

Resurrection Parish



December 24, 2023, Fourth 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 Schratz 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:

Vincent Nico DiNello,
son of Gianni & Elissa DiNello

Sawyer Russell,
daughter of Mitch & Margot Russell

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

Rest in Peace

*Please keep in prayer the beloved
deceased of our Resurrection Parish
family. Continue to pray for those
souls who have no one else to
pray for them.*

*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.*

DAILY READINGS

- Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- Monday:** *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17,
22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or
1:1-5, 9-14
- Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/
Mt 10:17-22
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
- Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8,
11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

*"I will sing of your mercy forever, Lord, proclaim your
faithfulness through all ages." (Ps 89:2, today's psalm)*

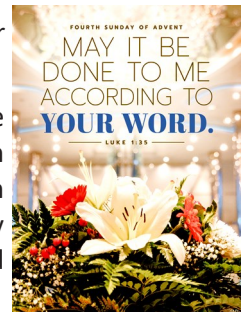
The focus of today's liturgy is the Davidic covenant, the promise of a throne that will last forever. It appears in the First Reading, in the Responsorial Psalm, and in the Gospel, where the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that "the Lord God will give (her son) the throne of David his father."

Jesus is to transform that covenant, revealing "the mystery hidden for many ages." The throne in this new kingdom is to be occupied by "the Son of the Most High ... the Son of God." Indeed, he is "Emmanuel," God-with-us.

We are very close now to the coming of Christ. What would the world be like if we were to allow Christ to really come as king? If only we could join in consenting to God's rule as Mary did: "Let it be done to me as you say." Who knows what joy the world would know!

The Church... receives the mission to proclaim and to establish among all peoples the kingdom of Christ and of God. She becomes on earth the initial budding forth of that kingdom. While she slowly grows, the Church strains toward the consummation of the kingdom and, with all her strength, hopes and desires to be united in glory with her King.

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church, 1964:5



REFLECTION

Pastor's Letter

Pastoral Impressions...

The Church begins this weekend the great celebration of the Octave of Christmas; eight days to commemorate the birth of Christ our Lord. Although the culture has been celebrating Christmas since October, we have until this time been preparing to marvel at the gift of the Incarnation. On Christmas, we remember that Jesus took on flesh to save us all and demonstrate the depths of God's love.

Saint Leo the Great proclaimed on this Solemnity, "Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness." As we celebrate this joyous occasion, may we always be reminded that Jesus came to suffer for us, and to bring us back to the Father. It is because of this day that we have hope in the darkness of winter and in the bleakness of sin that we are God's beloved.



It is a true honor and blessing to be able to celebrate Christmas with all of you. We are so blessed at Resurrection Parish with many dedicated, faithful, and diligent parishioners, volunteers, and ministers. Thank you all for making Christ's light shine so brightly in this parish. To all who visit us during this Christmastide; we welcome you most heartily and thank you for allowing us to be a part of your Christmas. On behalf of all the clergy and staff of Resurrection, I wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas season. May the joy of Christ's birth illuminate us to worship our Lord, and live in joyful expectation of His coming again.

May God Bless you in this season, and may he grant you a very Blessed, and fruitful New Year.

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Mike*



Resurrection Parish Appalachian Youth Mission Trip Raffle

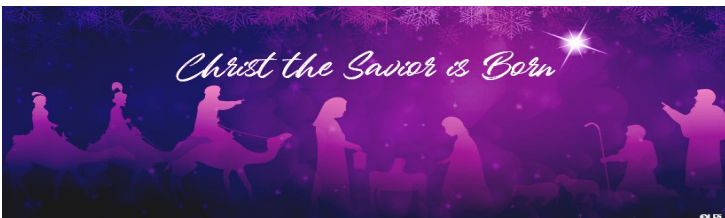
WIN!!!

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



**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!**



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 24, 2023, 4th Sunday of Advent

- STM** 8:00 am Zachary Boyle by Barb Miller
SJC 9:00 am James Gmitter by Jim & Lorraine Bruni
STM 9:30 am Paul Brannan by Kevin Boland
SJC 11:00 am For the Parishioners
STM 11:30 am Patty Joyce by Wayne & Kay Houston

Sunday, December 24, 2023, Christmas Eve

- STM** 4:00 pm For the Parishioners
SJC 5:00 pm For the Parishioners
SJC 9:00 pm For the Parishioners
STM Midnight For the Parishioners

Monday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

- STM** 9:30 am For the Parishioners
SJC 11:00 am For the Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26, St. Stephen, First Martyr

- SJC** 8:30 am Paul Hornbake by Joan Hornbake
STM 11:30 am Deceased of Hanna & Boyle Families
 by Janice & Michael D. Hanna, Jr.

Wednesday, December 27, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

- SJC** 8:30 am Eileen Ruppen by Bernice Slifkin
STM 11:30 am Felix J. Bombara by Gloria Laux, Daughter

Thursday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- SJC** 8:30 am Michael Fabus by Bill & Pat Kohnen
STM 11:30 am Carol Sherry by Jack Sherry

Friday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

- SJC** 8:30 am Shirley Millorino by Judith Millorino
STM 11:30 am Eileen Dickson by Freedy Family

Saturday, December 30

- STM** 11:30 am Recipients of Prayer Shawls and the Sick

Saturday, December 30, Vigil Masses

- STM** 4:00 pm Richard Buckley by Ed Blank
SJC 5:00 pm Mary Ann Tutino by Augenstein Family

Sunday, December 31, 2023, The Holy Family

- STM** 8:00 am Helen Hernon by Freyvogel Family
SJC 9:00 am Ronald Kilgore by Cathy & Ed Thomas
STM 9:30 am Jerome McKinney & Fred White by Lowicki Family
SJC 11:00 am For the Parishioners
STM 11:30 am Donald Kobus by Nancy Hokaj



*The Sanctuary candle is lit this week
 at SJC in honor of Norine Stolar's Birthday
 By Carol & Greg Kolling*

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

Chapel Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 24th: This is both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve, so two sets of Masses are scheduled that day and evening. Therefore the chapel will not be open Christmas Eve day or evening.

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th: The chapel will open immediately following the Christmas Midnight Mass, around 1AM, for scheduled nocturnal adorers. The chapel will close at 8AM, and reopen at 1PM, and will then follow the regular chapel schedule.

On Christmas Day, visitors are welcome from 6AM to 8AM, and from 1PM to 10PM. This is due to the generosity of division leaders, holiday subs, regular subs and committed adorers! Thank you!

On **Sunday, December 31st**, New Year's Eve and **Monday, January 1st**, New Year's Day & the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, the chapel will follow the regular chapel schedule.

During this holy Christmas Octave, consider giving the Lord the gift of your own presence: entering into His Divine Presence to receive His love.



Come, let us adore Him!

www.resurrectionpgh.org/adoration



*The Sanctuary candle is lit this week
 at STM in memory of John Greiner
 By Greiner Family*

WHAT'S HAPPENING | MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sunday, December 24, 2023

- 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (STM Church & FLC)
- 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (SJC Church)
- 9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (SJC Church)
- Midnight Christmas Eve Mass (STM Church)

Monday, December 25, 2023

- 9:30am Christmas Day Mass (STM Church)
- 11:00am Christmas Day Mass (SJC Church)

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

- 6:00am More's Men (Rooney Room & Online)
- 9:30am Lectionary Study Group (Rooney Room)
- 10:00am Childcare/Children's Adoration Hour (Ch.Care/LOG Chapel)

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

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

Thursday, December 28, 2023

- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours (SJC Church)
- 7:00pm St. Cecilia Schola Rehearsal (STM Church)

Friday, December 29, 2023

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

Saturday, December 30, 2023

- 9:00am Reconciliation (STM Church)
- 4:00pm Reconciliation (SJC Church)
- 6:00pm Young Adult Ministry New Year's Party (Capistran Hall)



Young Adult New Years Party

Celebrate the New Year!

We'll have a potluck following the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. John Capistran

Saturday, December 30th

6:00 p.m. in Capistran Hall

RSVP to Bridgette at bkennedy@resurrectionpgh.org

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39)

www.resurrectionpgh.org/young-adult-ministry



The Parish Library, located at St. Thomas More Church, will be closed December 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.



Join with other Ladies of Charity once a month for **Project Linus** to create blankets for sick children.

No sewing skills needed! The group will meet next month on **Tuesday, January 2nd** from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Capistran Hall at St. John Capistran church.



If you or someone you know is experiencing illness or a loss, the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** has lap robes and shawls available at the St. Thomas More office. Recipients are prayed for not only by members as they knit and crochet, but also at our monthly meetings, held the 1st Thursday of every month from 10:30-11:15 a.m. in the Rooney Room at STM; and at monthly Mass, which is said alternately at St. John Capistran & St. Thomas More. Please call the parish office if you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl, or if you would like to get involved. The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is **January 4th**.

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**

**Classes
resume
January 16,
2024!**



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.





Faith Formation Schedule:

- We are on break for the Christmas season December 24th, 27th, 31st and January 3rd.
- We will resume on Sunday, January 7th and Wednesday, January 10th.



We wish all of our faith formation families, as well as parishioners and friends of Resurrection parish, a truly blessed Christmas filled with Christ's gifts of hope, peace, joy and love.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Schedule:

There will be no CGS on December 26th, 28th, January 2nd & 4th. CGS will resume on Tuesday, January 9th and Thursday, January 11th.



Children's Liturgy of the Word: There will be no CLoW on December 24th & 31st. CLoW will resume on Sunday, January 7th. Children's Liturgy of the Word is open to children from three years of age to First Grade, and is celebrated on most Sundays at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. If you would like further information, or to volunteer with CLoW, you may reach out to facilitator, Susan Young, at syoung@resurrectionpgh.org.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Top: Level II

Annunciation Presentation

Top Right: Level I

Annunciation work

Bottom Right: Level I

Annunciation prayer art



Registration for the Resurrection Parish Appalachia

Youth Mission Trip is OPEN

for current 8th graders (entering 9th grade, Fall '24), high school students, and young adults ages 18-24.

Trip week is July 21 - 26, 2024

This year, our ministry begins a new chapter by serving locations in the northern part of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and in eastern Ohio. We will stay at the Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center in Pulaski, PA, which is a large campus used primarily for Catholic retreats and as the home for the Sisters of the Humility of Mary. We are excited about the opportunity to have our youth experience accommodations in a Catholic environment as our mission groups have done in the past.

We are grateful for our time and experience with the people of Elkins, WV and believe that serving a closer region - while still staying together away from home - will provide similar challenges and opportunities. Our goals and mission remain the same: *Empowering our youth to build upon their foundation of faith through community/cultural immersion and adult mentorship.*

The cost of the trip which includes needed supplies for the week, meals, lodging, transportation and more is \$500 per person. We have numerous opportunities to fundraise to offset this expense - which is another way to participate in and prepare for the trip. Look for info on our upcoming fundraisers throughout the year.

Registration is currently limited to 8th graders who are entering 9th grade in the Fall of 2024, current high school students, and young adults ages 18-24. See the **Appalachia Youth Mission Trip** page on the parish website for more information or to register. If you are an adult interested in going on the trip, please contact Mary Swindal, lead Youth Ministry Team at mswindal@resurrectionpgh.org.

Thank you to all who support this parish ministry of service!

MUSIC MINISTRY



Daniel Kovacic, Director of Music

DKovacic@resurrectionpgh.org

Jon Runion, Associate Director of Music

JRunion@resurrectionpgh.org

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)

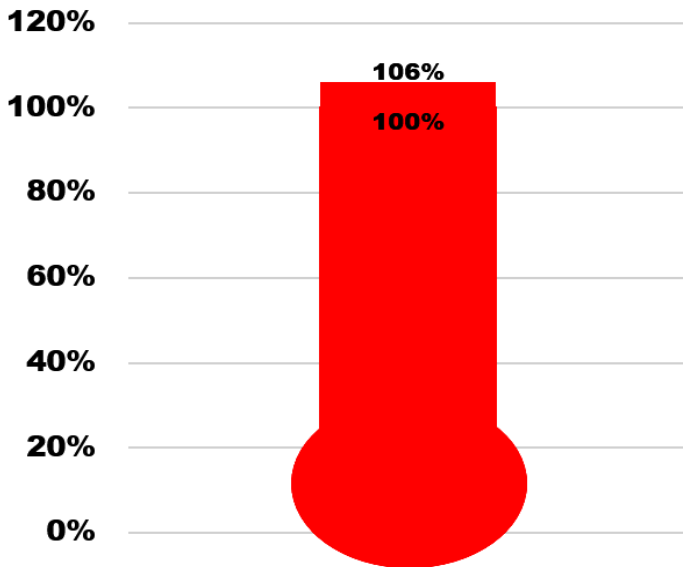
9:00 AM (St. John Capistran) - St. Cecilia Schola

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

AROUND OUR PARISH

Finance Feature

2023 Parish Appeal Progress



Contributions: \$ 316,917

Assessment: \$ 299,953

We are grateful for the continued generosity of the parishioners of Resurrection Parish. Your contributions since last month's Parish Appeal report have enabled us to exceed our 2023 Diocesan Parish Appeal assessment!

Because any shortfall would have to be made up from Offertory funds, this allows us to direct more of our Offertory to parish ministries. (The Parish Appeal, formerly known as Parish Share, is the management fee that covers the various services provided by the Diocese, and is a significant expense that we must fully fund each year.)

We ask for your prayers and know that we pray and strive to work to build a strong community of faith here in our parish.

FINANCE COUNCIL

finance@resurrectionpgh.org

Robert Dudas
Deacon Joseph Kralik
Linda Hippert
John Meegan
Nancy Murray
John Niedenberger
Michael Ravasio
James Rhoades
Christopher Schnieders
Jay Shock

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Heather Bogdon
Daniel Broderick
Philip Enck
Thomas Fowler
Kevin Garber
Lynn Hogan
John O'Leary
Michele Petrovich
Michele Schnieders
Joseph Schuck
Abigail Skeel
Susan Speer



RESURRECTION PARISH NOW HAS A BEAUTIFUL BLESSING BOX!

This was truly a team effort! Built by our Hearts with Hammers ministry, it will be replenished regularly, as needed, by St. Vincent de Paul and the Ladies of Charity.

The Blessing Box is for anyone in need of food, no questions asked. It is fine to take as little or as much as is needed.

The Blessing Box is located at St. Thomas More Church, on the Fort Couch Road side. It is at the bottom of the stairs leading up to the Lamb of God Chapel.

"If in need of food, take what you need."

PLEASE SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF
THE RESURRECTION PARISH BLESSING BOX!



Mrs. Mary Cappeta's Wednesday 4th grade Religious Education class got into the Christmas spirit by decorating cards for our homebound parishioners and by making Advent wreaths!



AROUND OUR PARISH

Dear Resurrection Parishioners,

You may recall that in the spring of 2021, more than 750 Resurrection parishioners completed the diocesan Disciple Maker Index Survey through the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) as a tool to help our parish with pastoral planning and evangelization. After this process, and once I became pastor early last year, I assembled an Envisioning Team, which includes members of our clergy, the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council, along with parish staff and parishioners. A CLI representative is assisting us in analyzing the survey data and developing a pastoral plan, which we will submit to the diocese in 2024. Thus far, we have adopted a Parish Vision Statement and three parish priorities.

The Resurrection Parish Vision Statement continually invites us to consider Jesus' great commission "to go and make disciples of all nations":

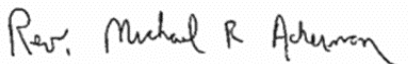
We are a Catholic parish that is united in worship, prayer, and evangelization. Rooted in God's word, the Eucharist is at the center of our community. We foster spiritual growth and manifest God's kingdom on earth on our journey to eternal life.

The Envisioning Team and I have formulated the following three priorities from the results of the DMI:

1. **Parish Family.** To enhance the parish family by reaching out to those underserved and at various stages of their faith journey as identified by the parish survey.
2. **Youth and Young Adults.** To build a vibrant, active, and engaged community of Catholic youth and young adults who value a relationship with Jesus Christ, mindful of the challenges of living in today's world.
3. **Faith Formation/Evangelization.** To embolden and inspire disciples of Jesus Christ through continuous faith formation and spiritual growth.

The Envisioning Team is currently transitioning into an implementation phase, where we will make these priorities a reality. We will meet in January, and we hope to complete the pastoral plan in the spring. Please contact me if you would like to contribute to this process.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Michael R. Ackerman, Pastor

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!

to ensure accuracy & privacy

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
in the Family Life Center 5pm-6pm

Ray Jay and The Carousels will keep the party going with
Dancing 6:30pm-9:30pm

Adults \$35/person

Kids \$10/person

ONLY 320 seats available - Reserve your seat today!

Make your reservation www.resurrectionpgh.org/polish-night

Or fill out the form below & return it to the STM Parish Office

Dinner will be assigned seating only - to ensure that you are seated with your preferred
family & fellow parishioners, please purchase your tickets together.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

#Adults: _____

Children: _____

Or Scan the QR Code to
make your reservation &
pay online →



Children: ☐ Pizza ☐ Polish Meal

Homemade Pierogi, Haluski, Kielbasa, Stuffed Cabbage

Dessert included with meal

Pizza Option available for children - please choose at time of reservation

Bring Cash for the 50/50 & Basket Raffles

Proceeds benefit the Resurrection Parish Building Fund

AROUND OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY

Explore Ireland With Deacon Joe September 6th - 15th, 2024



September 6th-15th, 2024

Pilgrimage includes:
Galway, Our Lady of
Knock, Cliffs of Moher,
Killarney, Dingle
Peninsula, and Dublin

Package Includes:

- ❖ Round trip airfare from anywhere in the USA
- ❖ All breakfasts and dinners
- ❖ Luxury motorcoach
- ❖ 4 & 5 star hotels
- ❖ Admission fees to the sites
- ❖ Experienced tour guide
- ❖ Daily Mass

For more information:

Contact Proximo Travel

855-842-8001

www.proximotravel.com/custom-trips/



Fatima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain Tour April 19, 2024 through April 30, 2024

Land starting at \$2369 per person, double occupancy.
An \$850 per person deposit is required to hold your space.



Catholic Cruises and Tours

Starting from picturesque Lisbon, visit some of the world's most treasured Marian shrines, pilgrimage sites, and spiritual places of Portugal, Spain, and France. Hear about the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to the shepherd children in Fátima, learn about the journey taken by pilgrims from all over the world into Santiago de Compostela, and visit Loyola and Manresa to get inspired by St. Ignacio's Jesuit mission. In Braga, walk the monumental steps of the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte, and in Burgos, marvel at the majestic Cathedral. Join the nightly Rosary and candlelight procession in Lourdes. Spend one night by the inspiring Montserrat Sanctuary, where you will also attend Mass. End in Barcelona with time to celebrate life, reflect, and rejoice.

This 12-day group tour includes hotels, guides, historians, land transportation, 11 breakfasts and 7 dinners.

Call Catholic Cruises and Tours at 1-860-399-1785 for more information and to make your reservation.



The Passionist retreat team at **St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center** on Pittsburgh's South Side, offers a quiet and holy place for a relaxed weekend of prayer and reflection with fellow parishioners. Resurrection Parish has both a women's and a men's group that attend each year.

The women's retreat takes place **January 12-14, 2024**.
For more information call Judy Shock at 412-854-4910.

The men's retreat takes place **January 19-21, 2024**.
For more information call Jim Stalder at 412-257-9706, or Jay Shock at 412-854-4910.

All retreats begin Friday at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at noon on Sunday after an 11:00 a.m. Mass.

To reserve your spot:

Call St. Paul's directly at 412-381-7676

Reserve online at www.stpaulsretreatcenter-pittsburgh.org.

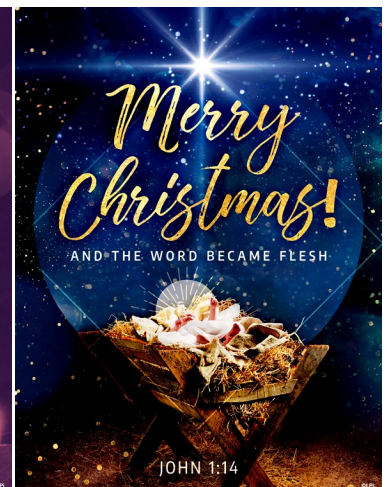
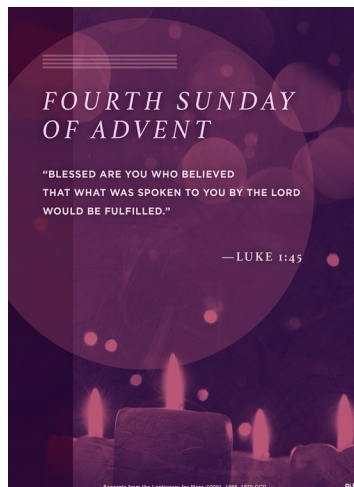
Weekend cost is \$310 for a room with a private bath / \$260 for a room without a private bath. If paying by credit card, there is a 3% surcharge.



RETROUVAILLE – HOPE FOR MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

Retrouvaille of Pittsburgh is pleased to announce that our ministry is continuing our mission of hope offering couples in distress a welcoming and loving space where they can, with God's help, heal and restore their marriages. Our next weekend program will be held **February 16-18, 2024**.

For confidential information contact: 412-277-3434 or 3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org Do it today!



AROUND OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY



MARRIED COUPLES:

When was the last time you had a Weekend completely dedicated to one another? Consider...

**A Worldwide Marriage
Encounter Weekend
February 9-11, 2024!!**

Who Should Attend?: Couples with good marriages who want to RECONNECT with their spouse, spend QUALITY TIME together, and GROW in unity and intimacy again - just like when you were newlyweds.

This includes LIFE TRANSITIONS:

- New Parents
- Parents with Teens
- Empty-nesters
- Recent Retirees
- Priests



Married couples of all faiths are welcome. Couples do not need to be Catholic, though a Priest is on the Weekend and Daily Mass is offered.

What You'll Learn: The emphasis is on communication between husbands and wives and there is NO GROUP SHARING required.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Topics:

- Exploring our Personality Styles
- Communicating our Feelings
- Dealing with the Busy World Around Us
- Learning How to Improve Our Listening Skills
- Understanding God's Plan For Our Marriage
- Keeping Our Relationship A Priority

Apply: WWME.org or call 330-305-9963

Weekends are 8:00 p.m. Friday through 4:00 p.m. Sunday.

Feb 9-11, 2024 Hampton Inn, Grove City, PA

\$75 Application Fee, Financial Scholarships Available

Please Note: Worldwide Marriage Encounter is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.

MEN:

Are you tired of endlessly scrolling on your phone and missing out on the best parts of life?

Are you ready to take more control of your life?

To grow closer to God?

To become a better man for your family?

EXODUS 90 starts January 1, 2024

If you are interested in learning more or in joining an Exodus 90 fraternity at Resurrection Parish, please contact Mark Romito at romitopgh@gmail.com.



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:

MenOfExodus.com



AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Virtue in Action by Grace - The Path Toward Holiness



On **Sunday, January 7th** gather with St. Catherine Laboure Parish to share insightful reflections on Benedictine spirituality from a local parishioner, along with the writings of Oblates and Benedictine monks in *The Rule in Bits and Pieces*. Based in daily lived experience, St. Benedict calls all to a life of virtue with zeal for the Lord. His monastic wisdom based in Scripture can be lived in the world today so that one's life is transformed in Christ. Hope you will be with us!

Please arrive to be seated before 1:30 p.m. in the Bishop Leonard Room (directly under St. Louise de Marillac Church). Our meeting will begin with Liturgy of the Hours Daytime Prayer and end at 3:00pm.

Questions? Contact Oblate Mary Ann Kaufman at 412-302-8501

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AVE MARIA ACADEMY SCHOOL NEWS



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**EDUCATION
PARTNERS**



Become an Education Partner! Your support helps us to continue to provide our students with a first-class education, grounded in our Catholic faith. Please visit:
www.avemariapgh.org

MERRY CHRISTMAS

One of the many blessings of a Catholic education is the opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season. Our school prioritizes the Advent journey to prepare our children's hearts for the coming of Baby Jesus! This time of year, our school is a bright beacon of hope as our students experience the season through the eyes of faith.



THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON

Jesus is born! From all of us at Ave Maria Academy, Merry Christmas! We hope you enjoy the splendor of the season and take time to experience the simple joys of the holiday. Our students spent Advent giving of themselves in service to share Christ's light with the world. The Advent chain that hung in the hallway all month represented each action a student took to prepare for Jesus' coming, like helping around the house or praying for someone. Our younger students beautifully brought the Nativity scene to life in a traditional Nativity play, and our classroom Advent wreaths were lit. Children also enjoyed festivities like Breakfast with Santa, pajama and movie day, and a candy cane sale at lunch. All precious reminders of the true meaning of Christmas!



JOIN US!

Join us for an evening of dinner, dancing, auctions, and community to benefit Catholic education at Ave Maria Academy. Scan the QR code for details.

THE ROYALS BALL

Gala 03
02
24
& AUCTION

HILTON GARDEN INN
PITTSBURGH/SOUTHPOINTE



For more details on all events see school website.

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Ave Maria Academy: 412-833-1412

*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.

**ALL BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT
ELECTRONICALLY TO:
parishbulletin@resurrectionpgh.org**

**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**