

Resurrection
Roman Catholic Parish



Saint Clare of Assisi
Catholic Church

December 31, 2023

*The Most Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

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Pastor/Administrator
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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 31, 2023

DATE	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	SITE
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
Monday, January 1 <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God;</i> <i>New Year's Day;</i> <i>World Day of Peace</i>	9:00 AM	Jackie Huff McCann and Barry Himes By Ray and Connie Huff and Family	St. Clare of Assisi
Tuesday, January 2 <i>SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>	8:00 AM	Dorothy Savering By Georgia McCall	Resurrection Church
Wednesday, January 3 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	8:00 AM	Donna Ziants By Rosie Obarsky	Resurrection Church
Thursday, January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	No Mass		
Friday, January 5 <i>St. John Neumann;</i> <i>First Friday</i>	8:00 AM	60th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rowe By Donna Genovese	Resurrection Church
Saturday, January 6 <i>St. Andre Bessette</i>	4:00 PM	Sandy Wojnaroski By Sandra Stoykovich	St. Clare of Assisi
Sunday, January 7 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance of Francis Cassidy By Family	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	Anna and Andrew Bellak By Daughter, Dorothy	Resurrection Church

This week's St. Clare of Assisi Church Sanctuary Light will burn:
For the People of the Parish

This week's Resurrection Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:
Mary Fatula By Daughters, Diane and Marian and Families

This week's Resurrection Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:
Frank Sojak Sr. By Son, Dan and Marian and Family



Calendar of Events

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



Our Churches and our homes have the scene of the newborn Child surrounded by his Mother and Joseph. Today the Church celebrates with the Holy Family. May all families be grounded in the love of the Holy Family. When parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters face tough moments at home, turn to Jesus, Mary and Joseph to find your peace. Pray for right judgement and the strength to live in harmony with the Holy Family.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: December 24, 2023

Resurrection Parish - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: Total: \$5,653.00

All Saints \$5.00	Cemetery \$51.00	Oplatki (Wafers) \$103.00
All Souls \$5.00	Christmas \$6,095.00	Peter's Pence \$5.00
Ash Wed./Mandeville \$20.00	Christmas Flowers \$15.00	Poor Box \$34.00
Black and Indian Mission \$15.00	Easter Flowers \$ 35.00	Retired Fund Religious \$35.00
Build. and Maint. \$146.00	Immaculate Conception \$29.00	Solemnity of Mary \$15.00
Catholic Charities \$1050.00	Initial Offering \$10.00	Utilities \$121.00
Candles \$205.00	Loose Offertory \$947.60	
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$14,594.60		

St. Clare of Assisi Parish - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: \$1,536.00

Candles \$147.00	Immaculate Conception \$20.00	Retired Fund Religious \$20.00
Catholic Charities \$10.00	Initial Offering \$5.00	Thanksgiving \$10.00
Christmas \$1,135.00	Loose Offertory \$440.00	Utility \$25.00
Christmas Flowers \$20.00	Oplatki (Wafers) \$28.00	
Donation \$60.00	Solemnity of Mary \$10.00	
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$3,466.00		



January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. As the early ecumenical councils of the church defined, Mary is more than just the mother of the human Jesus of Nazareth. She is much more; she is the Mother of God. Mary bore in her womb the Eternal Word of God.

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 and St. Clare of Assisi Parishes would like to wish all the parishioners and their families and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year.



The new year begins, let us pray,
It will be a year with a new peace,
New happiness, & the abundance of friends,
God bless you through out the new year

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 happy and healthy New Year!

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...

RESURRECTION PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 3

volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Tues., Jan. 2 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

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year, No Rosary

Jan. 8 - George Pisula

Jan. 15 - Joan Cammarata

Jan. 22 - Nancy Fesko

Jan. 29 - Carol Pisula

Friday

Jan. 5 - Jim and Nina Kopriva

Jan. 12 - Diane Ashbridge

Jan. 19 - Janet Yuras

Jan. 26 - Pat Barrett

Feb. 2 - Chris Rebar

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

A STUDY OF THE MASS: The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass at:

Resurrection Church Hall* beginning Jan. 12, 2024, from 8:45 to 10:15 AM and continuing every Friday for five (5) weeks.

St. Clare's school building beginning* Jan. 13, 2024, from 2:00 to 3:15 PM and continuing every Saturday for five (5) weeks.

Resurrection Church Hall* beginning Jan. 16, 2024, from 6:00 to 7:15 PM and continuing every Tuesday for five (5) weeks.

For more information or to register for the study, call Dcn. Nelson at (410) 200-7303 or via email: nelson.lowes@icloud.com. **Please register by Jan. 9.** The book and study guide are available for purchase on-line but not absolutely necessary for the class. *Specific locations TBD, stay tuned.

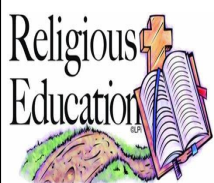
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held at Resurrection Church on Fri., Jan. 5 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Holy Hour consists of Exposition, proclamation of a Gospel reading, short homily, the Litany of the Holy Eucharist followed by silent prayer. The Holy Hour concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed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

“UNDECORATING” Sadly, the Christmas season will come to an end on January 8 with the Baptism of the Lord. The decorations will have to be taken down and packed away. If you can help, please come and lend a hand on Monday, January 8, starting at 9 AM at Resurrection Church and after the 6:30 PM Mass (after Exposition and Benediction) at St. Clare of Assisi Church. Thank you for taking the time to help.

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. 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

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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 _____

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THANK YOU to all who helped to clean the Churches for the holiday season and to all who helped with the decorating of the Churches for Christmas, In addition, thanks to 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 the Angel Trees and to the Ladies Auxiliary members and anyone who helped organizing the pick up and delivery of the gifts. God bless you for your generosity and for making someone's Christmas a little brighter.

THANK YOU to Emily Roy and all the members of the choir for sharing your time and your talents with us to celebrate the birth of the Lord.

THANK YOU to all the Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers for the precious time you spend in service to the Lord, the Church and your fellow Parishioners.

THANK YOU to all the Collection Counters for all the hours spent "taking care of business." Rain, snow or shine, you all faithfully show up and get the job done!

THANK YOU to all who bought or sold Sizzler Tickets. A special thanks to Patty Gregorchik for chairing this fundraiser. All the tickets have been sold. Remember to watch for your number beginning on January 1.

MANY THANKS to all the wonderful helpers who assisted with making the Nut and Poppy Seed Rolls. A special thank you to Mary Frances Bodek and Eileen Elders for chairing and coordinating the sales. And many thanks to all who bought rolls. God bless you all!

A SPECIAL THANKS to the "sweeties" in the Sweet Shoppe for all of their hard work and long hours dipping & selling chocolates. We appreciate all of their time spent as well as all of the "heavenly" chocolates!

A GREAT BIG THANKS to the ladies of the Sewing Ministry. Through your tireless efforts, you bring comfort to those people needing it the most, especially during the holiday season. May God bless you all!

THANK YOU to the many "elves" who helped at the Pancake Breakfast and made it a special day for the children

LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, MANY THANKS to Dan and the Maintenance Crew for all they do to keep the facilities clean and safe!

God's blessings to all of you for the giving of your time, talents and treasure for Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi Parishes!



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Maria Piro; Betsy Konar; 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

