

# Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

**December 17, 2017: The Third Sunday of Advent**

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Rev. George M. Gulash, Pastor

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Melanie Harris, Director of Music

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



*“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.



**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:

Martin G. Hodos

By Family

This week’s Oratory Sanctuary

Light will burn for :

Charles Novosel

By Family



**Weekly Mass Schedule**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
<b>Sunday, December 17</b> <i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Martin G. Hodos By Cathy Fuska People of the Parish
<b>Monday, December 18</b> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	Martin and Justin Kikkert By Marsha Rosary (Oratory)
<b>Tuesday, December 19</b> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:00 AM	Martha Plows By Agnes Vance
<b>Wednesday, December 20</b> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:00 AM	Sr. Agnese Mikolaj By Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zdravecky
<b>Thursday, December 21</b> <i>St. Peter Canisius</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday, December 22</b> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	William Rayha By Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zdravecky Rosary (Oratory)
<b>Saturday, December 23</b> <i>St. John of Kanty</i>	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, December 24</b> <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>  <i>Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM 4:00 PM	Anthony Morihlatko By Josephine Guarino Deceased Members of the Gajewski Family By The Slebodnik Family  Mary Catherine Kaplaniak By Dan and Ann Obara
<b>Monday, December 25</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	12:00 AM 9:00 AM	Midnight Mass - Charles Novosel By Wife John Walkowsky By Bob and Anna Kozuch

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Envelope Holders: Adult: 565 Children: 33 Total 598  
Envelopes Used This Week: Dec. 10, 2017 Adults: 356 Children: 13 Total: 369

Offertory Total	\$5,666.00	Building & Maintenance	\$139.00	Utilities	\$26.00
Poor Box	\$12.25	Immaculate Conception	\$1,549.00	Christmas Flowers	\$290.00
Candles	\$121.00	Religious Retirement	\$456.00	Christmas	\$10.00
New Year's	\$5.00				

**Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events**

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

**Tuesday December 19** Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Resurrection Church

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

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

**Sunday, December 24 thru Wednesday, January 3** The Sweet Shoppe 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 3** volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Monday, Dec. 18**. Thank you to all who help!

**DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** *Mon. morning, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>* help is needed to move and set up the platform, stable and trees. Please meet Dan (our maintenance man) at 8:30 AM @ the garage on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. If need be, this work can be completed early Tues., the 29<sup>th</sup> as well. Hopefully, with sufficient volunteers this won't be necessary. The rest of the decorating will take place Wed. evening, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM. Again, if necessary, this can be completed the following day. Flowers will be delivered and arranged Fri., Dec. 22 after 8:00 AM Mass. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Any questions call Georgie (410-7512).



**A RESURRECTION FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE:** Don't forget to bring an ornament for the Family Christmas Tree. Remember to apply your name to the ornament. All ornaments will be returned after the Christmas Season. Please place them in one of the boxes at the back of the church.

**HOLIDAY ROLLS** (limited supply of Nut and Poppy Seed) are available to purchase at the Parish Office at \$12.00 each. We also have a limited supply of Pigs-in-the-Blanket available.

**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.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY TICKETS** - Our \$5.00 St. Pat's tickets are in and will go on sale at Masses January 6th & 7th. They will be available at the Parish Center, The Sweet Shoppe or by calling Chris Falduto at 535-1054. Thank You!

**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.**

**DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER,** Resurrection Parish will follow the Johnstown School District's schedule. If there is a two hour delay, the Parish Office will open two hours late (11:00 AM), and all meetings/activities will take place. 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.**

**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.



**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 (Dec. 23) through Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day). Please help out if you are able.

**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. 18 - Fran Findley

Dec. 25 - Holiday

Jan. 1 - Holiday

Friday

Dec. 22 - Janet Yuras

Dec. 29 - Pat Barrett

Jan. 5 - Chris Rebar



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



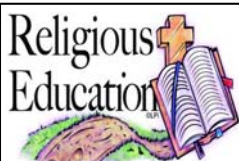
**STOP BY THE SWEET SHOPPE (814-539-6502).**

We have a great selection of Christmas Candy available! Stop by for a sweet gift for that sweet person!

**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**

**The Sweet Shoppe will be closed from December 24 thru January 3.**



**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.

**11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Please remember that during your formation you are to have four sponsor/candidate meetings. Your sponsor/candidate meeting forms are due on March 25, 2018.

**CHRISTMAS BREAK—Dec. 24 and Dec. 31—NO CLASS**

**Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Classes will resume on January 7, 2018.**



**SAVE THE DATE!** The Annual *Celebration of Marriage* will take place on Sat., Feb. 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.

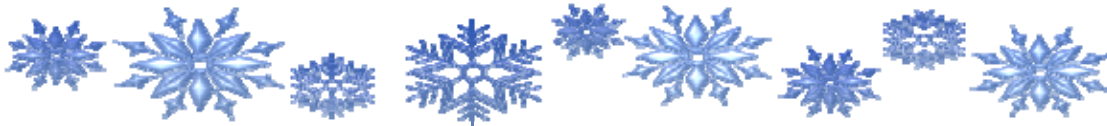
**LOOK FOR THE GEOCACHE!**





## 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.



**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).

