

Resurrection
Roman Catholic Parish

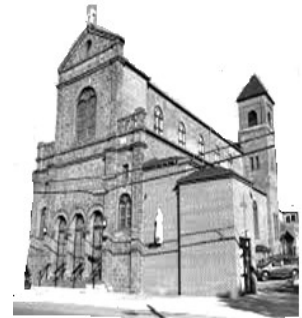


Saint Clare of Assisi
Catholic Church

December 22, 2024

4th 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. 22 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM	Helen Venglarchik By Tom and Joyce Elias	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	Rose Ann Zorn By Husband, Joe; Children; and Grandchildren	Resurrection Church
Monday, Dec. 23 <i>St. John of Kanty</i>	6:30 PM	No Rosary Scott Angello By Mr. and Mrs. Denny Holtzman	Resurrection Oratory St. Clare of Assisi
Tuesday, Dec. 24 <i>Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	4:00 PM	Rose Draksler By Daughter, Caroline	Resurrection Church
Wednesday, Dec. 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	12:00 AM	Midnight Mass - Joseph and Amelia Kolar By Family	Resurrection Church
	9:00 AM	People of the Parish	
Thursday, Dec. 26 <i>St. Stephen</i>	No Mass		
Friday, Dec. 27 <i>St. John</i>	8:00 AM	Matt Isenberg By Georgie and Family No Rosary	Resurrection Church Resurrection Oratory
Saturday, Dec. 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	4:00 PM	Louis Cigich By Family	St. Clare of Assisi
Sunday, Dec. 29 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>	8:00 AM	Deceased of the Cassidy Family By Frannie	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	Sally and Joseph Kozuch By Children	Resurrection Church

This week's St. Clare of Assisi Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:
Sam Manganello By Family

This week's Resurrection Church Sanctuary Light will burn for:
John Foltin By Daughter, Connie Yon

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



Calendar of Events

Sunday, Dec. 22 NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES

Church Decorating 1:00 PM Resurrection Church

Monday, Dec. 23 Church Decorating After 6:30 PM Mass St. Clare of Assisi Church

Tuesday, Dec. 24 thru Friday, Dec. 27 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, Dec. 29 NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES

Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 1 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Sunday, Jan. 5 Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 to 10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center/Oratory

Sunday, Jan. 12 Religious Ed. Classes 9:00 to 10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center/Oratory
 Book Discussion Group 4:00 PM The Sewing Room



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS: December 15, 2024

Resurrection Parish - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: Total: \$3,554.00

All Saints \$2.00	Christmas \$\$800.00	Poor Box \$37.00
All Souls \$2.00	Christmas Flowers \$135.00	Retirement for Religious \$172.00
Build. and Maint. \$55.00	Immaculate Conception \$989.00	Thanksgiving Day \$10.00
Candles \$91.00	Loose Offertory \$370.00	Utilities \$241.00
Catholic Charities \$5.00	Oplatki \$53.00	Word Among Us \$2.00
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$6,518.00		

St. Clare of Assisi Parish Weekly Offertory Envelopes: \$1,461.00

Candles \$77.00	Immaculate Conception \$90.00	Retirement for Religious \$125.00
Christmas \$135.00	Loose Offertory \$73.00	Thanksgiving \$25.00
Christmas Flowers \$75.00	Mary, Mother of God \$50.00	
Donation \$45.00	Oplatki \$45.00	
TOTAL COLLECTION: \$2,191.00		



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...



Thank you for all that you do !!

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 and blessed 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...

RESURRECTION CHURCH DECORATING: 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.

RESURRECTION PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS: Group 3 volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on Mon., Dec. 23 at the Resurrection Parish Office.

WE ARE IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THE 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION, PLEASE DO SO NOW. PLEASE MAIL DIRECTLY TO THE DIOCESE BEFORE DECEMBER 31. As of November 30, 2024, Resurrection Parish has received \$16,180.00 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.

2025 SIZZLER CALENDAR TICKETS ARE ALL GONE: If you have tickets out, please return them to Patty Gregorchik or the Resurrection Parish Office as soon as possible.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE JANUARY 5 BULLETIN are due in to the Parish Offices by **Monday, December 30 at 9:00 AM.**

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. 23 - NO ROSARY

Dec. 30 - NO ROSARY

Jan. 6 - Nancy Fesko

Friday

Dec. 27 - NO ROSARY

Jan. 3 - NO ROSARY

Jan. 10 - Pat Barrett

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

NUT, NUT WITH RAISINS AND POPPY SEED ROLLS ARE AVAILABLE to purchase at the Resurrection Parish Office. The cost is \$15.00 per roll. Limited supply.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held at Resurrection Church on Fri., Jan. 3 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!

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.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION is held the 2nd Monday of each month after the 6:30 PM Mass at St. Clare of Assisi Church. All are welcome on Mon, Jan. 13 to attend.

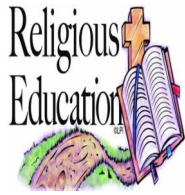


Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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.



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

Sun., Jan. 12 - Religious Education 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall

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.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ 2024 ENVELOPE NUMBER _____



ALL SAINTS PARISH, Boswell, Pa., will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Koledy or Pastoralki) on Sun., Jan. 5 at 2:00 PM at their church (325 Quemahoning St., Boswell). The hymns will be sung by their Polish choir. Following the singing of the hymns, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. Koledy captures some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. 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 All Saints Parish Office at 814-629-5551.

QUEEN OF ANGELS PARISH, Central City, will host a bus pilgrimage on Sat., Jan. 11 to visit the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh as well as two historic ethnic parishes. The Nationality Rooms, uniquely adorned with accurate architecture and furnishings from thirty-one different nationalities, are a true treasure of Western Pennsylvania. Following the tour, Mass will be celebrated at the "Polish Cathedral of Pittsburgh," Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, after which there will be a tour of historic St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church in Pittsburgh's Greenfield neighborhood. The cost is \$70.00 per person and includes dinner. Bus pick-up locations are: Central City, Boswell, and Latrobe. To register please call Queen of Angels Parish at 814-754-5224.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Dee Young; Victor Flores; 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 Oswald; 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

Bridget Sarosi, Chairperson	Joseph Rizzo, Vice-Chairperson
Laura Angello	Connie Huff
Ezio DiFrancesco	Lucille Piro
Pete Furfari	Michelle Stutzman
Mike Hudec	

Resurrection Parish Council

Carol Pisula, Chairperson	Pat Barrett, Vice-Chairperson
Kathy Hanners Secretary	Lynn Popovich
Gail Blough	Rich Price
Brande Conway	Barry Sirko
Ben Gagan	Faith Thomas
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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

