

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish

December 24, 2017: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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



“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”- LUKE 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God’s mercy and forgiveness. We can’t give what we don’t have. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.



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:

Ted and Rosemarie Figura
By Daughter, Kathy Strushensky

This week’s Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Helen Yuras and Margaret Stofko
By Fran and Janet Yuras



Weekly Mass Schedule
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday, December 24 <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	8:00 AM	Anthony Morihlatko By Josephine Guarino
	10:30 PM	Deceased Members of the Gajewski Family By The Slebodnik Family
	4:00 PM	Mary Catherine Kaplaniak By Dan and Ann Obara
Monday, December 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	12:00 AM	Midnight Mass - Charles Novosel By Wife
	9:00 AM	John Walkowsky By Bob and Anna Kozuch
Tuesday, December 26 <i>St. Stephen</i>	8:00 AM	Vincent Certo By Wayne and Joanne Donahay
Wednesday, December 27 <i>St. John</i>	8:00 AM	Margaret Babik By Ed and Debbie Zapola
Thursday, December 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	No Mass	
Friday, December 29 <i>St. Thomas Beckett</i>	8:00 AM	Deceased of Orlosky Family By Marge Heider
	12:15 PM	Rosary (Oratory)
Saturday, December 30	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, December 31 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	8:00 AM	Agnes Andrews By Daughters
	10:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Slebodnik Family By The Slebodnik Family
Monday, January 1 <i>Mary the Holy Mother of God</i>	9:00 AM	Mary Fatula By Daughters, Marian and Diane and Family

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS:

Envelope Holders: Adult: 565 Children: 33 Total 598
Envelopes Used This Week: Dec. 17, 2017 Adults: 336 Children: 15 Total: 351

Offertory Total	\$6,041.73	Building & Maintenance	\$40.00	Utilities	\$366.00
Poor Box	\$54.00	Immaculate Conception	\$50.00	All Saints	\$5.00
Candles	\$197.00	Religious Retirement	\$40.00	All Souls	\$5.00
Christmas	\$210.00	Christmas Flowers	\$40.00	Initial Offering	\$20.00

Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events

Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26 Parish Office Closed

Sunday, December 24 thru Wednesday, January 3 The Sweet Shoppe Closed

Friday, December 29 Parish Office closing at 2:00 PM

Monday and Tuesday, January 1 and 2 Parish Office Closed

*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

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

FOR UNTO US
A CHILD IS BORN



The Eternal Word of God becomes flesh and makes his dwelling among us. This is Christmas and the Christian world celebrates the mystery of God becoming one like us in all things but sin. In the course of time and when all was ready, God sent us His only begotten Son. The God who has no beginning or end has arrived as an infant in a manger. We are filled with holy awe; we gather with the angels and the shepherds to sing our Christmas praises. Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will!

Parish News...

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 1 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Thursday, Dec. 28**. Thank you to all who help!

REMINDERS: THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26. **THE SWEET SHOPPE** will be closed for the holidays thru January 3. Thank you for your business and Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are now available at the **Parish Office**. If you have not picked up your set, please do so **ASAP**.

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.

Called to
Serve
Liturgy Committee

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:

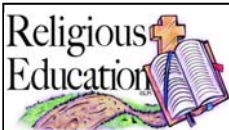
Monday
Dec. 25 - Holiday
Jan. 1 - Holiday

Friday
Dec. 29 - Pat Barrett
Jan. 5 - Chris Rebar





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.



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.

9TH, 10TH AND 11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Remember your Confirmation Sessions, 9B, 10B and 11C will be held on Sun., Jan.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. Your sponsor and name both play an important role in your faith journey towards Confirmation

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.

11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Please mark your calendars for your Discipleship Retreat on Sun., Feb. 4, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM at St. Benedict Church. This retreat includes Mass, Holy Hour, Session 11A and Confession.

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2017 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT: ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE THEIR 2017 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: _____ ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

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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

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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, or Sharon Kovac at 814-254-9653 or sharonkovac@atlanticbb.net.

