

*Resurrection*  
Roman Catholic Parish



*Saint Clare of Assisi*  
Catholic Church

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Rev. George M. Gulash,  
Pastor/Administrator  
Dcn. Nelson E. Lowes Jr.



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**Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

MaryBeth Konieczny, Parish Secretary

Beth Thomas, Administrative Assistant

**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 thru Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

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

Dan Amrhein, Director of Maintenance for both Parishes

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

DATE	TIME	MASS/SERVICE	SITE
<b>Sunday, Dec. 1</b> <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM	Frank and Anna Seminsky By Family	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	Debbie Richards and Donna Kranzberg By Bob and Anna Kozuch	Resurrection Church
<b>Monday, Dec. 2</b>	12:00 PM	Rosary	Resurrection Church
	6:30 PM	Mary Marguccio By Family	St. Clare of Assisi
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 3</b> <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	8:00 AM	Robert Kopriva By Jim and Nina Kopriva	Resurrection Church
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 4</b> <i>St. John Damascene</i>	8:00 AM	Anna Marie Gorka By Margaret and Charlotte Ditko	Resurrection Church
<b>Thursday, Dec. 5</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Friday, Dec. 6</b> <i>St. Nicholas</i>	8:00 AM	Bill and Anna Vandrak By Daughter, Carol	Resurrection Church
	12:00 PM	Rosary	Resurrection Oratory
<b>Saturday, Dec. 7</b>	4:00 PM	Mario Stumpo By Frank Stumpo, Jr.	St. Clare of Assisi
<b>Sunday, Dec. 8</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM	Joseph Gorka By Tim and Diane Gorka	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	Francis "Beau" Beaujon By Ed and Val	Resurrection Church

**This week's St. Clare of Assisi Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:**

Ann Salata By Husband, George and Family

**This week's Resurrection Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:**

Joseph and Anna Gorka By Tim and Diane Gorka

**This week's Resurrection Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:**

John Konieczny Forever loved and missed. By Family



## Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Dec. 1** Make-up Lector Training Session 9:15 AM Resurrection Church  
No Religious Ed. Classes
- Tuesday, Dec. 3** Advent Faith-Sharing Session 6:30 PM Resurrection Oratory
- Thursday, Dec. 5** Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Resurrection Church
- Saturday, Dec. 7** Holiday Roll Baking 8:00 AM Resurrection Oratory Hall
- Sunday, Dec. 8** Pancake Breakfast after morning Masses Resurrection Church Hall  
Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 to 10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center/Oratory
- Wednesday, Dec. 11** Sewing Ministry Christmas Social 11:00 AM Sewing Room  
Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Social 5:30 PM Resurrection Church Hall
- Saturday, Dec. 14** Holiday Roll Sale 9:00 AM to Noon Resurrection Oratory Hall
- Sunday, Dec. 15** Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 to 10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center/Oratory

*Have a Beautiful and Blessed Advent Season!*

### **WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS:** November 24, 2024

#### **Resurrection Parish** - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: Total: \$3,598.00

All Saints \$17.00	Christmas \$260.00	Poor Box \$17.00
All Souls \$10.00	Christmas Flowers \$50.00	Retirement for Religious \$25.00
Build. and Maint. \$30.00	Immaculate Conception \$45.00	Thanksgiving Day \$172.00
Candles \$109.00	Loose Offertory \$332.00	Utilities \$80.00
Catholic Charities \$110.00	Map Interest \$199.35	

**TOTAL COLLECTION:** \$5,054.35

#### **St. Clare of Assisi Parish** Weekly Offertory Envelopes: \$1,625.00

Candles \$35.00	Immaculate Conception \$9.00	Retirement for Religious \$9.00
Catholic Charities \$35.00	Loose Offertory \$94.00	Thanksgiving \$128.00
Christmas \$24.00	Map Interest 2,833.74	Utility \$80.00
Christmas Flowers \$14.00	Mary, the Mother of God \$14.00	
Donation \$60.00	Organ Fund \$500.00	

**TOTAL COLLECTION:** \$5,460.74



Advent prepares us for the great celebration of Christmas. Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent Season is a period for devout and joyful expectation.

God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most. Amen.

***JUST A THOUGHT.....DO A REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR:*** The holidays can be a difficult time for many, especially for those living on a tight budget. This holiday season create a "Reverse Advent Calendar." Set up a box at home or at work and add one non-perishable food item per day, then donate to a food pantry. Help to bring a little holiday cheer to someone else.

### *Parish News...*

**THANK YOU:** We would like to extend our deep-felt gratitude to our parish family for the cards and well wishes on our 60th wedding anniversary! We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful and caring parish family! Thank you and God bless you all! Chuck and Mary Ann Rager

**#IGIVECATHOLIC** is a bishop-led initiative in collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and dozens of individual dioceses to bring the Catholic community together to inspire and support generosity. #iGiveCatholic is an independent 501c3 organization that runs the annual U.S. Catholic Church's giving day -- #iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday -- as well as the #iGiveCatholic Together platform which hosts year-round online giving for Catholic organizations as well as Catholic giving days outside of GivingTuesday, Dec. 3, 2024. Envelopes can be found in the back of the Churches.

**GET YOUR JANUARY 2025 SIZZLER CALENDAR TICKETS** before or after the Sunday Masses, at the Parish Offices, Remmco Plumbing or at Symon's Car Wash during regular business hours. You may also call Pat Gregorchik at 539-6320 for more information or to purchase Sizzlers. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket. They make wonderful Christmas and birthday gifts! **REMINDER: IF YOU HAVE SIZZLER TICKETS OUT, PLEASE TURN THEM IN A.S.A.P!**

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

**WE ARE IN THE FINAL WEEKS OF THE 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE: Please make your donations now.** All gifts received beyond the parish target amount will be used for your parish. **As of October 31, 2024 Resurrection Parish has received 15,345.00 towards the goal of \$31,643.00 and St. Clare of Assisi Parish has received 12,350.00, exceeding their goal of \$8,472.00.**

**RESURRECTION PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 3** volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Mon., Dec. 2** at the Resurrection Parish Office.

**ROSARY TIMES:** Please join us for the Rosary at the Resurrection Oratory on Mondays and Fridays at 12:00 PM. We hope to see you. A schedule of Rosary Leaders is as follows:

**Monday**

Dec. 2 - Nancy Fesko

Dec. 9 - Carol Pisula

Dec. 16 - Phil Skala

Dec. 23 - NO ROSARY

Dec. 30 - NO ROSARY

**Friday**

Dec. 6 - Pat Barrett

Dec. 13 - Chris Rebar

Dec. 20 - Jim and Nina Kopriva

Dec. 27 - NO ROSARY

Jan. 3 - NO ROSARY

**ADVENT FAITH-SHARING SESSIONS** are being conducted by Barb Dryzal on Friday mornings after the 8:00 A.M. Mass in Resurrection Church hall. Deacon Nelson will also conduct the same classes on Tuesday evenings in the Resurrection Oratory starting on December 3, at 6:30 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of Resurrection Church, however, walk-ins are always welcome.

**CHOIR REMINDER:** The next Choir Rehearsal will be held on **Thurs, Dec. 5** at 6:30 PM at Resurrection Church. New members are always welcome!! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Emily: (814) 242-4995, emilyroy411@gmail.com.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** will be held at Resurrection Church on Fri., Dec. 6 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!

**HOLIDAY BAKING:** We will be baking Pineapple Cream Cheese Rolls on Sat., Dec. 7 beginning at 8:00 AM at the Resurrection Oratory Hall. All help would be most appreciated.

**LOOK FOR THE ANGEL TREES at Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi Churches.** **Resurrection Parish** will be purchasing gifts for the children of the Cambria City Mission and the seniors of Villa Crest Personal Care Home. **St. Clare of Assisi Parish** will be purchasing gifts for the babies of The Gabriel Project. When taking a tag please remember to write the number that is on the tag in the book located by the tree, and sign your name and phone number. Please return gifts by Fri., Dec. 6 to the respective Parish Office; Sat., Dec. 7 (St. Clare gifts only) to St. Clare of Assisi Church; or Sun., Dec 8 (Resurrection Gifts only) to Resurrection Church.

**CELEBRATE THE SEASON BREAKFAST:** Please join us on Sunday, December 8 after 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses at Resurrection Church Hall as we celebrate the Season and enjoy a hearty breakfast. The cost is \$5.00 per person. All are welcome. We will have some Christmas activities for the children.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** will be celebrated on Mon., Dec. 9. It IS a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Mon., Dec. 9 at 8:00 AM at St. Clare of Assisi Church and at 6:30 PM at Resurrection Church.

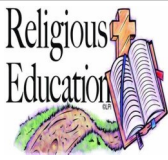
**THE SEWING GROUP** will meet on Wed., Dec. 11 at 11:00 AM for a Christmas celebration in **THE SEWING ROOM (former Sweet Shoppe).**

**THE LADIES' AUXILIARY** will hold their Christmas Social for members on Wed., Dec. 11, starting at 5:30 PM at Resurrection Hall. Members are reminded to bring a side dish or dessert (and bottle of Christmas cheer, if you like!) to share as well as a Christmas exchange gift (\$10 in value – if you wish to participate in the exchange).

**RESURRECTION HOLIDAY ROLL SALE** will be held on Sat., Dec. 14 from 9:00 AM to noon at Resurrection Oratory Hall. Pick up some Nut, Poppy Seed and Pineapple Cream Cheese Rolls for the Christmas season.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Volunteers are needed as we will be doing cleaning at Resurrection Church for the Christmas Season on Tuesday, December 17 starting at 8:30 AM Please consider sharing your time and talent! Many hands make light work! Cleaning usually takes only about 1 – 1 ½ hours. Any help is greatly appreciated!

**THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet on Sun., Jan. 12 at 4:00 PM in the Sewing Room (former Sweet Shoppe). We will be discussing "*Joy To The World*" by Scott Hahn. Looking ahead, our next read will be "*The Three Ordinary Voices of God*" by Matthew Kelly.



Sun., Dec. 1 - **NO CLASSES - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Sun., Dec. 8 - Religious Education 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall

Sun., Dec. 15 - Religious Education 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall

Sun., Dec. 22 - **NO CLASSES - MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Sun., Dec. 29 - **NO CLASSES - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**2024 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE THEIR 2024 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 \_\_\_\_\_



St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber, Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 PM

St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Sunday, December 15, 2:00 PM

St. Benedict Church, Sunday, December 15, 5:00 PM

Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Monday, December 16, 6:00 PM and Tuesday, December 17, 6:00 PM

Visitation of the B.V.M. Church, Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Windber, Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 PM

St. Patrick Church, Thursday, December 19, 6:00 PM



**PUBLIC ROSARY:** We will be lifting our prayers for keeping Christ in Christmas on Thurs., Dec. 12 at 6:30 PM at St. Clement Church and Sat., Dec. 14 at **11:30 AM (Please note the time change.)** in Central Park, Downtown Johnstown. Please join us.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Cindy Kris; Premie twins, Michael Anthony Eppolito III and Sophia Marie Eppolito; Rosalia Pietrolungo; Margie Duranko; Ed Tursic; Nicholas Booth; Baby Max Turley; David Cross; Eric Rozich; Joe Rozich; Pat Meagher; Rita Piro; Mary Falvo; Chris Klopfer; Florence Urbassik; Mary Ann Bellak; Dembrosky Family; Michelle Burns; Richard Foor; Kathy Raymer Hurley and Family; Mary Chonko; Debbie; Christine Freed; Maria Piro; Betsy Konar; Jim Kris; Sue Eppley; Ashlee Fecko; Nellie Adkins; Jane Goodwin; Mary Roberts; Michelle C.; Sandy Karas; Lois DiBuono; Chuck Schmidt; Nicole; Manny Layman; Helen Khula; April Skalek; Margaret Murray; Joe Cenko; James Piro; Margaret Kovach, Marty Vrabel; George Salata; Caroline Fetzko; Ann Hoffman; Verbine Family and Friends; Fran Findley; Mary Lynch; Joseph Gregorchik; Kay Komar; Rita Ozog; Charlotte Fesko; and all blessed blanket recipients including: Dezi; Baby Kissell; Shirley H.; Juliana; Baby Little; Kim Waddel; Helen Gagan; Flo Bischok; Paul Ferbiak; Mary Fabo; Julie Bogs; Carol Laugard; Jim Milla; Mary H. Miller; Rosemary Oswalt; Ray Lingly; Allie; Neysa C.; and all Down Syndrome patients. If you would like someone

**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](mailto:jbg213@atlanticbb.net)

