

# Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

**December 10, 2017: The Second Sunday of Advent**

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Rev. George M. Gulash, Pastor

Sam Cammarata, Deacon

Joann Fyock, Parish Manager/Cemetery Manager

MaryBeth Konieczny, Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor

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Melanie Harris, Director of Music

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



*“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - MARK 1:3*

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.



**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:

Joe Cvrkel  
By Wife, Dot and Family

This week's Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for :

Gertrude Alberter Cassidy  
By Family



**Weekly Mass Schedule**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
<b>Sunday, December 10</b> <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	People of the Parish Michael and Anna Fecko By Daughter, Joan
<b>Monday, December 11</b> <i>St. John Damascus I</i>	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	Robert Kopriva By Dominick and Rita Sallesse Rosary (Oratory)
<b>Tuesday, December 12</b> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	8:00 AM	Donna T. Telgarsky By Rich and Nancy Bender
<b>Wednesday, December 13</b> <i>St. Lucy</i>	8:00 AM	Madalyn Pleskovic By Patty and Bruce Shannon
<b>Thursday, December 14</b> <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday, December 15</b> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	Joseph Szewczyk By Bonnie Scileny Rosary (Oratory)
<b>Saturday, December 16</b>	4:00 PM	Helen and Charles Fesko By Family
<b>Sunday, December 17</b> <i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Martin G. Hodos By Cathy Fuska People of the Parish

**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:** Dec. 3, 2017 Adults: 350 Children: 12 Total: 362

Offertory Total	\$5,718.00	Building & Maintenance	\$382.00	Utilities	\$65.00
Poor Box	\$21.00	Immaculate Conception	\$47.00	Christmas Flowers	\$1,442.00
Christmas	\$95.00	Religious Retirement	\$60.00	Catholic Charities	\$100.00
Candles	\$323.00				

**Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events**

**Tuesday December 12** Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Resurrection Church

**Saturday, December 16** Children's Christmas Party 1:00 PM Resurrection Hall

**Monday, December 18** West End Penance Service 6:30 PM St. Francis of Assisi Church

**Thursday, December 21** Parish Office Closes at 12:00 Noon

**Friday, December 22 thru Tuesday, December 26** Parish Office Closed

***Schedule of Christmas Masses***



**SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH (December 30/31)**

Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (December 23/24)**

(NO scheduled confessions Saturday)

Saturday 4:00PM  
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (January 1)**

Monday 9:00AM (Since the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1, 2018, falls on a Monday this year, it is NOT observed as a holy day of obligation.)

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
(December 24/25)**

Sunday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass)  
Monday 12:00 Midnight (Mass During the Night)  
Monday 9:00AM (Mass During the Day)

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
(January 6/7)**

Saturday 4:00PM  
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

**OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS (December 26, 27, 29)**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00AM

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
(January 8)**

Monday 8:00AM



*Parish Office Holiday Hours: Closing at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 21 and will open on Wednesday, December 27 at 9:00 AM and Closing at 2:00 PM on Friday, December 29 and will open on Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00 AM.*

*Parish News...*

**COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 2** volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Monday, Dec. 11**. 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!



**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. 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.

**CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPRAOCHING.** We are really going to need your help to prepare the Church for the holidays. 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!

**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 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.

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

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

**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](mailto:resurrectionparishbulletin@gmail.com). Also, please remember that the **PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY THURSDAY.**



**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

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Annual *Celebration of Marriage* will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2018. **ALL Married Couples of our Parish** are encouraged and invited to celebrate mass with our parish family at 4:00 PM, then join us for a dinner celebration at Our Sons Main Event Banquet Hall, 229 Main Street, Johnstown. Fun and fellowship will include a cash bar cocktail and appetizer social beginning at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. Price per couple is \$45.00 - a formal invitation and registration will be published after the holidays. We hope you'll join us in celebrating your vocation of marriage!

**THE MEN'S GATHERING** was a success.. Thank you to Deacon Sam and Father Peter Crowe. The Chili was good too. Plan to attend the men's gathering again in January.

**THANK YOU** to all those who had their picture taken. **FEED THE NEED** brought a lot of food donations and several hundred dollars to the West End Food Pantry.

**COOKING CLUB.....** find those recipes you enjoy and would like to share



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): \_\_\_\_\_



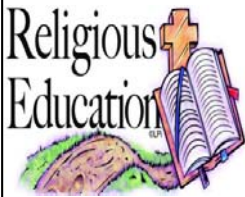


St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown, Sun., Dec. 10, 1:30 PM  
Church of the Transfiguration, Conemaugh, Tues., Dec.12, 6:30 PM  
St. Clement Church, Johnstown, Wed., Dec. 13, 7:00 PM  
St. Patrick Church, Johnstown, Thurs., Dec. 14, 7:00 PM  
St. Benedict Church, Geistown, Sun., Dec. 17, 5:00 PM

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

**9TH, 10TH AND 11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS,** please remember your Confirmation Sessions, 9B, 10B and 11C will be held on Sunday, January 7 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the St. John Paul II Building at St. Benedict Church. Parents are NOT required to attend.

**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.



**STOP BY THE SWEET SHOPPE (814-539-6502).**

**We have a great selection of Christmas Candy available!**

**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



**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.

**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. 11 - Phil Skala

Dec. 18 - Fran Findley

Dec. 25 - Holiday

Jan. 1 - Holiday

Friday

Dec. 15 - Diane Ashbridge

Dec. 22 - Janet Yuras

Dec. 29 - Pat Barrett

Jan. 5 - Chris Rebar



**ULTREYA GATHERING** - The Johnstown West Ultreya Group will meet on Thursday, December 14th from 6:30-7:30p.m. at The Oratory located at Eighth Ave. and Chestnut Streets in Cambria City. Everyone is welcomed.

**THE BELLS OF CASIMIR:** Since March 4th, the Bells of Casimir have been filling our neighborhood with music and tradition. They have become a part of every day life in Cambria City...tolling the hours, providing seasonal preludes before church services and at various times, honoring those who have gone before us. Many from across the Johnstown region have memorialized perpetual ringings for their loved ones and friends. Watching families gather outside of the Cultural Center to listen and record these special moments has been heartwarming. If you are looking for a special Christmas gift or want to remember a loved one, a Perpetual Memorial is a beautiful way to do so...remembering those who have passed by being a part of the living and the new life of not only the former St. Casimir, but the Cambria City Historic District and Johnstown. Requests can be made through our web site, [stellajohnstown.com](http://stellajohnstown.com), picking up a form in the rear of the church or by stopping at Cambria City Flowers for a form and song list. Wieczna pamięć! Vicnaja Pamjat! Eternal Memory!

**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](mailto:jbg213@atlanticbb.net), or Sharon Kovac at 814-254-9653 or [sharonkovac@atlanticbb.net](mailto:sharonkovac@atlanticbb.net).

