

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 8, 2019: The 2nd Sunday of Advent

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



“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Matthew 3:10)

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



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:

All Resurrection Choir Members
By Joe and Myra Sinoply

This week's Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Bob and Bess Decoske
By Cousins



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 - THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
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
Monday, December 9 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	NO MASS 12:15 PM	Rosary (Oratory)
Tuesday, December 10	NO MASS	
Wednesday, December 11 <i>St. Damasus I</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	NO MASS	
Friday, December 13 <i>St. Lucy</i>	NO MASS 12:15 PM	Rosary (Oratory)
Saturday, December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	NO MASS	
Sunday, December 15 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Jim Plowchin By Family Deceased Members of the Gajewski Family By the McKissick Family

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

Dec. 1, 2019 Envelopes Used: Adults: 187 Children: 13 Total: 200

Offertory Total	\$4,909.00	World Mission Sun.	\$5.00	Retirement Fund Relig.	\$10.00
Build. and Maint.	\$345.00	All Saints	\$1,208.00	Christmas Flowers	\$60.00
Utilities	\$40.00	All Souls	\$565.00		
Candles	\$104.00	Catholic Charities	\$135.00		

*Friendly
Reminders*

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 1 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Mon., Dec. 9.** 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 8 Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center
Confirmation Sessions 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM John Paul II Building
Covered Dish Dinner 4:00 PM Oratory Hall

Tuesday, December 10 Pig-in-the-Blanket Prep 7:00 AM Oratory Hall

Wednesday, December 11 Pig-in-the-Blanket Making 8:45 AM Oratory Hall
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Resurrection Church

Thursday, December 12 Pig-in-the-Blanket Packing 8:45 AM Oratory Hall

Friday, December 13 Cookie Tray Packing 8:45 AM Oratory Hall

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

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



Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the remembrance of the Lord's first coming and, also, recalling his final coming in glory at the end of time. There are many preparations for Christmas that demand our time and attention. Make sure to fill your Advent days with prayerful preparation. Read scripture, pray the rosary with special attention to the Joyful Mysteries and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Advent is a time of hope and faith.



Monday, December 9 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. 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 honor our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary or attending Mass at an area Church.

Parish News...

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **December 22 bulletin** are due in to the Parish Office by **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 9:00 AM**. Bulletin announcements for the **December 29 bulletin** are due in to the Parish Office by **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 9:00 AM**.

THANK YOU to Resurrection Parish for your generous donations to help feed the less fortunate in our community. God bless you for your kindness. *The West End Food Pantry*

EUCCHARIST TO THE HOMEBOUND: With Deacon Sam on medical leave, we want to ensure that parishioners who are homebound continue to receive the Eucharist on a routine basis. If you, or someone that you know, wants to have the Eucharist brought to their home, please call the parish office. Arrangements will be made to have an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion make a visit.

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 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

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO READY THE WAY FOR THE LORD: Preparing the church for the Christmas Season will begin on Saturday, December 21 at 11:00 AM. If you are able to assist with the decorating, many hands will make the job go much faster and your help will be appreciated. Anyone who is able to assist Dan, our maintenance manager, in assembling and staging the platforms and trees prior to Saturday is asked to call Georgie Jakovcic (410-7512) to coordinate scheduling.

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

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.

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR 2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES from the back of the Church. If you know someone who is unable to get to Mass please feel free to take their envelopes to them. Thank you.

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.

WE ARE IN THE FINAL WEEKS OF THE 2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE. As of Oct. 31, 2019, 89 families out of 399 have contributed \$18,282.47 toward our 2019 target amount of \$34,500.00. Please send all contributions to the Resurrection Parish Office. **DO NOT SEND DIRECTLY TO THE DIOCESE.** Make checks payable to **Resurrection Church.** Thank you!

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).

SAVE THE DATE! The Family Life Committee invites **ALL** Married Couples to join us Sat., Feb. 8 for our Annual Celebration of Marriage. Details to follow in future bulletins.



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:

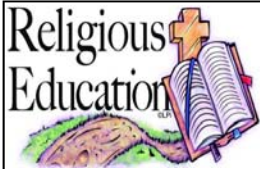
Monday

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

Friday

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





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. John Paul II Building at St. Benedict Church.

SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE: Any student needing service hours, please come to the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in Resurrection Church Hall.



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 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



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, 5:00 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





STOP BY THE SWEET SHOPPE (814-539-6502) to stock up on stocking stuffers. Regular 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 and Tuesday, December 16 and 17, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Wednesday and Thursday December 18 and 19, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM


Friday, December 20, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, December 21, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



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 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 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 \$30.00 per dozen, \$15.00 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.



THE WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP will host their annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Mon., Dec. 9 at the Skate Park. Santa will arrive at 6:00 PM and will light the tree. Children may visit with Santa directly following. Each child will receive a gift from Santa. Free hot chocolate for all while supplies last. In case of inclement weather, event will be moved to Grace Lutheran Church Hall, 246 Chandler Ave.. All are welcome!

THE WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP is holding a Christmas Decorating Contest for West End Residents. Turn on your outside lights and house decorations from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Dec. 15, 17 and 18. Celebrity judges will be canvassing the West End to find the best decorated house in five different categories. Prizes will be awarded Please go to the West End Improvement Group's Facebook page for more details.

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!

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

