

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 20, 2020: 4th Sunday of Advent

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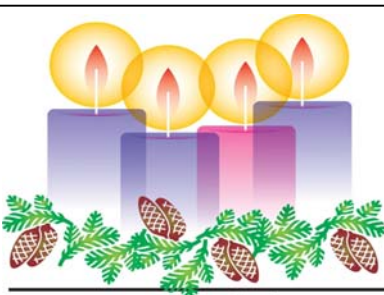
MaryBeth Konieczny, Parish Secretary

Rose Eckenrod, Financial Secretary

Christine Babik, Director of Religious Education

Emily Roy, Director of Music

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM; Closed Friday



"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal **Steward**. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM

Holy Days and Holidays as announced.

Confessions:

Saturday 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

This week's Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:

John and Rosemary Swarney
By Children

This week's Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Ken Fyock
By The Konieczny Family



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday, December 20 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Helen "Honey" Venglarchik By John and Chris Falduto Rose Draksler By Janet Brehm
Monday, December 21 <i>St. Peter Canisius</i>	NO MASS 12:15 PM	Rosary (Oratory)
Tuesday, December 22	8:00 AM	Thomas J. Moran By Christine and Eric
Wednesday, December 23 <i>St. John of Kanty</i>	8:00 AM	Stephen Buksa By Gina Antal
Thursday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4:00 PM	Fran Ozog By Wife, Loretta, Children and Grandchildren
Friday, December 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	12:00 AM 9:00 AM	Midnight Mass – People of the Parish James W. Murray By Jack and Kathy Fagan
Saturday, December 26 <i>St. Stephen</i>	NO MASS	
Sunday, December 27 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joe Smolen By Diane Ashbridge Sally and Joseph Kozuch By Children

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Envelope Holders: Adult: 451 Children: 15 Total: 466		
<u>December 13, 2020</u> Weekly Envelopes Used: Adults: 207 Children: 8 Total: 215		
Weekly Offertory Envelopes: Adults: \$ 4,571.04 Child: \$ 16.00 Total: \$4,587.04		
All Saints \$25.00	Christmas Flowers: \$ 45.00	Poor Box: \$41.00
All Souls \$15.00	Immaculate Conception \$703.00	Retired Fund for Religious \$125.00
Build. and Maint. \$ 145.00	Initial Offering \$40.00	Retired Priests Medical \$10.00
Candles: \$ 65.00	Loose Offertory: \$ 25.00	Utilities: \$70.00
Christmas \$610.00	Mission Co-op \$10.00	
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$6,516.04		

Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events

Monday, Dec. 21 Setting up Platforms and Trees 11:00 AM Parish Garage (8th Ave.)

Tuesday, Dec. 22 Church Decorating 12:30 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 23 Church Decorating Noon

Wednesday, Dec. 23 thru Sunday, Dec. 27 Parish Office Closed

Thursday, Dec. 30 thru Sunday, Jan. 3 Parish Office Closed



On this final Sunday of Advent, with only hours away from the great celebration of Christmas, Mary is placed in her rightful position in the divine plan of salvation. With Elizabeth, we say (as we do every time we pray the *Hail Mary*), “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” The Incarnate Word is so close that Elizabeth’s baby leaps for joy in her womb. We too are filled with holy joy.



The Word has become flesh and dwells among us. This Christmas Day Christians celebrate the mystery of the eternal Word of God becoming one like us in all things but sin. The Eternal Word lived on this earth, to reveal to us the great love of God. God who has no beginning or end has arrived as an infant in a manger. We are filled with awe as we attempt to understand the mystery of this birth. Angels and shepherds sing Christmas praise. We join in singing, *Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will!*

Father George and the Staff of Resurrection Parish would like to wish all the parishioners and their families and friends a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.



Merry Christmas and have a wonderful New Year



Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good feelings with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May this Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and this Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

Merry Christmas to those who can not be with their families....



Thank you for all that you do !!

Please keep in your prayers all those who will be away from their families during the holiday season to ensure our safety and well being, our Military, Law Enforcement, First Responders and Medical Personnel.

We can never relay our true gratitude for all you do, the sacrifices that you and your families make, and your demonstrated drive to go above and beyond. We hope each and every one of you hear our prayers and thanks and we wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas!

Lord, hold our Military, Law Enforcement, First Responders and Medical Personnel in your loving hands. Please give them continued strength and courage needed so that we may enjoy freedom, safety and good health. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our times of need. Amen



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR ARE SUFFERING IN ANY WAY, THOSE IN NURSING HOMES AND THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND: Helen Lech; Arlene Schaffer; Florence Urbassik, Nellie Barkley, Sophie Mulvehill, Kay Komar, Eric Moran; Rita Ozog; Ed Wysocki; Mary Ann Robatin; Dorothy Saverling; and Sylvia Brisko. If you know of someone that you would like added to the prayer list please call MaryBeth at the Parish Office at 539-5788, ext 4.



COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 1 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Monday, December 21.** Thank you to all who help!

Parish News

HOLIDAY MASS RESERVATIONS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM MASS IS FULL. NO MORE RESERVATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR 4:00 PM MASS.

There is limited space available for Midnight Mass; 9:00 AM Morning Mass; and for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Dec. 31, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass). Please call MaryBeth at the Parish Office at 539-5788, ext. 4, to make a reservation.

DIOCESE OF A.J. TO AIR CHRISTMAS MASSES AND TELEVISION SPECIAL:

As part of its continuing efforts to keep local Catholics connected during the coronavirus pandemic, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is pleased to offer expanded television opportunities through its *Proclaim! TV Ministry* this Christmas. Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate Mass on Christmas Eve at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown, which will air live at 7:00 PM on *WWCP FOX 8*. The Christmas Day Mass at Saint John Gualbert with the Very Reverend James Crookston, Rector, as celebrant will air at Noon on *WATM ABC 23*. This year, the diocese is also presenting a television special ***“Joy to the World: Christmas in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.”*** The show will highlight beloved Christmas traditions, the overwhelming spirit of giving, and beautiful music from parish and school musicians. It will air on December 20 at 1:00 PM on *WATM ABC 23* and on Christmas morning at 7:00 AM on *WWCP FOX 8*.

BULLETIN ANNOUCEMENT DEADLINES are as follows: for the **December 27 bulletin**, announcements are due in to the Parish Office by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 9:00 AM**; and for the **January 3 bulletin**, announcements are due in to the Parish Office by **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 AT 9:00 AM**.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Help is needed on the following days: Monday, December 21 at 11:00 AM (**Please note the time change due to a Funeral Mass in the Church**) at the Parish Garage on 8th Ave. to move and set up the platforms and trees at the Church; Tuesday, December 22 at 12:30 PM at the Church to decorate; and on Wednesday, December 23 at Noon to help with the delivery and placement of the poinsettias. So we can limit the number of people inside the Church, please call MaryBeth at the Parish Office if you plan on helping. Please keep in mind that masks must be worn and social distancing practiced.

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

NEED A LAST MINUTE GIFT? PICK UP A JANUARY 2021 SIZZLER TICKET You can purchase them before or after the Sunday Masses, or at the Parish Office or The Sweet Shoppe during regular business hours. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket.

HOLIDAY ROLLS AND HALUSKI are available at The Sweet Shoppe on Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost is \$12.00 per roll (Nut, Poppy Seed, Apricot and Pineapple Cream Cheese) and \$5.00 per quart container of Haluski. Masks and social distancing required.

ALL ARE WELCOME in praying the Rosary on Mon. and Fri., at 12:15 PM at the Oratory. A schedule of Oratory Rosary leaders is as follows:

Monday

Dec. 21 - Nancy Fesko

Dec. 28 - No Rosary

Jan. 4 - Phil Skala

Jan. 11 - Fran Findley

Jan. 18 - Deacon Sam

Jan. 25 - Nancy Fesko

Friday

Dec. 25 - No Rosary

Jan. 1 - No Rosary

Jan. 8 - Jim and Nina Kopriva

Jan. 15 - Diane Ashbridge

Jan. 22 - Janet Yuras

Jan. 29 - Pat Barrett

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for pick up at the Parish Office. If you know someone who is homebound please feel free to take their envelopes to them.

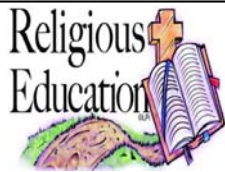
CALENDARS AND MISSALETTES are available at the Church and the Parish Office. You can pick them up when you pick up your 2021 Offertory Envelopes.

MASS RESERVATIONS: If you would like to attend Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM, PLEASE call MaryBeth at the Parish Office to make a reservation, 539-5788, ext. 4, **Mon. thru Thurs., 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Reminder...Parish Office is closed on Fri.)**. If you leave a message, please be sure to leave the Mass you would like to attend and the number of people who will be attending. Reminder, masks must be worn and may only be removed to receive Holy Communion and social distancing will be practiced.



STOP BY THE SWEET SHOPPE (814-539-6502) to pick up those last minute stocking stuffers. Christmas Week Hours: Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Masks and social distancing required.

THE SWEET SHOPPE will be closed Wednesday, December 23 thru Sunday, January 10. We will reopen on January 11, 2021. Hours will be announced. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



THANK YOU to Faith Thomas, Kathy Hanners and crew for putting together the Christmas to go bags.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: Safe Environment acknowledgement forms are due. You can return forms by email, mail or to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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
Kyra Miller, Education Committee, 279-8746
Kris Moran, Education Committee, 262-8070
Cindy O'Connor, Family Life Committee, 242-8776
Brian Pavic, Liturgy Committee, 418-0279
Rick Pavic, Properties & Maintenance Committee, 244-3047
Lynn Popovich, Activities Committee, 536-7336
Steve Reasbeck, Education Committee, 288-9924
Larry Sestrich, Finance Committee, 255-2344
Faith Thomas, 479-2062

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

