

Resurrection Parish



December 10, 2023, Second Sunday of Advent



St. John Capistran Church

Address: 1610 McMillan Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15241
Parish Office: 412-221-6275



St. Thomas More Church

Address: 126 Fort Couch Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15241
Parish Office: 412-833-0031
Ave Maria Academy: 412-833-1412

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. John Capistran
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Weekdays: 8:30 am
Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm

St. Thomas More
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am
Weekdays & Saturday: 11:30 am
Wednesday: 8:45 am (school Mass)
Confessions: Saturday 9:00-10:00 am



Please welcome our New Parishioners:

The Mooney Family

*May they feel the warmth of Christ
in our Parish Community.*

*To our parishioners and visitors, our
friends, neighbors, Catholics and
non-Catholics: We're so glad you
are here! If you have any questions
about the Mass, church membership,
or want to speak with a priest, please
call one of the parish offices.*



Recently welcomed into our Christian
Community through Baptism:

Hayden James Haluska,
son of Matt & Holly Haluska

Geno Matthew Bettwy,
son of Adam & Kaitlyn Bettwy

Liliana Grace Nicholls,
daughter of Austin & Susie Nicholls

Audra Mary Lynch,
daughter of Kyle & Suzanne Lynch

*Please pray for our newly baptized,
their Parents & Godparents.*

Rest in Peace

Pray for our recently deceased:

Jeanne M. McKenna
Raymond W. Wirth

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Please keep their loved ones in prayer.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24th Mass Schedule:



4:00 p.m. - St. Thomas More: Church & FLC

5:00 p.m. - St. John Capistran

9:00 p.m. - St. John Capistran

Midnight/12:00 a.m. - St. Thomas More



Christmas Day, Monday December 25th Mass Schedule:

9:30 a.m. - St. Thomas More

11:00 a.m. - St. John Capistran

The Parish offices will be closed

Friday, December 22 through Monday, January 1
in honor of the Christmas holiday.

The offices will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

There will be limited hours and staff during this time.

On behalf of the clergy and staff of Resurrection Parish,
we wish you a very merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

Regularly scheduled Sunday Masses will still be held on

Sunday, December 24th:

STM - 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

SJC - 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

REFLECTION

Pastor's Letter

The Deacon's Desk...



With slightly over two weeks until Christmas, our minds are undoubtedly racing with our to-do lists, coupled by a sense of nostalgia regarding places, experiences, or people who have touched our lives.

Whether we are envisioning a Norman Rockwell style of Christmas, recalling past Christmas shopping trips downtown to Gimbel's, Horne's, Kaufmann's, or to the once-vibrant Greengate and Century III Malls, fondly remembering our experiences at a B.E. Taylor Christmas show, or missing a loved one who is no longer with us, we often yearn for a sense of normalcy in our lives and the familiarity of days gone by, especially at Christmas.

While we may not recognize it, what we are searching for is a sense of home. We are yearning for the sights, smells, laughs, and embraces that made us feel loved and at peace in the world. And while we nostalgically search for that sense of "home" to fill the void in our hearts, the solution for our quest lies in our understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

The Christmas Gospel that you will hear in a couple of weeks may sound quite familiar. In fact, as children, it's probably one of the first Scripture readings that we encountered as our family gathered around the TV and watched *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. But as children, most of us probably didn't realize that we were listening to a passage from the Gospel of Luke.

As Charlie Brown was searching for the meaning of Christmas, the answer came from an unexpected source, when Linus quoted the Gospel of Luke 2:8-14 saying: *"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this [shall be] a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men".* When he was finished, Linus turns and says, *"That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown"*.

When we embrace the true meaning of Christmas, we are swaddled in the peace of Christ and the realization that the true home we are searching for is with God. And there is no better place to experience our true home than at Mass and in the intimacy of receiving our Lord in the Eucharist. When we do, we can't wait to experience this joy every day of our lives.

So, *Come Home for Christmas...* and stay awhile! Invite others to *Come Home* with you, so that they too may experience the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the warm embrace of family that radiates from The Body of Christ. And that's what Christmas is all about!

- Deacon Joe Kralik



The Light is On for You
Advent Confessions
Wednesday, December 13th
6:00-8:00 p.m.
At both St. John Capistran
and St. Thomas More.



Traveling for the holidays? Don't forget to take Resurrection Parish with you! You can livestream the weekend and holiday Masses on our YouTube channel. Just subscribe or tune-in to
[YouTube.com/@ResurrectionPGH/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@ResurrectionPGH/streams)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 2nd Sunday of Advent

STM 8:00 am Jerome McKinney & Fred White by Lowicki Family

SJC 9:00 am Dave Conn by Wally & Kathy Enick

STM 9:30 am Christine & Nick Allegro by Sue & Bill Trozzo

SJC 11:00 am Dorothy Smith by Family

STM 11:30 am For the Parishioners

Monday, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope

SJC 8:30 am Rocky Totino by the Ladies of Charity

STM 11:30 am Joyce Senecal by Patti D'Aurora

Tuesday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

SJC 8:30 am Conversion of Family by Jim & Denise DeCapria

STM 11:30 am In Memory of Chuck Harrison by Kate Harrison

Wednesday, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

SJC 8:30 am Linda Awad by Karl & Maureen Rykaczewski

STM 8:45 am Jim Metz by Podkul Family

STM 11:30 am Ron Ponist by Joan Kelley

**Thursday, December 14,
St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

SJC 8:30 am Anne C. Pierdiluca by Nahorski Family

STM 11:30 am Domenic & Fortuna Stracci by Carmena Stracci

Friday, December 15

SJC 8:30 am Francis W. Lippert, Jr. by Family

STM 11:30 am Grace Isabella Sgroi Gaita by Daddy & Mommy

Saturday, December 16

STM 11:30 am Deceased Members of the Richetti Family
by Bosh Family

Saturday, December 16, Vigil Masses

STM 4:00 pm William & Phyllis Poole by Hannan Family

SJC 5:00 pm Virginia Burns by Sr. Jeanne Rodgers, SSJ

Sunday, December 17, 2023, 3rd Sunday of Advent

STM 8:00 am For the Parishioners

SJC 9:00 am Arthur Tambucci by Sarah Tambucci

STM 9:30 am Anna, Anthony, & Michael Rigano
by David & Rina Constantine

SJC 11:00 am Donato John DiNello by DiNello Family

STM 11:30 am Tom Conley by Bob & Katie Zimmerman



*The Sanctuary candle is lit this week
at SJC in memory of Cathy Young
by Young Family*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Lamb of God Chapel at St. Thomas More
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 24/6**



- Open Sunday after 11:30am Mass to
Saturday before 4:00pm Mass

- Vianney Cenacle, 12:00pm Saturdays:
Holy Hour for the
Sanctification of Priests

- Rosary at 12:00pm weekdays
and during Cenacle

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00pm daily

- Children's Hour, Tuesday 10:00am: Nursery & Chapel

- Nocturnal Adoration, 10:00pm to 6:00am
(scheduled adorers)

www.resurrectionpgh.org/adoration

Questions: stm@adorationmanager.com

To Love as Jesus Loved

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz, the founder of the World
Villages for Children, writes:

*As St. John the Evangelist writes, "Love comes from
God." It comes from God, not from us. Charity belongs
to God, not to us. St. Paul also says, "Charity is the
greatest charism, the greatest gift." We must
constantly and fervently seek this gift... and it is in the
Eucharist. We must constantly seek this especially in
Holy Communion and when we adore the Eucharist.*

*In similar vein, St. Paul writes, "The love of Christ is
poured into our hearts by the Spirit." Again it comes
from without, each time we receive Jesus in communion
and we go to adoration, there is a new Pentecost. Jesus
comes and pours this spirit of love into our hearts...*

*The Eucharist is the heart and center of our life. Our
prayer should be focused on the Eucharist, in
communion and in adoration; they are in effect one and
the same prayer. And this Eucharist is the bread of life,
it stimulates us, it stirs up within us the will, the
desire to work, to do something for Jesus. It is a bread
of love also... And the result is this overflowing joy,
which Jesus gives.*

*From this little piece of bread goes forth this energy
and power to love as Jesus loved, and this is the
greatest energy and the greatest power on earth.*

www.resurrectionpgh.org/adoration

WHAT'S HAPPENING | MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sunday, December 10, 2023

- 9:15am Religious Education Classes (STM Classrooms)
- 9:30am RCIA (Utopia) | RCIC (Youth Room)

Monday, December 11, 2023

- 9:30am Ladies of Charity (Capistran Hall)
- 10:00am Book Discussion Group (Utopia)
- 4:30pm King's Singers Rehearsal (STM Church)
- 6:00pm Joyful Noise Ringers Rehearsal (STM Church)
- 6:30pm Hearts with Hammers (Rooney Room)
- 6:30pm Cursillo Ultreya Christmas Meeting (Chelsea)
- 7:00pm RCIA (STM Parish Library)
- 7:00pm MOMS Advent Rosary & Dinner (STM Church)

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

- 6:00am More's Men (Rooney Room & Online)
- 9:30am Lectionary Study Group (Rooney Room)
- 9:30am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (SJC Atriums)
- 10:00am Childcare/Children's Adoration Hour (Ch.Care/LOG Chapel)
- 4:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (SJC Atriums)
- 6:00pm Lunches for the Hungry Preparation (AMA Café)
- 7:00pm Crash Course on the Catechism (Capistran Hall)
- 7:30pm Living Spirit Choir Rehearsal (SJC Church)

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- 9:00am Liturgy of the Hours (SJC Church Cry Room)
- 9:30am Two's Together (Childcare Room)
- 5:30pm Religious Education Classes (STM Classrooms)
- 6:00pm Light is On for You Advent Confessions (SJC & STM)
- 7:00pm Advent Bible Study (online)

Thursday, December 14, 2023

- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours (SJC Church)
- 4:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (SJC Atriums)
- 6:00pm Evening of Recollection (FLC)
- 7:00pm Adoration Committee Rosary (STM Narthex)
- 7:00pm Canticle Choir Rehearsal (STM Church)

Friday, December 15, 2023

- 9:00am Liturgy of the Hours (SJC Church Cry Room)

Saturday, December 16, 2023

- 8:30am Awake & Pray Advent Retreat Day (SJC Church/Hall)
- 9:00am Reconciliation (STM Church)
- 4:00pm Reconciliation (SJC Church)
- 6:00pm Renew the I Do Christmas Bash (STM Church/FLC)

RESURRECTION PARISH LADIES OF CHARITY MONTHLY MEETING

Capistran Hall
Monday, December 11th at 9:30 a.m.
All Ladies of the Parish Welcome
For more information about the Ladies of Charity
contact us at resparloc@gmail.com.

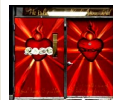


A Single Thread, a novel by Tracy Chevalier, is the topic for the **Monday, December 11th** meeting of the **Resurrection Parish Book Discussion Group**. In 1932 after the Great War took both her beloved brother and her fiancé, Violet Speedwell has become a "surplus woman" and is doomed to spinsterhood. Meetings are held in the Utopia Room of the STM Family Life Center from 10:00 a.m. until noon the 2nd Monday of the month. All are welcome.



Advent MOMS Rosary and Dinner Monday, December 11 at 7pm St. Thomas More

Take an evening to get away and pray the rosary with other moms - then enjoy a nice dinner in the Family Life Center



Red Door Lunches for the Hungry Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00 p.m., Ave Maria Cafeteria

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, we make PB&J sandwiches which will be delivered to the Red Door program at St. Mary of Mercy Parish downtown. (Background clearances are needed to participate.)

No sign-up required...please just join us!

We also have an at-home portion of this ministry. Pack snack bags at home, drop them off at either campus of the parish at a designated time, and we will transport them to the Red Door for distribution. (No clearances needed!)

Contact Ann Rhodes at rhodesann@comcast.net or 412-596-2876 for sign-up information.



An opportunity to study God's Word: We will gather on **Monday, December 18th** from 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Reardon Room to discuss the document *The Word of God in the Life of the Church*; then explore the Gospel of Mark, verse by verse. Join us in person or on Zoom. Contact Vera Park at parkmont1293@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



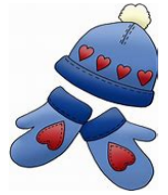
Advent Service Opportunity: Today is the last day to donate new hats, socks, and gloves (adult sizes only) to benefit the homeless. Many thanks to all who generously donated to help the homeless in our community.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Advent Morning of Service! Great fun was had by all as we shared our time and talent to make thoughtful Christmas gift bags and to write Christmas cards for our elderly parishioners and residents of Mt. Lebanon Rehabilitation & Wellness Center.



We will be collecting adult sizes of **New Hats, Socks & Gloves** for the Homeless



**Sunday, November 26 thru
Sunday, December 10**

There will be a box outside our RE office @
STM and one at
SJC Church and STM Church
Thank you!



MUSIC MINISTRY



Daniel Kovacic, Director of Music
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Jon Runion, Associate Director of Music
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Resurrection Parish Ministry of Music

Presents:

Festival of Scripture and Song

Friday, January 5, 2024

7:30 p.m., St. John Capistran Church
1610 McMillan Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Daniel F. Kovacic, Director of Music
Jon Runion, Associate Director of Music

Canticle Choir
Living Spirit Choir
The King's Singers

Christmas Season Music Schedule

Christmas Vigil (December 24, 2023)

4:00 PM (St. Thomas More) - The King's Singers and Joyful Noise Ringers

5:00 PM (St. John Capistran) - Organ, Oboe, Cantors

9:00 PM (St. John Capistran) - Trumpet Duet, Organ, and Cantors
Prelude begins at 8:30 PM.

Christmas Day (December 25, 2023)

12:00 AM (St. Thomas More) - Canticle Choir and Brass Quintet
Prelude begins at 11:30 PM.

9:30 AM (St. Thomas More) - Organ, Flute, Trumpet, Cantor

11:00 AM (St. John Capistran) - Living Spirit Choir
Prelude begins at 10:40 AM.

Feast of the Holy Family (December 31, 2023)

9:00 AM (St. John Capistran) - St. Cecilia Schola

11:30 AM (St. Thomas More) - Resounding Grace Ringers

AROUND OUR PARISH

Finance Feature

LEGACY GIFTS

Any donor can plan a legacy gift regardless of current assets or income.

Naming the parish in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy or IRA is a way for any parishioner to bless future generations through a legacy gift and support the ministry of the church.

How do you make a legacy gift? For most types of assets, you include a clause or covenant in your will designating that either a specific amount or perhaps a percentage of your assets be given to the Parish after your will has been probated. For other assets, such as retirement accounts, life insurance and some bank and brokerage accounts, the beneficiary form determines who receives these assets.

How different assets are treated for taxes should be a consideration in deciding which assets to designate for a legacy gift. For example, distributions from IRA accounts will generate taxable income to the beneficiary which, under current law, could be over a period as short as ten years. In determining your legacy gift, you might also consider that Pennsylvania has an inheritance tax with significant taxes (ranging from 4.5% to 15%) when the estate is left to a non-spouse beneficiary. The Church is exempt from both the income and inheritance taxes.

Please consider a legacy gift to the Parish as part of your Estate planning.



Online Giving Cards There are now cards available, in the pews at St. Thomas More and on the entrance tables at St. John Capistran, for those who participate in Online Giving and would like to 'take part' in placing something in the Offertory collection.

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2023 Contribution Statements



Resurrection Parish will from now on send contribution statements for tax purposes **BY REQUEST ONLY**. To request a 2023 Contribution Statement to be mailed or emailed to you, please send your request to:

TaxLetter@resurrectionpgh.org

Be sure to provide your:

Full Name
Current Address &
Current Email Address
Tax Year

or, mail your request to

ATTN: Tax Statement Request
126 Fort Couch Rd
Pittsburgh PA 15241

NO requests by PHONE CALL, PLEASE!

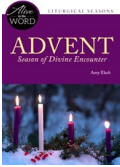
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AROUND OUR PARISH

Advent – Season of Divine Encounter

Advent ZOOM Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.



The Lectionary Study Group (regularly Tuesday mornings at STM) will be offering a special online book study for Advent. Advent: Season of Divine Encounter by Amy Ekeh is a reflection on the various “comings” of Christ.

Geoffrey Schnieder will facilitate our discussion. Interested in joining this series? Contact our Zoom host, Tom Anderson at 1799tca@gmail.com. Contact Geoff at 412-848-8329 or geoff.schnieder@gmail.com with any questions.

CRASH COURSE ON THE CATECHISM

**With Fr. Mike
Deacon John
Seminarist Matt**

**Tuesdays
7:00-8:15 p.m.
@SJC**

**CATECHISM
OF THE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**



SAVE THE DATE

Resurrection Parish

POLISH NIGHT

Saturday, January 13, 2024

**The evening of fellowship begins at 4pm with a
Polka Mass at St. Thomas More Church
Music provided by Ray Jay and the Carousels**

**Join us after Mass for an authentic Polish
Dinner & dancing with Ray Jay and the
Carousels in the Family Life Center**

Tickets go on sale 12/9

Proceeds benefit the Resurrection Parish Building Fund
Questions? bgraves@resurrectionpgh.org

Pray & Stay Social Seniors Lunch

**Join us for Holiday
Cheer on Tuesday,
December 19th after
the 11:30am Mass**

**Please RSVP by December 15th
Sign Up or Call the Parish Office**

THANKSGIVING PIE DRIVE

The Ladies of Charity extend a big **THANK YOU!** to all who donated pies to our Thanksgiving pie collection. Thanks to your generosity, 208 pies were delivered to Light of Life Mission on Wednesday, November 22nd! We truly appreciate your continued support of our mission to serve those in need.



Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer This beautiful liturgical prayer finds its source in the Eucharist and is truly both ancient and ever new. Please join us for Morning Prayer on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. before the 8:30 a.m. Mass, and now also on Wednesdays and Fridays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, all at St. John Capistran Church. Easy to follow booklets are provided.



The Parish Library, located at St. Thomas More Church, will be closed December 18, 20, 25, 27.

Beginning January 6, 2024, the Parish Library will be open the 1st Saturday of the month after the 4:00 p.m. Mass, and the 1st Sunday of the month after the 11:30 Mass.

If you are interested in assisting this ministry, please contact Kay Houston at waynkayh@yahoo.com.



Please join the parish for an
Evening of Recollection on
Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m.

We will begin with a simple supper in the Family Life Center and continue with a quiet period of recollection, including talks by Seminarian Matt and Deacon John, and time for personal prayer and reflection.

AROUND OUR PARISH



CHRISTMAS CHILD CARE

LEAVE YOUR KIDS WITH US AND
HEAD OUT FOR 3 HOURS
"TO YOURSELF!"
SHOPPING, ERRANDS, COOKING,
CHILLING ON THE COUCH
- WHATEVER YOU NEED!!

AGES 3 - 9, MUST BE POTTY TRAINED

DECEMBER 17 1:30PM-4:30PM
ST. THOMAS MORE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Scan for more info! 

Advent Retreat Day

Saturday ~ Dec. 16th ~ 8:30-4:30

St. John Capistran Church

**Theme: The Messages of Mary
& Today's Spiritual Battle**



Inspirational Talks & Discussions

Holy Hour & Confessions

Food & Fellowship

Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent

\$17 per person Register online at:
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Open to all parishes of the South Hills

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Resurrection Parish Appalachian Youth Mission Trip Raffle

WIN!!!

Win a Weatherproof White
Outdoor Nativity Scene

Approximately 50" tall and 47" wide
Made with white PVC plastic board



Winner Drawn on Wednesday, December 27, 2023

All proceeds will go to our 2024 Mission Trip

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Parish Office

AROUND OUR PARISH

Mission Project Love

Start your legacy of love now

FALL IN LOVE * GROW IN LOVE * STAY IN LOVE



A new ministry is coming to the Parish called **Mission Project Love**. This ministry was initiated to work along side couples as they journey through their vocation of Marriage and beyond. It is a transformative process that is individually tailored to find the needs of every couple as they face the real struggles and joys of a married life. From newly engaged couples to seasonal married couples, this ministry will provide the beloved ways to navigate their sacramental union to grow stronger in God's plan. We provide unique encouragement in all stages of developing relationships:

- ♦ **The Engaged Walk:** Private one-on-one sessions for marriage preparation and a sacrament refresh.
- ♦ **Parenting with Praise:** Provides Workshops that supports parenting in today's challenging environment.
- ♦ **Married Couples:** Date nights, Couple Retreats and Workshops that help re-connect and strengthen your blessed Union, Yearly Renewal Vows of Marriage - momentous for couples to redefine their commitment.
- ♦ **Surviving Divorce:** Mission Project love understands that every marriage may not survive. When a marriage walk ends with divorce those members of our community need support and information to facilitate healing through Workshop study that will be offered to those with these ongoing needs.

Founder of Mission Project Love, Jackie Schatz began this project in 2018 because she saw a need to encourage marriages and the family Legacy for Catholics. Jackie and Walt Schratz have been married for 36 years, they are parents of ten children and are co-mentors in encouraging couples and walking along side them with their strong commitments to marriage, love of parenting and continually seeking God's plan for their union. Jackie is a dynamic educator and moderator and has developed programs for couples that really work. Upcoming dates and info to follow.

***GET READY to GET INVOLVED, GET RE-CHARGED,
RE-DISCOVER Your LOVE***



2024 wall calendars are available at the entrances to both churches. Please feel free to take some for your family.



The Appalachia Mission Trip Ministry will be holding its annual Christmas Cookie Sale at both churches next weekend, **December 16 & 17**. The assorted cookies are all homemade and come in two sizes. Don't miss out on these delicious treats! Larger party-platter sizes are available by pre-order. Call Cathy at 412-973-8184 for additional information.

The proceeds are used for construction materials & general costs associated with the mission trip this summer. Thank you in advance for your support!



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Apply Today!

Head to the BC website to apply today and take the first steps to becoming a Crusader!



www.bishopcanevin.org



90 days to freedom.

Our culture today has no shortage of 'modern Pharaohs' that hold us back from true unity with God. If we're ruled by these Pharaohs, how can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus 90 gives you the tools to take control of your life. **It's a way out.**

We start Jan. 1, 2024:

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AVE MARIA ACADEMY

AVE MARIA ACADEMY SCHOOL NEWS



**AVE MARIA
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JOIN THE AMA FAMILY

May the light shine bright for you this Advent! During these four weeks, our students prepare their hearts for the coming of Jesus by gathering around their family Advent wreaths, saying prayers, doing good deeds, and more. Celebrating Advent is a meaningful way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!



TIME OF PREPARATION

As Pope Francis tells us, "Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for Him!" Our students are focused on this very task. Our first, second, and third graders are practicing the Story of the Nativity play daily. Each child plays an important role in the story and sings songs of the season! This year our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will also participate as choir singers. Our hallways are so festive with signs of the season! Students created a Christmas kindness tree out of handprints to reflect on ways to be extra kind to family and friends. Some classes are creating an Advent chain that they will build over the next few weeks with links when they do good deeds and our middle schoolers are taking part in daily Advent services.



CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE - ENDING SOON!

Are you looking for a special, locally made gift for family and friends? Order Sarris Candy! Online ordering is available until 12/15. Use codes 10-1189 (Bethel) or 10-0216 (Mt. Lebanon). **Ships nationwide!**



For more details on all events see school website.

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*If you require assistance in an area not listed in
the bulletin, please call or visit the parish offices.*

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm at STM and 12:00 pm at SJC (An instruction class before a first child's Baptism is required. Call the Parish Office to R.S.V.P.)

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

Available to the sick and those confined to home. Please contact the Parish Office to learn more. First Eucharist is celebrated annually in the spring.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Annually in the fall. Please contact the Religious Education office to learn more.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact a parish priest at least six months in advance. Masses are typically scheduled on Saturdays at 1:30pm at STM and 2:00 pm on Saturdays at SJC.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

If you feel you are might be called to the priesthood or diaconate, please contact your parish priest or visit: www.pghpriest.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 9:00 am at STM and 4:00 pm at SJC. For private confessions, call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing

If you or a loved one is in need of Anointing, please contact the Parish Office. Anointing services are also conducted annually.

RCIA

(THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is offered every year in the fall. It is a beautiful process of discernment, conversion, commitment, and love. Please call or email the Parish Office and ask to be directed to the RCIA Coordinator.

Funeral Masses10:00 am at both locations

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Resurrection Parish has an active St. Vincent de Paul Society conference that helps neighbors in need.

If you need assistance with rent, mortgage, utilities or other needs please contact us at 412-564-3411.

Leave a message and we will return your call.

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**NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M. MONDAY MORNINGS.
NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you suspect child abuse, please contact:

Diocesan Victim Assistance 1-888-808-1235