

# Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish



# Saint Clare of Assisi

Catholic Church



December 17, 2023

*3rd Sunday of Advent*

Rev. George M. Gulash,  
Pastor/Administrator  
Dcn. Nelson E. Lowes Jr.

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**Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM; Closed Friday**

MaryBeth Konieczny, Parish Secretary

Rose Eckenrod, Financial Secretary

**Resurrection Parish Mass Schedule:** Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM; Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM; Holy Days & Holidays as announced.

**Confessions:** Saturday 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**St. Clare of Assisi Parish Office:** 110 Maple Avenue, Johnstown, Pa 15901

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**Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM; Closed Friday**

Rose Eckenrod, Parish Secretary, Financial Secretary

**St. Clare of Assisi Mass Schedule:** Saturday 4:00 PM; Monday 6:30 PM; Holy Days & Holidays as announced.

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Christine Babik, Director of Religious Education for both Parishes

Emily Roy, Director of Music for both Parishes

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023**

DATE	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	SITE
<b>Sunday, December 17</b> <i>The 3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM	Richard Babik By Joann Fyock	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Gajewski Family By Family	Resurrection Church
<b>Monday, December 18</b>	6:30 PM	Sam Manganello By Family	St. Clare of Assisi
<b>Tuesday, December 19</b>	8:00 AM	Richard Dembrosky By Wife, Rebecca and Grandchildren	Resurrection Church
<b>Wednesday, December 20</b>	8:00 AM	Helen "Honey" Venglarchik By Theresa Conway	Resurrection Church
<b>Thursday, December 21</b> <i>St. Peter Canisius</i>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Friday, December 22</b>	8:00 AM	Julia Skala By Husband, Family and Friends	Resurrection Church
<b>Saturday, December 23</b> <i>St. John of Kanty</i>	4:00 PM	Joseph Thomas By Loving Wife, Augustine and Family	St. Clare of Assisi
<b>Sunday, December 24</b> <i>The 4th Sunday of Advent</i>  <i>Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	8:00 AM	Carl, Margaret and John Stofa By Christine	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	Rose Draksler By Daughter, Caroline	Resurrection Church
	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	People of the Parish People of the Parish	Resurrection Church St. Clare of Assisi

**This week's St. Clare of Assisi Church Sanctuary Light will burn:**

Mary Natalie Nardecchia By Family

**This week's Resurrection Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:**

John Foltin By Daughter, Connie Yon

**This week's Resurrection Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:**

For the People of the Parish



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, Dec. 17** Religious Education Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center /Oratory  
Angel Tree Gifts are due.

**Monday, Dec. 18** Platform, Trees and Stable Set-up 9:00 AM Resurrection Church  
Church Decorating after 6:30 PM Mass St. Clare of Assisi Church

**Tuesday, Dec. 19** Church Cleaning 8:30 AM Resurrection Church

**Thursday, Dec. 21** Church Decorating 8:30 AM Resurrection Church  
Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Resurrection Church

**Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26 Parish Offices Closed**

**Monday, Jan. 1 Parish Offices Closed**

**Sunday, Jan. 7** Religious Education Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center /Oratory



**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: December 10, 2023**

**Resurrection Parish** - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: Total: \$4,907.00

All Saints \$6.00	Paint Fund \$80.00	Christmas Flowers \$350.00
Build. and Maint. \$135.00	Poor Box \$3.00	Immaculate Conception \$880.00
Candles \$66.00	Retired Fund Religious \$252.00	Loose Offertory \$284.00
Christmas \$185.00	Utilities \$75.00	Oplatki (Wafers) \$102.00
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$7,325.00		

**St. Clare of Assisi Parish** - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: \$1,370.00

Candles \$69.15	Donation \$60.00	Oplatki (Wafers) \$53.00
Christmas \$140.00	Immaculate Conception \$291.00	Solemnity of Mary \$10.00
Christmas Flowers \$95.00	Loose Offertory \$150.00	Retired Fund Religious \$240.00
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$2,478.15		



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...*

**THE JANUARY 2024 SIZZLER CALENDAR TICKETS ARE GONE!** If you have tickets out, return them to Patty Gregorchik or the Resurrection Parish Office ASAP.

**THE SWEET SHOPPE (814-539-6502)** hours: Mon. thru Thurs. from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Come and browse our nice selection of boxed chocolates and stocking stuffers.

**OPLATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)** are available at the Churches or at the Parish Offices. The cost is \$3.00 per envelope.

**RESURRECTION PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE:** We will continue the tradition of bringing an ornament from home and placing it on the family Christmas tree in the back of the church. Baskets will be provided to put your ornament in anytime between now and Christmas set up. Once the tree is up, you may add your ornament to it. If you can, please tag the ornament itself so that they may be returned after the holidays.

**RESURRECTION PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 1** volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Mon., Dec. 18 at the Resurrection Parish Office.**

**ROSARY TIMES:** We pray the Rosary on Mondays and Fridays at 12:00 PM at the Resurrection Oratory. A schedule of Rosary Leaders is as follows:

**Monday**

Dec. 18 - Nancy Fesko

Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas, No Rosary

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year, No Rosary

**Friday**

Dec. 22 - Pat Barrett

Dec. 29 - Chris Rebar

Jan. 5 - Jim and Nina Kopriva

**CHOIR REMINDER:** The last Choir Rehearsal before Christmas is on **Thursday, Dec. 21**, at 6:30 PM at Resurrection Church. New members are always welcome! If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily: emilyroy411@gmail.com or (814) 242-4995.

**RESURRECTION CHURCH DECORATING:** Initial setup of platform, trees and stable will take at 9:00 AM. Monday, December 18. Please meet Dan at the church. Final decorating and flower delivery will take place on Thursday, December 21, starting at 8:30 AM. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated on both days.

**ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH DECORATING** will take place on Monday, Dec. 18 after 6:30 PM Mass. All help is welcomed and appreciated.

**RESURRECTION CHURCH CLEANING:** Volunteers are needed as we will be doing cleaning at Resurrection Church for the Christmas Season on Tuesday, December 19 starting at 8:30 AM. Please consider sharing your time and talent! Many hands make light work! Cleaning usually takes only about 1 – 1 ½ hours. Any help is greatly appreciated!

**NEWS FROM THE JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON DEC. 5, 2023:**

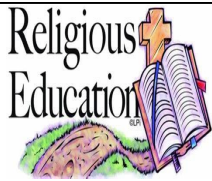
There is a need for liturgical ministers (lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and hospitality ministers). There will be an orientation and training session after the new year for liturgical ministers, current and prospective. Please consider sharing your time and talent for this very important and fulfilling ministry. If you're just thinking about it, come to the orientation to learn more and allow the Holy Spirit to move you. Look to future bulletins for details!

We will be having adult formation classes after the new year. Please consider attending. Our faith journey is just that...a journey. It is a lifelong journey of learning, experiencing, and enriching what our Catholic faith means to each of us at the different stages of our lives. Look to future bulletins for details.

Resurrection Parish is looking for a qualified candidate to fill the Office Administrator position at the Parish Office. If you are interested or wish to learn more about the position, please visit the Diocesan website.

The next joint meeting of Resurrection and St. Clare's Parish Councils is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024, starting at 6:30 PM in Resurrection Church Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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



**SUN., DEC. 17** - Religious Education 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center

**FRI., DEC. 22** - Family Holiday Movie Night at St. Johns Activities Center 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Bring the whole family and join us to watch “The Grinch” and enjoy some crafts , fellowship and sweet treats.

**SUN., DEC. 24** - No Religious Education Classes - Merry Christmas!

**SUN., DEC. 31** - No Religious Education Classes - Happy New Year!

**SUN., JAN. 7** - Religious Education 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center



***Resurrection Parish and St. Clare of Assisi Parish Holiday Mass Schedule:***

***Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord***

*Sunday, December 24, 4:00 PM at Resurrection Church*

*Sunday, December 24, 6:30 PM at St. Clare of Assisi Church*

*Monday, December 25, 12:00 Midnight at Resurrection Church*

*Monday, December 25, 9:00 AM at St. Clare of Assisi Church*



***The Parish Offices will be closed Friday thru Tuesday, December 22 thru 26.***




***Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God***

*Sunday, December 31, 5:00 PM at Resurrection Church*

*Monday, January 1, 9:00 AM at St. Clare of Assisi Church*


***The Parish Offices will be closed Friday thru Monday, December 29 thru January 1.***


**2023 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE THEIR 2023 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TAXES, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR BRING TO THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_





**THE BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**, Loretto, Pa., will present a Christmas concert "A New and Glorious Morn!" with Christmas music performed by the Basilica Choir and the St. Michael Children's Choir on Wednesday December 27, at 6:00 PM. All are invited.

**HISTORIC CHURCH BUS TRIP** – On Saturday December 30th All Saints Parish in Boswell will host a bus trip to visit historic churches in our region. Pick up locations include Boswell and Central City. The bus pilgrimage will visit the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Altoona, Queen of Peace in Patton, and Mass at the historic St. Joseph Mission Church (weather permitting) near Carrolltown. At each stop, Professor Nicholas Will will play two great organ pieces and Father Aron Maghsoudi will offer a brief tour. The price includes a meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, stuffing, coleslaw, vegetable, Italian Wedding Soup, and homemade cream puffs. The price is \$65.00 per person. To register, please contact All Saints office, 814-629-5551. All are welcome.

**ALL SAINTS PARISH**, Boswell, Pa. will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy or Pastoralki) on Sunday, January 7, at 2:00 PM at the church (325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell). The hymns will be sung by their Polish choir. Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience the time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information please call the parish office at 814-629-5551.





**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Jim Kris; Sue Eppley; Ashlee Fecko; Nellie Adkins; Rose Hockenstien; Jane Goodwin; Mary Roberts; Michelle C.; Sandy Karas; Lois DiBuono; Chuck Schmidt; Nicole; Manny Layman; Lisa Ager; Helen Khula; April Skalek; Margaret Murray; Joe Cenko; James Piro; Margaret Kovach, Marty Vrabel; George Salata; Caroline Fetzko; Ann Hoffman; Verbine Family and Friends; Joseph Barbera; Fran Findley; Mary Lynch; Joseph Gregorchik; George Trovato; Kay Komar; Rita Ozog; Ed Wysocki; Mary Ann Robatin; Charlotte Fesko; and all blessed blanket recipients including: Dezi; Baby Kissell; Shirley H.; Juliana; Baby Little; Kim Waddel; Helen Gagan; Flo Bischock; Paul Ferbiak; Mary Fabo; Julie Bogs; Carol Laugard; Jim Milla; Mary H. Miller; Rosemary Oswalt; Barb Cominsky; Ray Lingly; Allie; Neysa C.; and all Down Syndrome patients. If you would like someone added to the prayer list please call either Parish Office.

**Baptisms:** Call the Office three months prior to the preferred date. (New parishioners, call six months prior to preferred date.) One of the parents must be a practicing Catholic. Godparents need a certificate of eligibility from their home Pastor.

**Marriages:** Call the Office nine months prior to the preferred date. One of the partners must be a practicing Catholic.

**St. Clare of Assisi Parish Council**

Connie Huff  
Bridget Sarosi  
Laura Angello  
Paul Ledwich  
Joseph Rizzo

**Resurrection Parish Council**

Michelle Rager, Chairperson  
Gary Vitko, Vice-Chairperson  
Kathy Hanners, Recording Secretary  
Pat Barrett  
Brande Conway  
Ben Gagan  
Kyra Miller  
Kris Moran  
Carol Pisula  
Lynn Popovich  
Barry Sirko  
Faith Thomas

If you have a need for a prayer and would like to be put on the prayer chain, please contact Barb Gulick at 814-792-8647 or [jbg213@atlanticbb.net](mailto:jbg213@atlanticbb.net)

