

Resurrection

Roman Catholic Parish



December 31, 2017: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Melanie Harris, Director of Music

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



"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."

- COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.



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:

Fred Beppler

By Family

This week's Oratory Sanctuary

Light will burn for:

Vince Certo

By Wife and Daughters



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

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday, December 31 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Agnes Andrews By Daughters Deceased Members of the Slobodnik Family By The Slobodnik Family
Monday, January 1 <i>Mary the Holy Mother of God</i>	9:00 AM	Mary Fatula By Daughters, Marian and Diane and Families
Tuesday, January 2 <i>Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>	8:00 AM	William Eugene Kuchinsky By Brother, John J. Kuchinsky
Wednesday, January 3 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	8:00 AM	Cecilia Obarsky By Daughter, Cecilia and James E. Friecko And Family
Thursday, January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	No Mass	
Friday, January 5 <i>St. John Neumann</i>	8:00 AM 12:15 PM	Mike Samo By Wife, Carol Rosary (Oratory)
Saturday, January 6 <i>St. Andre Bessette</i>	4:00 PM	Fred Beppler By Helen Tomkowski
Sunday, January 7 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Gene Puzak By Sister, B.J. and Bill Zdravecky People of the Parish

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS:

<u>Envelope Holders:</u> Adult: 565 Children: 33 Total 598	
<u>Envelopes Used This Week:</u> Dec. 24 and 25, 2017	Adults: 336 Children: 15 Total: 351
Offertory Total (4th Sun. of Advent)	\$6,343.20
Offertory Total (Christmas Day)	\$1,088.00
Christmas	\$12,932.00
Christmas Flowers	\$9.00
Utilities	\$121.00
Candles	\$175.00
Mission Co-Op	\$10.00
All Saints Day	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$11.00
Initial Offering	\$40.00
Building & Maintenance	\$97.00
Poor Box	\$28.00
Religious Retirement	\$52.00

Resurrection Parish Calendar of Events

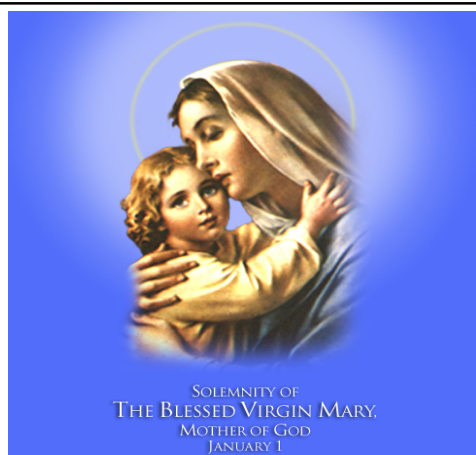
Monday and Tuesday, January 1 and 2 Parish Office Closed

Thursday, January 4 Sewing Ministry Meeting 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Sewing Room

Sunday, January 7 Religious Education Classes 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Parish Center

9th, 10th & 11th Grade Confirmation Session 3:00 to 5:00 PM St. Benedict Church

happy new year



Heavenly Father, You blessed the Virgin Mary with the fullness of grace. She is our model of faith, hope and love. We give this new year to her intercession and ask for her holy prayers. Place our needs into the protection of her motherly love. With her help, we want our faith to grow. Give us an increase in the virtue of hope when troubles tempt us to despair. Guide us in understanding Your infinite love. And join our hearts, dear Lord, to the Holy

Mother's Immaculate Heart, so that we may improve in loving everyone unconditionally, in imitation of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Father George and the Staff of Resurrection Parish would like to wish all the parishioners and their families and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year.





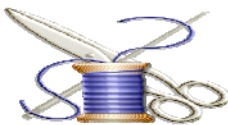
Parish News...

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 2 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Wed., Jan. 3.** Thank you to all who help!

REMINDERS: THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Mon. and Tues., Jan. 1 and 2. **THE SWEET SHOPPE** will be closed thru Jan. 3. Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!

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

2018 HOME BLESSING KITS are available in Church. Please take one home with you.



THE SEWING MINISTRY will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 4 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Sewing Room. New members are most welcome.

ST PATRICK'S DAY TICKETS - Our \$5.00 St. Pat's tickets are in and will go on sale at Masses January 6th & 7th. They will be available at the Parish Center, The Sweet Shoppe or by calling Chris Falduto at 535-1054. Thank You!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Knights of Columbus Council 11066 breakfast is back!!! Sunday January 14, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Resurrection Hall. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and orange juice



THE 2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE IS ENDING: To date 146 out of 565 families have contributed \$22,364.84 toward our "target amount" of \$40,114.00. If you have not contributed yet and would like to do so, please return your contribution to the Resurrection Parish Office ASAP.

THANK YOU for your generous donation. It is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use to help the needy in our area. God bless you, *The West End Food Pantry*

DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER, Resurrection Parish will follow the Johnstown School District's schedule. If there is a two hour delay, the Parish Office will open two hours late (11:00 AM), and all meetings/activities will take place. If there is no school the Parish Office will be closed and all meetings/activities will be cancelled. . If there is an unscheduled early dismissal the Parish Office will close early and all meetings/activities will be cancelled. **Please note, Mass WILL BE celebrated regardless.**



THANK YOU to Faith Thomas and 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 Georgie Jakovic, our Maintenance Man, Dan and 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 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 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 chocolate. We appreciate all of their hard work as well as all of the delicious chocolates!

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held on the first Friday of every month, from 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM.



The monthly Holy Hour will be held in the church and will consist of Exposition, proclamation of a Gospel reading, short homily, and followed by silent prayer. At 7:00 PM the Litany of the Holy Eucharist will be chanted and followed by silent prayer. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This is YOUR time to pour out your hearts to our God, who has poured out Himself for us! **Please join us on Fri., Jan. 5 at 6:30 PM for the next Eucharistic Adoration .**

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

- Jan. 1 - Holiday
- Jan. 8 -Judy Rozich
- Jan. 15– Phil Skala

Friday

- Jan. 5 - Chris Rebar
- Jan. 12 - Jim and Nina Kopriva
- Jan. 19 - Diane Ashbridge





CHRISTMAS BREAK—Dec. 31—NO CLASS

Have 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.



SAVE THE DATE! The Annual *Celebration of Marriage* will take place on Sat., Feb. 3, 2018. **ALL Married Couples of our Parish** are encouraged and invited to celebrate mass with our parish family at 4:00 PM,

then join us for a dinner celebration at Our Sons Main Event Banquet Hall, 229 Main Street, Johnstown. Fun and fellowship will include a cash bar cocktail and appetizer social beginning at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. Price per couple is \$45.00 - a formal invitation and registration will be published after the holidays.

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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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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.



NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY'S monthly night of Adoration is scheduled for Thurs. Jan. 4 at 7:00 PM at St. Ann Church in the Moxham neighborhood of Johnstown. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by being with our Lord for one hour. Everyone is welcome.

ST. BENEDICT CHURCH 2018 Winter/Spring Bible Study Schedule: The letter of St. Paul that is heard more often than any other as the Second Reading on Sundays in the three-year Catholic lectionary, is his Letter to the Romans. This letter is the longest, the most influential and most rewarding of Paul's undisputed letters. The Letter to the Romans is a powerful exposition of the doctrine of the supremacy of Christ and of faith in Christ as the source of salvation. It is an implicit plea to the Christians at Rome, and to all Christians, to hold fast to that faith. Deacon Michael Russo will facilitate an in-depth study of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans Saturdays from 9:30 -11:30 AM beginning Jan. 6 in the School Music Room. Please bring your Bible. For additional information, contact Deacon Michael at 288-3036 or michael.russo@atlanticbb.net. ALL ARE WELCOME!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI will hold a Fish Fry on Fri., Jan. 12 from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. Gobs and a Bake Sale will also be available. For takeout orders please call 539-3518. No phone orders will be taken after 5:00 PM.

MARDI GRAS Sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saturday, February 3, 2018 featuring "Flood City Brass" from 6:00 PM until 11:00 PM at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. Delicious Turkey Dinner, great door prizes, chances to win all evening with qualifiers, baskets, 50/50 tickets, etc. Tickets: Adults - \$20, children 6-17 - \$10, under 5 - free. "All You Can Drink" Beer bracelet for \$5.00. Cash bar available - no outside beverages. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Tickets are now on sale. Please call 539-1632 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

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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Jeff McKissick, Activities Committee
Steve Reasbeck, Education Committee
Mary Hanners, Family Life Committee
Larry Sestrich, Finance Committee
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.

