

*Resurrection*  
Roman Catholic Parish

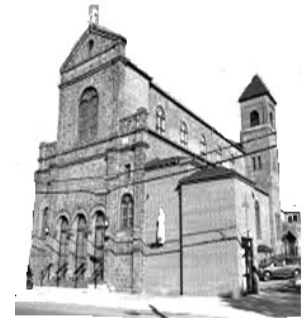


*Saint Clare of Assisi*  
Catholic Church

December 29, 2024

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

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

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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. 29 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>	8:00 AM	Deceased of the Cassidy Family By Frannie Findley	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	Sally and Joseph Kozuch By Children	Resurrection Church
Monday, Dec. 30	6:30 PM	No Rosary Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pinna By Daughter, Lena Verhovsek	Resurrection Oratory St. Clare of Assisi
Tuesday, Dec. 31 St. Sylvester; <i>Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>	8:00 AM	People of the Parish	Resurrection Church
	5:00 PM	Nicholas Duray By Sister, Marge Murray	Resurrection Church
Wednesday, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, <i>Mother of God</i>	9:00 AM	People of the Parish	St. Clare of Assisi
Thursday, Jan 2 <i>SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>	No Mass		
Friday, Jan 3 <i>Holy Name of Jesus First Friday</i>	8:00 AM	Larry Oravetz By Cousin, Rita Kissel No Rosary	Resurrection Church Resurrection Oratory
	6:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Resurrection Church
Saturday, Jan 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	4:00 PM	Helen Hudec By Carmellina Wyrwas and Family	St. Clare of Assisi
Sunday, Jan 5 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00 AM	Rose Draksler By Daughter, Caroline	Resurrection Church
	10:30 AM	John Barley By Georgie and Family	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:**  
Frank Sojak, Sr. By Dan, Marian and Family



**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, Dec. 29 NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES**

**Tuesday, Dec. 31 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

**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

Breakfast After morning Masses Resurrection Church Hall

Book Discussion Group 4:00 PM The Sewing Room



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 22, 2024**

**Resurrection Parish** - Weekly Offertory Envelopes: Total: \$3,826.00

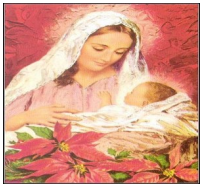
Build. and Maint. \$85.00	Immaculate Conception \$20.00	Poor Box \$4.00
Candles \$60.00	Initial Offering \$5.00	Retirement for Religious \$20.00
Cemetery \$20.00	Loose Offertory \$255.00	Utilities \$113.00
Christmas \$462.00	Mary, Mother of God \$10.00	Word Among Us \$5.00
Christmas Flowers \$35.00	Oplatki \$229.00	

**TOTAL COLLECTION: \$5,149.00**

**St. Clare of Assisi Parish** Weekly Offertory Envelopes: \$1,365.00

Candles \$27.00	Donation \$50.00	Mary, Mother of God \$30.00
Christmas \$370.00	Immaculate Conception \$40.00	
Christmas Flowers \$30.00	Loose Offertory \$78.00	

**TOTAL COLLECTION: \$1,990.00**



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.*



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 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 COUN-**

**TERS: Group 1** volunteers are scheduled to count the collection on **Mon., Dec. 30** 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 BY 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.

**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. 30 - NO ROSARY

Jan. 6 - Nancy Fesko

Jan. 13 - Carol Pisula

**Friday**

Jan. 3 - NO ROSARY

Jan. 10 - Pat Barrett

Jan. 17 - Chris Rebar

**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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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 NEXT BREAKFAST** will be held on Sun., Jan. 12 after the morning Masses in Resurrection Church Hall. **French Toast and Sausage will be on the menu.** 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.



**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, Poppy Seed and Pineapple Rolls. A special thank you to Mary Frances Bodek, Eileen Elders and Carol Burkardt for chairing and coordinating the sales. And many thanks to all who bought rolls.

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

**THANK YOU** to our DRE and all the catechists for being "Guiding Lights" and showing our children and young people the path to God's love. **AND THANK YOU** to the students for the beautiful Christmas cards you made for those in need of some Christmas cheer.

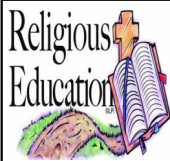
**THANK YOU** to the many "elves" who helped at the Pancake Breakfast and made it a special day for the children

**THANK YOU** to all who donated Christmas and Greeting cards throughout the year for the residents at the area nursing homes to send to their loved ones. Your kindness was appreciated. Many thanks to Debbie and Carol for chairing this important ministry.



**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!**



**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

**Sun., Jan. 19** - Religious Education 9:00-10:15 AM Resurrection Parish Center, Oratory Hall

**Sat., Jan. 25** - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Baptism Retreat 1:30-4:30 PM St. Benedict's School gym. Parents are required to attend retreats



**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.



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

