

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 15, 2019: The 3rd Sunday of Advent

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



"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:8)

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.



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:

Florence Foltin

By Children, Patrick, Connie, Betty and Carol

This week's Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Jim Murray

By Ken and Joann Fyock



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 - THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| DATE | TIME | INTENTION |
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| 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 |
| Monday, December 16 | 8:00 AM 12:15 PM | Ann L. Wargo By Family Rosary (Oratory) |
| Tuesday, December 17 | 8:00 AM | Joe Cvrkel By Wife, Dot and Granddaughter, Ashley |
| Wednesday, December 18 | 8:00 AM | Mary Catherine Kaplaniak By Olshewsky Family |
| Thursday, December 19 | NO MASS | |
| Friday, December 20 | 8:00 AM 12:15 PM | Mary Louise Mical By Ray and Andrea Vargo Rosary (Oratory) |
| Saturday, December 21 <i>St. Peter Canisius</i> | NO MASS | |
| Sunday, December 22 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> | 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Rosemary Swarney By Children Dorothy Petrusic By Allen Petrusic |

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Envelope Holders: Adult: 399 Children: 18 Total: 417
 Dec. 8, 2019 Envelopes Used: Adults: Children: 8 Total:

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| Offertory Total | \$ | World Mission Sun. | \$ | Retirement Fund Relig. | \$ |
| Build. and Maint. | \$ | All Saints | \$ | Christmas Flowers | \$ |
| Utilities | \$ | All Souls | \$ | | |
| Candles | \$ | Catholic Charities | \$ | | |

*Friendly
Reminders*

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 2 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Mon., Dec. 16.** 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 15 Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center

Monday, December 16 West End Penance Service 5:00 PM St. Therese Church

Thursday, December 19 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Resurrection Church

Saturday, December 21 Church Decorating beginning at 11:00 AM

Sunday, December 22 **NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES**



Today the priest may wear a rose vestment at Mass. There is an obvious tone of joy in today's Advent Mass. Christmas quickly approaches and the scripture readings speak of rejoicing in the Lord always, of the presence of the Holy One of Israel, and the Baptist telling us the Holy One will baptize in the Holy Spirit. Christians are nearing the holy commemoration of the birth of the Savior. Our joy is obvious and, hopefully, contagious.

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 the Ladies' Auxiliary for your very generous donation of \$7,500.00 to Resurrection Parish. Many thanks ladies, for your tireless efforts and the dedication you have for your parish. May God continue to bless each of you.

THANK YOU to all who took tags and bought gifts for the children of the Angel Tree. Through your kindness and generosity, you are making a underprivileged child's Christmas a little brighter. God's blessings to you.

EUCHARIST 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.

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

CHOIR REHEARSAL: We will rehearse our Christmas music for the first 20 minutes of rehearsal at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 19. If you would like to sing with us, please contact Emily Roy: (814)242-4995, emilyroy411@gmail.com

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.

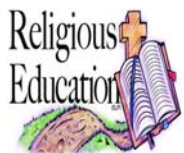
THE JANUARY 2020 SIZZLER TICKETS MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS! They may be purchased before or after the Sunday Masses, or at the Parish Office or The Sweet Shoppe during regular business hours. You may also call Ed or Pat Gregorchik at 539-6320 for more information or to purchase Sizzlers. The cost is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

THE 2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES will now be available for pick up AT THE PARISH OFFICE. Any envelopes not picked up by Feb. 1, 2020 will be deleted.

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.



SUN., DEC. 22, NO CLASS, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

All 11th grade Confirmation Candidates PLEASE make sure you have turned in your sponsor name, code of conduct and your Confirmation name by January 26.



LITURGICAL AND HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: Sign-up registers can be found at the back of the church for the Christmas holidays. The Masses between December 24 and January 1 were not on the regular schedule, because of uncertainty about peoples' plans over this period of time. If you know you will be available, please volunteer to help out. If you are uncertain now, but decide later to attend one of these services, please check with the sacristan before Mass to see if help is still needed. Planning ahead helps to relieve much stress for the sacristans.

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. 16 - Phil Skala
- Dec. 23 - No Rosary
- Dec. 30 - No Rosary

Friday

- Dec. 20 - Diane Ashbridge
- Dec. 27 - No Rosary, Merry Christmas!
- Jan. 3 - Pat Barrett



West End Penance Service, St. Therese Church, Mon., Dec. 16, 5:00 PM

- Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Johnstown, Mon., Dec. 16, 6:00 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



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





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





**Parish
Council News**

THE FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION FROM THE DEC. 3, 2019 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Our parish family continues to work collaboratively with St. Clare's parish family. The holiday Mass schedule has been set. Please refer to the bulletin for the times and location. We would like to again recognize our parishioners for their patience and understanding during this time.

Our parish hosted an Active Shooter and Stop the Bleed training on November 20. It was well attended by our parishioners and other local parishes. As a result of the training and our mission to ensure a safe environment for all who attend our parish, we will be creating a committee made up of parishioners to begin the next steps by putting into practice what we have learned. Please look to future bulletins for details. We recognize the importance of safety for all of our parishioners. Awareness is the key to safety!

The Standing Committees are continuing to review the surveys completed by parishioners in the fall. We will continue to move this process forward. Look to future bulletins for information as we continue with this process.

Our 10th Anniversary Concert will be held on Sunday, December 29. Please look to future bulletins for details.

If you have any questions, please see a Parish Council member.



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
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Kyra Miller, Education Committee, 279-8746
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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
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