

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 22, 2019: The 4th Sunday of Advent

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



“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” (Matthew 1:24)

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



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:

John and Rosemary Swarney

By Children

This week's Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Larry Olek

By Ken and Joann Fyock



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019 - THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| DATE | TIME | INTENTION |
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| Sunday, December 22 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> | 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Rosemary Swarney By Children Dorothy Petrusic By Allen Petrusic |
| Monday, December 23 <i>St. John of Kanty</i> | 8:00 AM | Peter Dembrosky By Family NO ROSARY AT ORATORY |
| Tuesday, December 24 <i>Vigil of Christmas</i> | 8:00 AM 4:00 PM | Agnes Seifert By Seifert Family (Daily Mass) Francis G. Ozog By Employees and Families |
| Wednesday, December 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> | 12:00 AM | Midnight Mass - Francis and Gertrude Cassidy By Children and Grandchildren NO MORNING MASS |
| Thursday, December 26 <i>St. Stephen</i> | NO MASS | |
| Friday, December 27 <i>St. John</i> | 8:00 AM | James W. Murray By Ann Marie Furman NO ROSARY AT ORATORY |
| Saturday, December 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i> | NO MASS | |
| Sunday, December 29 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> | 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | Helen Golian By Mary Kay Voytko Mike Samo By Wife, Carol |

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Envelope Holders: Adult: 399 Children: 18 Total: 417
Dec. 15, 2019 Envelopes Used: Adults: 189 Children: 8 Total: 197

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| Offertory Total \$3,618.00 | Utilities \$316.00 | Christmas Flowers \$20.00 | Christmas \$65.00 |
| Build. and Maint. \$25.00 | Candles \$217.50 | Immaculate Concep. \$105.00 | |
| Retire. Fund Relig. \$70.00 | Poor Box \$29.73 | Initial Offering \$10.00 | |



Friendly Reminders

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 3 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Mon., Dec. 23.** Thank you to all who help!

Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 22 No Religious Ed. Classes

Tuesday, December 24 thru Sunday, December 29 Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25 thru Sunday, January 5 The Sweet Shoppe Closed

Sunday, December 29 No Religious Ed Classes

Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1 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*

Parish News...

PLEASE NOTE, there will be **NO Rosary** at the Oratory on **Mon., Dec. 23; Fri., Dec. 27; and Mon., Dec. 30**. The regular Rosary schedule will resume on Fri., Jan. 3 at 12:15 PM at the Oratory.

NEED A NUT ROLL? Stop by The Sweet Shoppe on Monday, December 23, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM to pick up one up. The cost is \$12.00 each.

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

NEED A LAST MINUTE GIFT? PICK UP A JANUARY 2020 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. 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.

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).



THANK YOU to the many “elves” who helped to make the Children’s Christmas Party such an enjoyable event for all who attended. Many thanks to “Jolly Old St. Nick” himself for paying a special visit to the children.

THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus Council 11066 for their generous donation to the Children’s Christmas Party.

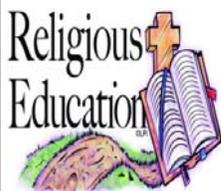
THANK YOU to all who helped with the decorating of the Church for Christmas, as well as the parishioners who generously donated monetarily to purchase the gorgeous Christmas flowers. Many thanks for helping to add to the beauty of the season.

THANK YOU to those who purchased Christmas gifts for our Angel Tree. God bless you for making someone’s Christmas a little brighter.

MANY THANKS to all our wonderful helpers who assisted with making the Holiday Rolls, Pigs-in-the-Blanket, and Haluski and to all of our awesome bakers of the Parish who donated all the delicious cookies for our Cookie Tray Sale. A special thank you to Eileen Elders and Carol Burkardt for chairing and coordinating this event. God bless you all!

A SPECIAL THANKS: to the ladies in the Sweet Shoppe for all of their hard work and long hours dipping & selling chocolates. We appreciate all of their hard work as well as all of the “heavenly” chocolates!

God’s blessings to all for the giving of your time, talents and treasure for your Parish!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, No Classes, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, No Classes, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

ALL 11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES please turn in all your sponsor information and 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 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. 23 - No Rosary
Dec. 30 - No Rosary

Friday

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



STOP BY THE SWEET SHOPPE (814-539-6502) to pick up those last minute stocking stuffers. Christmas Week hours: Monday, December 23, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) 9:00 AM to Noon.

THE SWEET SHOPPE will be closed Wednesday, December 25 thru Sunday, January 5. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



2019 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT: ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE THEIR 2019 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: _____ 2019 ENVELOPE NUMBER _____



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

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

DON'T FORGET TO COME TO DOWNTOWN JOHNSTOWN ON NEW YEARS EVE FOR CELEBRATION JOHNSTOWN, December 31 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The West End

Improvement Group has been one of the organizing volunteer groups of this event since 2009. Please check out the Celebration Johnstown Facebook page.

ALL SAINTS PARISH, Boswell, will be hosting a sing along/concert of beloved Polish Christmas carols (Koledy) as well as exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, December 29 at 3:00 PM at their church located at 325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell. Following the event, refreshments will be served. Please direct all questions to (814) 629-5551. All are welcome!

THE LATEST ISSUE OF DMCA CRUSHER NEWS is out and full of info, including our holiday calendar, ways to support our schools through SCRIP and Amazon Smile, an introduction to new staff (and a highlight on a few familiar faces!), and more. Visit www.divinemeracy.academy to check it out and for all our latest news. Wishing you all the best for a merry and blessed Christmas from our families to yours.

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
Jeff McKissick, Activities Committee, 242-0359
Kyra Miller, Education Committee, 279-8746
Cindy O'Connor, Family Life Committee, 242-8776
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
ibg213@atlanticbb.net

