

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish



Saint Clare of Assisi

Catholic Church



December 24, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent

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Pastor/Administrator
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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 24, 2023

DATE	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	SITE
Sunday, December 24 <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	People of the Parish	Resurrection Church
	6:30 PM	People of the Parish	St. Clare of Assisi
Monday, December 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	12:00 AM	Midnight Mass - Joseph and Amelia Kolar By Family	Resurrection Church
	9:00 AM	Morning Mass - People of the Parish	St. Clare of Assisi
Tuesday, December 26 <i>St. Stephen</i>	8:00 AM	James Sefcik By Family	Resurrection Church
Wednesday, December 27 <i>St. John</i>	8:00 AM	Matt Isenberg By Georgie Jakovcic and Family	Resurrection Church
Thursday, December 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	No Mass		
Friday, December 29 <i>St. Thomas Becket</i>	8:00 AM	Edward Vatauvuk By Cecilia and Jeffrey Casey	Resurrection Church
Saturday, December 30	4:00 PM	Sandy Wojnaroski By Sandra Stoykovich	St. Clare of Assisi
Sunday, December 31 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> <i>Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	8:00 AM	Joann Jastrzab By Jim and Nina Kopriva	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	Deceased of the Slebodnik Family By Family	Resurrection Church
	5:00 PM	For the People of the Parish	Resurrection Church

This week's St. Clare of Assisi Church Sanctuary Light will burn:
Joseph Thomas By Loving Wife, Augustine and Family

This week's Resurrection Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:
Emma Symon By Mark and Linda

This week's Resurrection Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:
William Leis, Forever loved and missed By Family



Calendar of Events

Sunday, Dec. 24 No Religious Education Classes

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

Sunday, Dec. 31 No Religious Education Classes

Monday, Jan. 1 Parish Offices Closed

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

Sunday, Jan. 14 No Religious Education Classes

Sunday, Jan. 21 Religious Education Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center /Oratory

Wednesday, Jan. 31 Sewing Ministry 9:30 AM Sewing Room



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: December 17, 2023

Resurrection Parish - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: Total: \$3,809.00

All Saints \$3.00	Christmas Flowers \$170.00	Poor Box \$7.00
All Souls \$3.00	Donation \$60.00	Retired Fund Religious \$187.00
Build. and Maint. \$57.00	Immaculate Conception \$165.00	Utilities \$259.00
Candles \$55.00	Loose Offertory \$251.55	
Christmas \$815.00	Oplatki (Wafers) \$95.00	
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$5,936.55		

St. Clare of Assisi Parish - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: \$803.00

Candles \$61.00	Immaculate Conception \$65.00	Over CMD Goal \$40.00
Christmas \$30.00	Loose Offertory \$127.00	Solemnity of Mary \$10.00
Christmas Flowers \$10.00	Online Offertory \$48.50	Retired Fund Religious \$80.00
Donation \$20.00	Oplatki (Wafers) \$6.00	
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$1,300.50		



On this final Sunday of Advent, with only hours before 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.

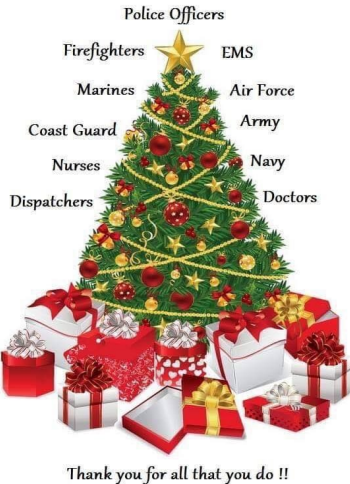
Father George and the Staff of Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi Parishes would like to wish all the parishioners and their families and friends a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.



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!***

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....



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

Parish News... **THE JANUARY 2024 SIZZLER CALENDAR TICKETS ARE GONE!** Please remember to watch for your number beginning on Jan. 1!

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

THE WEST END FOOD PANTRY would like to thank everyone who donated food items or monetarily during the holiday season and all year round. It is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use to help the needy in the West End area. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. God bless you and again, many thanks to all!

RESURRECTION PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 2 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Tues., Dec. 26 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. 25 - Merry Christmas, No Rosary

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year, No Rosary

Friday

Dec. 29 - Chris Rebar

Jan. 5 - Jim and Nina Kopriva

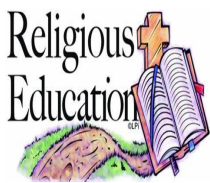
THE SWEET SHOPPE (539-6502) will be closed thru January 2. We will reopen on January 3, 2024. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held at Resurrection Church on Fri., Jan. 5 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Holy Hour consists of Exposition, proclamation of a Gospel reading, short homily, the Litany of the Holy Eucharist followed by silent prayer. The Holy Hour concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please join us!

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION is held the second Monday of each month after the 6:30 PM Mass at St. Clare of Assisi Church. All are welcome on **Mon, Jan. 8** to attend.

THE SEWING MINISTRY will meet on Wed., Jan. 31 at 9:30 AM in the Sewing Room above The Sweet Shoppe. New members are always welcome.

LADIES BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Read any book on St. Padre Pio. We will meet on Sun., Feb. 4 to discuss and compare what we have learned.



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

SUN., JAN. 14 - No Religious Education Classes

SUN., JAN. 21 - Religious Education 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center



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.

THE DIOCESE OF A.J. will offer a Zoom Class open to all! "Saint Paul Apostle to the Gentiles" taught by Deacon Michael Russo via ZOOM on Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM (Running for 6 Weeks) beginning Jan. 2, 2024 To register for this class please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 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 the Polish choir. Following the singing of hymns, there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. 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.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH, Hollidaysburg, Pa., will host a Healing Mass on Tues., Jan. 9 at 7:00 PM. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 PM and prayer ministry will follow Mass. All are welcome!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH is hosting a Youth Event for High School students in grades 9 – 12. The Youth Event will be held on Saturday, January 20th from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center at 134 Barron Ave, Johnstown, PA 15906. The event features a six-piece band, a variety of games, snack and beverages! Admission is \$2.00 per person!!



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

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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

