

Resurrection
Roman Catholic Parish

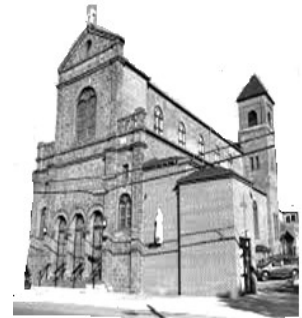
Saint Clare of Assisi
Catholic Church

December 8, 2024



2nd 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
Sunday, Dec. 8 <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
Monday, Dec. 9 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	8:00 AM	Ann Salata By Husband, George and Family	St. Clare of Assisi
	12:00 PM	Rosary	Resurrection Oratory
	6:30 PM	The People of the Parish	Resurrection Church
Tuesday, Dec. 10 <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	8:00 AM	Marlin and Mary Miller By Family	Resurrection Church
Wednesday, Dec. 11 <i>St. Damasus I</i>	8:00 AM	Edward Mesnak By Ray and Andrea Vargo	Resurrection Church
Thursday, Dec. 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	No Mass		
Friday, Dec. 13 <i>St. Lucy</i>	8:00 AM	Eric Moran By Joanne Mayancsik	Resurrection Church
	12:00 PM	Rosary	Resurrection Oratory
Saturday, Dec. 14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	4:00 PM	Teresa Arena By Sons and Families	St. Clare of Assisi
Sunday, Dec. 15 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Julia Skala By the Kaplaniak and Horner Families	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	Richard Dembrosky By Wife and Family	Resurrection Church

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

Mary Marguccio By Family

This week’s Resurrection Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:

Marlin and Mary Miller By Family

This week’s Resurrection Oratory Sanctuary Light will burn for:

A Special Intention



Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Dec. 8** Pancake Breakfast after morning Masses Resurrection Church Hall
 Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 to 10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center/Oratory
- Monday, Dec. 9** **PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**
- Tuesday, Dec. 10** Advent Faith-Sharing Session 6:30 PM Resurrection Oratory
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Resurrection Church
- Wednesday, Dec. 11** Sewing Ministry Christmas Social 11:00 AM Sewing Room
 Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Social 5:30 PM Resurrection Church Hall
- Thursday, Dec. 12** Women of the Bible Discussion 6:00 PM Resurrection Oratory
- Friday, Dec. 13** Advent Faith-Sharing Session after 8:00 AM Mass 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
- Tuesday, Dec. 17** Church Cleaning 8:30 AM Resurrection Church
 Advent Faith-Sharing Session 6:30 PM Resurrection Oratory
- Thursday, Dec. 19** Platform set-up 8:30 AM Meet at Resurrection's 8th Ave. Garage
 Women of the Bible Discussion 6:00 PM Resurrection Oratory
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Resurrection Church

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: December 1, 2024

Resurrection Parish - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: Total: \$3,907.00

All Saints \$25.00	Christmas \$53.00	Poor Box \$13.00
All Souls \$25.00	Christmas Flowers \$323.00	Retirement for Religious \$101.00
Build. and Maint. \$191.00	Immaculate Conception \$53.00	Thanksgiving Day \$712.00
Candles \$135.00	Loose Offertory \$234.00	Utilities \$91.00
Catholic Charities \$10.00	Oplatki \$36.00	Word Among Us \$29.00
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$5,938.00		

St. Clare of Assisi Parish Weekly Offertory Envelopes: \$706.00

Candles \$65.00	Donation \$85.00	Mary, the Mother of God \$10.00
Christmas \$25.00	Immaculate Conception \$10.00	Thanksgiving \$60.00
Christmas Flowers \$255.00	Loose Offertory \$89.00	Utility \$10.00
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$1,315.00		



Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the remembrance of the Lord's first coming and, also, recalling his final coming in glory at the end of time. There are many preparations for Christmas that demand our time and attention. Make sure to fill your Advent days with prayerful preparation. Read scripture, pray the rosary with special attention to the Joyful Mysteries and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Advent is a time of hope and faith.



Monday, December 9 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Following guidelines recently given by the Vatican, all Holy Days, regardless if they fall on a Saturday or a Monday, must retain their obligation. **THEREFORE, THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

This feast celebrates that she, who was to bear the Incarnate Word of God, was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception. Our country places itself under the protection of our patroness, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. Please honor our Blessed Mother by attending Mass and by praying the Rosary.

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 at 8:00 AM at St. Clare of Assisi Church and at 6:30 PM at Resurrection Church. The Parish Offices will be closed.

Parish News...

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.

2025 SIZZLER CALENDAR TICKETS are still available (limited supply)! If you have tickets out, please return them to Patty Gregorchik or the Resurrection Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you!

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

RESURRECTION PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 1 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Mon., Dec. 9** 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. 9 - Carol Pisula

Dec. 16 - Phil Skala

Dec. 23 - NO ROSARY

Dec. 30 - NO ROSARY

Friday

Dec. 13 - Chris Rebar

Dec. 20 - Jim and Nina Kopriva

Dec. 27 - NO ROSARY

Jan. 3 - NO ROSARY

CHOIR REMINDER: The next Choir Rehearsal will be held on **Tues. Dec. 10** 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.

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE meets on Thursdays at 6:00 PM at Resurrection Oratory. For Advent, our discussions will focus on the series **REJOICE, FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE ADVENT STORY**. Join us in preparing to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas.

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 at 6:30 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of Resurrection Church, however, walk-ins are welcome.

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. We will have extra Pineapple Cream Cheese Rolls.

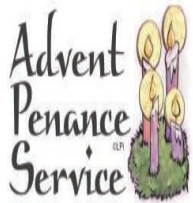
RESURRECTION CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers are needed as we will be doing cleaning at Resurrection Church for the Christmas Season on Tuesday, December 17 starting at 8:30 AM Please consider sharing your time and talent! Many hands make light work! Cleaning usually takes only about 1 – 1 ½ hours. Any help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

RESURRECTION CHURCH DECORATING: Initial setup of platform will take place on Thursday, December 19. Please meet Dan at the 8th Ave. garage at 8:30 AM. Final decorating will take place on Sunday, December 22, starting at 1:00 PM. Any and all help would be appreciated on both days.

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH DECORATING will take place on Monday, Dec. 23 after 6:30 PM Mass. All help is welcomed and 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.

LECTORS: The 2025 *Workbooks for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word* are available. Lectors can pick up their copies in their respective sacristy.



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

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2024 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TAX PURPOSES PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR BRING TO THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

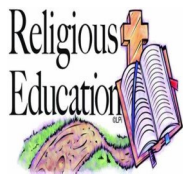
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Sun., Dec. 8 - Religious Education 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall

Sat., Dec. 14 - ***Service Hours Opportunity*** The Bottle Works is having “The Oh, So Artsy Holiday Party” from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. **They are asking volunteers to be there from 2:30 to 5:30 PM for set up and clean up.** The party is a free community event. They will provide arts & crafts projects, holiday shopping with art vendors, face painters and a visit from Santa. They are looking for volunteers for the arts & crafts , snack bar and handing out gift bags and such.

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!**

Sun., Jan. 5 - Religious Education 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall



Resurrection Parish and St. Clare of Assisi Parish Holiday Mass Schedule:

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 PM at Resurrection Church

Wednesday, December 25, 12:00 Midnight at Resurrection Church

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 AM at St. Clare of Assisi Church

The Parish Offices will be closed Tues., Dec. 24 thru Fri., Dec. 27.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31, 5:00 PM at Resurrection Church

Wednesday, January 1, 9:00 AM at St. Clare of Assisi Church

The Parish Offices will be closed Tues., Dec. 31 and Wed., Jan. 1.



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; 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 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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Resurrection 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

