	\$264.00	Catholic Charities	\$100.00	Religious Retirement	\$10.00
Christmas	\$5.00	Christmas Flowers	\$220.00	Immaculate Conception	\$20.00

Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 3 Religious Education Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center
Men's Advent Gathering 4:30 to 7:30 PM Oratory Hall

Monday, December 4 Pig-in-the-Blanket Making
Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Resurrection Hall

Tuesday, December 5 Contemporary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Resurrection Church

Wednesday, December 6 Pig-in-the-Blanket Making

Thursday, December 7 Sewing Ministry Meeting 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Sewing Room

Friday, December 8 Parish Office Closed

Have a Beautiful and Blessed Advent Season!



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.



This Friday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics; all are expected to participate at Mass on this day. 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. Please check the times for Mass as we pray for the United States of America through the intercession of our Immaculate Mother. Mass will be celebrated at Resurrection Church at 8:00 AM and at 6:30 PM on the Holy Day.

Parish News...

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 1 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Monday, Dec. 4**. Thank you to all who help!

CHURCH CLEANING GROUPS: Group 1 and 2 volunteers are scheduled to clean the church on **Friday, Dec. 15**. Thanks to all who help!

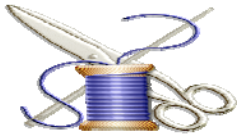
NEW DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS is TUESDAY, BY 2:00 PM!

NO EXCEPTIONS! Bulletin announcements will remain in the bulletin for up to three weeks. If you have something that you want published in the bulletin or if you have an event for the Parish Calendar please email all items to resurrectionparishbulletin@gmail.com. Also, please remember that the **PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY THURSDAY**.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the back of the Church in alphabetical order. Please remember to pick yours up after Mass.

BASKET PARTY: The Basket Party Cash Drawing winners are: \$150.00, Marlene Certo; \$100.00, Lynn Popovich.; \$50.00, Carly Baumbaugh; and \$25.00, Kathy Boyd. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who helped to make this event a success.

CHRISTMAS COOKING: Help is needed making Resurrection's famous Pigs-in-the-Blanket for the upcoming Holiday Sale. We will be cooking cabbage on Mon., Dec. 4 and rolling and cooking on Wed., Dec 6 at Oratory Hall. Any time you can spare is appreciated.



THE SEWING MINISTRY will meet on Thur., Dec. 7 in the Sewing Room, above The Sweet Shoppe, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. New members most welcome!

A RESURRECTION FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE: Once again this year at Christmas we invite every family to assist in continuing the Family Christmas Tree tradition at Resurrection Parish. Each household is being asked to bring an ornament that signifies something about your family. By displaying these symbols on a Christmas tree, we will come to better see and understand the diversity that makes up our parish family. The ornaments can be homemade or purchased, they can be a 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 17) and place them in one of the boxes at the back of the church.



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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The painting of the Church Hall will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 and 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Please bring your own brushes and any roller equipment you may have. For additional information please call Jim Kopriva at 536-8330. Thank you!

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION: Please join us for the Advent Day of Reflection, Dec. 10, after the 10:30 Mass. Lunch will be served with the program to follow. The Jesus Prayer and the Seven Stations of Advent are our topics. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPROACHING. We are really going to need your help to prepare the Church for the holidays. We have had a change in maintenance personnel this past year. Dan, our current maintenance guy (you'll like him) would appreciate some assistance moving and setting up the crèche platform, stable and trees. This will be done early in the day on Monday and Tuesday, (if needed), December 18 and 19. If you can help, especially if you are familiar with the set up, please call Joann at the Parish Office at 539-5788, ext. 3. We will contact you to confirm the time of day. The rest of the decorating will take place the following evening, Wednesday, December 20 (and if needed, Thursday, December 21). Any and all help is welcome at this time as well. Please step up and pitch in!



THE JANUARY 2018 SIZZLER CALENDARS can be purchased before and after all weekend Masses, at the Parish Office and The Sweet Shoppe during regular business hours. The cost of the ticket is \$20.00. For more information on the Sizzlers contact Ed or Pat Gregorchik at 539-6320. A special thank you to Johanna Vena V.M.D. of Cambria Veterinary Care for sponsoring this ticket.

TAKE A LOOK: Resurrection Parish's web site has taken on a new look. Take a look! The address is www.resurrectionparishjohnstown.com. Also note, some of the email addresses for the parish staff have changed.



DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, Resurrection Parish will follow the Johnstown School District's schedule. 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.**



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 (December 23) 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE: Printed copies of the Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Advent/Christmas 2017 and Early Ordinary Time 2018 are now available in the priest's sacristy. To those who registered their email addresses with us, an electronic copy has been sent. No assignments have been made for the period beginning with the Fourth Sunday from Advent through the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (December 23 – January 1). Sign-up sheets for these liturgies will be available starting with the First Sunday of Advent. New ministers are always welcome and can be incorporated into the schedule at any time.

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. In addition, the Rosary is prayed on Thursdays at 6:00 PM at Mariapoch Shrine (corner of Chestnut St. and 6th Ave. in Cambria City), weather permitting.

A schedule of Oratory Rosary leaders is as follows:

Monday

- Dec. 4 - Judy Rozich
- Dec. 11 - Phil Skala
- Dec. 18 - Fran Findley
- Dec. 25 - Holiday
- Jan. 1 - Holiday

Friday

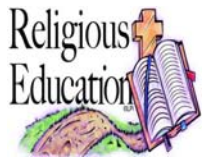
- Dec. 8 - Jim and Nina Kopriva
- Dec. 15 - Diane Ashbridge
- Dec. 22 - Janet Yuras
- Dec. 29 - Pat Barrett
- Jan. 5 - Chris Rebar



The Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting on **Monday, December 4, 2017** at 6:30 PM at Resurrection Hall. The lift will be open. *New members are always welcome.* Hostesses for this meeting are: Kathy Fagan, Fran Findley, Joann Fyock, and Sandy Golian. *There will be an Executive Committee meeting for the officers before the meeting starting at 5:45 PM.*

THE ANGEL TREE: If you took an Angel Tree Tag, please wrap and return your gift with the ornament attached, to the Parish Office or the Church by Dec. 4. Please keep in mind that the items listed is a "wish list". Please do not feel obligated to purchase everything on the list. Thank you for your help and may God bless you.





9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: you have another opportunity if you missed 9A The Creed session on Sunday, December 10, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The session will be held in the St. Johns Paul II Building. This session DOES not include parents.

11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: you have another opportunity if you missed 11B session, The Sacraments, on Sunday, December 10, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. This retreat will be held in the St. Johns Paul II Building and DOES not include parents.

THE WEST END PENANCE SERVICE will be held on Monday , December 18 at 6:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church

10TH AND 11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: If you have not chosen a confirmation sponsor and or your Confirmation name please do so as soon as possible. It is important that your sponsor be involved in the formation process.



MENS' ADVENT GATHERING Sunday Dec 3 4:30-7:30PM Oratory Hall. We'll have food. We'll have some prayer AND we'll have **Fr. Peter Crowe** speak to us as Catholic men. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

For those who like to doodle around in the kitchen.....look forward to a Cooking Club.....coming soon.....all are welcome.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY will be on **Saturday, December 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM** in the Church Hall. Helpers are welcome to assist for the afternoon. Cookies and snacks are welcome. **THIS IS A GREAT SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY.** Please call Faith 479-2062



We invite you to the upcoming Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16 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 Monday, December 11.

NAME (S): _____

PHONE #: _____ AGE(S): _____



DON'T FORGET, SAINT NICHOLAS DAY IS DECEMBER 6.

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

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

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



Monday, December 11, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 12, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 13, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Thursday, December 14, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday, December 15, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, December 16, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



HOLIDAY ROLL AND COOKIE TRAY SALE

Saturday, December 9 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 7.



**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.



- St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown, Sun., Dec. 10, 1:30 PM
- Church of the Transfiguration, Conemaugh, Tues., Dec. 12, 6:30 PM
- St. Clement Church, Johnstown, Wed., Dec. 13, 7:00 PM
- St. Patrick Church, Johnstown, Thurs., Dec. 14, 7:00 PM
- St. Benedict Church, Geistown, Sun., Dec. 17, 5:00 PM

West End Penance Service, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Johnstown, Mon., Dec. 18, 6:30 PM
 The West End Penance Service is open to the public and includes the Parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Therese, St. Mary Byzantine and Resurrection.

Church of the Visitation, Johnstown, Mon., Dec. 18, 5:30 PM

Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Johnstown, Tues., Dec. 19, 6:30 PM



THE WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP will host their annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Mon., Dec. 4. Parade will begin at 5:00 PM from the former Johnstown Middle School and move down Garfield Street to the Skate Park. Santa will be on hand to give out candy canes. There will be free hot chocolate. All are invited to attend.

AN ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held 7:00 PM, Sat. Dec. 23 at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Youth Chorale under the direction of Cathedral music director, Evonne Yanzetich-Homway. 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

Bryan Hodos, Chairperson (814) 262-8429
Michelle Rager, Vice-Chairperson
Barb Dryzal, Education Committee
Faith Thomas, Family Life Committee
Richard Pavic, Properties & Maintenance Committee
Ray Gorman, Liturgy Committee
Joe Strihan, Properties & Maintenance Committee
Jeff McKissick, Activities Committee
Steve Reasbeck, Education Committee
Mary Hanners, Family Life Committee
Larry Sestrich, Finance Committee
Tom Elias, Cemetery Committee

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 jbg213@atlanticbb.net, or Sharon Kovac at 814-254-9653 or sharonkovac@atlanticbb.net.

