

Resurrection Parish



January 7, 2024, The Epiphany of the Lord



St. John Capistran Church

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St. Thomas More Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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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 Berteotti Family
The Hamilton 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:

Eloise Rose Lennon,
daughter of Mark & Maggie Lennon

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

Rest in Peace

Pray for our recently deceased:

Barbara M. Rose
Margaret "Peggy" Wiles
Violet P. "Buzy" Hinzman
Theresa Paul
Charles A. "Chuck" Beran
Robert K. Wagner

*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 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



AWAKE & PRAY:

A CALL TO THE LAY FAITHFUL

Saturday, January 20th

7:00 p.m.

St. John Capistran Church

Holy Hour and Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
Rosary & prayers of repentance, reparation and
intercession for our church and our nation.



*Presider & Preacher
Deacon Russ White*



*Tom Kneier
Worship Leader*



Music by One aChord

Keep Awake and Pray that you may not come into the time of trial (Mark 14:38)

REFLECTION

Pastor's Letter

A Reflection on Epiphany by Deacon John Ferguson



When celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we examine the Magi and their essential part in being instruments of the light of nations penetrating the Gentiles. When they gazed upon the heavens and followed the star's light, they proceeded accordingly in silence. Their passionate hearts hastened to bring the newborn King laud and praise. However, when they entered Jerusalem, they began to be distracted and lost their way. Because of their restless hearts, they sought the many lights in Jerusalem. They thought the reigning King – Herod of Judea – would know about this Infant King. Unfortunately, their mistake cost the lives of innocents. Thanks be to God that the Magi found their way again, fixating their eyes back to the heavens and continuing onward. As the Scriptures say, they “went their way.”

When reading the Gospel of Epiphany, we see how noisy Herod is and how talkative his approach is in governing the kingdom. He awakens the entire court, trying to gather information about the newborn King. This talkative approach will not bring us to encounter Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. What is required is silence. Fortunately, the Magi intuited this and did not follow Herod's instruction to search “diligently” for the child. The Magi focused not on worldly power and the dictatorship of noise but resumed their journey in silence. Because of this, they were rewarded, “And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them” (Matt. 2:9). Those on the path of silent seeking, looking up to the heavens, will be filled with great joy: “They were overjoyed at seeing the star” (Matt. 2:10).

May we learn the lessons from the Magi to seek the Lord in silence, to rid ourselves of the distractions and noises of this world so that our hearts may be ignited with the flames of Divine Love. When we lose our way through sin, may we fix our eyes again on the Light of the nations and the glory of the children of Israel. If we persevere in the path of silence, we will find Jesus in the most unlikely places of our lives, just as the Magi did. Come let us adore Him!



There is a long standing tradition in the Church to celebrate a blessing of homes on the Feast of the Epiphany. This commemorates the visit of the three magi to the Christ child, and it reminds us to welcome Jesus into our homes and our lives. Usually, a priest or the head of the household marks the lintel of the door with blessed chalk and writes 20 + C + M + B + 24. The writing corresponds to the current year, 2024, and the three traditional names of the magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. In addition, the C, M, and B refers to the blessing *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (“May Christ Bless this house”) in Latin. The blessing recalls the marking of the doorposts from Exodus 12:7 asking for God’s protection, and it reminds us to allow the Lord to watch over us and free us from evil and temptation. Please take some chalk and a blessing guide home, and allow the joy of this feast to guide you into the New Year.



Washington DC - Friday, January 19, 2024

Resurrection Parish is sponsoring a bus to the **National March for Life in Washington DC**. There will be Mass at 5:30 a.m. at STM church, then we will depart from the parking lot following Mass. Please park in the “rectory entrance” lot. We will return at 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person with financial support available if needed.

*Please join us as we march for the rights of the unborn
and to protect life at ALL stages!*

For reservations, please contact Carolyn Sopher at 412-860-9980, or Karen McElhaney at 412-651-2068 or karen.mcelhaney@comcast.net.

**The Parish Offices will be closed
Monday, January 15, 2024
in honor of the
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.**

**“The time is always right
to do what is right.”**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 7, 2024, The Epiphany of the Lord

- STM** 8:00 am For the Parishioners
- SJC** 9:00 am William Morrissey by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mastro
- STM** 9:30 am Ronald Fischer by William Kohnen Family
- SJC** 11:00 am Robert & Margarette Kennedy by Children
- STM** 11:30 am Caroline Reich
by Frank Sabalauskas & Barbara Swindell

Monday, January 8, The Baptism of the Lord

- SJC** 8:30 am Intentions of the Lamb of God Chapel
- STM** 11:30 am Sylvia Fawcett by Sarah Sullivan

Tuesday, January 9

- SJC** 8:30 am 51st Wedding Anniversary of
John & Mary Ann Thacik
- STM** 11:30 am Theresa Grassi by Teresa Wilson, Sister-in-law

Wednesday, January 10

- SJC** 8:30 am Ray Osekowski by Murgi Family
- STM** 8:45 am William Ripley by Lynne Lynch
- STM** 11:30 am Susan Patrick by Patrick Family

Thursday, January 11

- SJC** 8:30 am John L. Laukaitis by Laukaitis Family
- STM** 11:30 am Gail Hixenbaugh by Mologne Family

Friday, January 12

- SJC** 8:30 am Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Sarah Buzzard
by Family
- STM** 11:30 am Friel & McGinley Families by Regina Friel

Saturday, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- STM** 11:30 am Mary & Edward Lavezoli by Family

Saturday, January 13, Vigil Masses

- STM** 4:00 pm John & Freda Gomber
by John & Mary Ann Thacik
- SJC** 5:00 pm Thomas Geisler, Sr. by Gloria & Family

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- STM** 8:00 am Amy Habib by Brian Shanahan Family
- SJC** 9:00 am Linda Pasternak by Greg Pasternak
- STM** 9:30 am Kenneth Enscoe by Dorothy & Artemes Conaboy
- SJC** 11:00 am For the Parishioners
- STM** 11:30 am Liz Curcio by Jo Anne Reed

*The Sanctuary candle at SJC is lit this week
in Memory of Mary Victoria Smatanick
by Chris & Michele Schnieders*



*The Sanctuary candle at STM is lit this week
for the Special Intention of the Pacella Family
by Nancy Pacella*



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

The Kings Adored Him

St. Francis de Sales

I will adore your majesty in the Holy Sacrament... For your words will teach me that in this Sacrament you are God made Man, really and truly, and that your presence is no more impossible for your will, although incomprehensible to our weak minds, than the rest of your admirable works.

...this Sacrament, in as much as it contains our Lord, is worthy of adoration and... we must adore him. For truly, since it is Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ is God, who will not adore him, I beg you, as well there as in heaven, since it is written 'I will worship the Lord God and only him will I serve' (Matthew 4:10).

For our Lord wants to be adored wherever he is. Thus he was adored on the cross by the thief (Luke 23:42), walking in Jerusalem among the people who cried out, 'Hosanna' (Matthew 21:9), and in the crib by the three kings (Matthew 2:11). He is hidden in the Eucharist, but that does not prevent him from being adored, for thus the kings adored him, hidden and wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Come, Let us adore Him!

Openings: Wednesday 2PM, Thursday 2AM and 3PM,
Second adorers needed
Monday 8AM and Saturday 3PM



WHAT'S HAPPENING | MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sunday, January 7, 2024

- 8:00am Donut Sunday (STM & SJC)
- 9:00am RCIA (Reardon Room) | RCIC (SJC Library)
- 9:15am Religious Education Classes (STM Classrooms)
- 12:30pm Women's Emmaus Epiphany Party (Chelsea/Utopia)

Monday, January 8, 2024

- 9:30am Ladies of Charity (Capistran Hall)
- 6:30pm Hearts with Hammers (Rooney Room)
- 7:00pm RCIA (Parish Library at STM)
- 7:30pm Cursillo Ultreya (Rooney Room)
- 7:30pm Diocesan Choir Rehearsal (Capistran Hall)

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

- 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)

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours (SJC Church)
- 9:30am Two's Together (Childcare Room)
- 10:00am Safe Environment Workshop (Parish Library)
- 5:30pm Religious Education Classes (AMA Classrooms)
- 7:00pm Pastoral Council (Utopia)

Thursday, January 11, 2024

- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours (SJC Church)
- 4:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (SJC Atriums)

Friday, January 12, 2024

- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours (SJC Church)


Saturday, January 13, 2024

- 9:00am Reconciliation (STM Church)
- 4:00pm Reconciliation (SJC Church)
- 4:00pm Polka Mass (STM Church)
- 5:00pm Polish Night Dinner & Dance (FLC)


CRASH COURSE ON THE CATECHISM

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

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



**Classes
resume
January 16,
2024!**



RESURRECTION PARISH LADIES OF CHARITY MONTHLY MEETING

Capistran Hall
Monday, January 8th 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.



Hearts with Hammers is dedicated to repairing homes and rebuilding lives one soul at a time here in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. The mantra of this ministry is the words of St. James: "...faith without works is dead." Volunteers meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Rooney Room to discuss upcoming projects. If you or someone you know needs home repair assistance, or if you are interested in volunteering, contact us at 412- 833-0031 ext. 246 or HeartsWithHammers@resurrectionpgh.org.



An opportunity to study God's Word: We will gather on **Monday, January 8th** 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.



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 Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:00 a.m. before the 8:30 a.m. Mass, at St. John Capistran Church. *Please note the change in time for Wednesdays & Fridays.* Easy to follow booklets are provided.



Please stay tuned for events in

**January:
Theology on Tap
and**

**February
"Mythbusters" Conversations!**



The Parish Library is open the 1st Sunday of each month after the 9:30 a.m. and the 11:30 a.m. Masses.

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

Angel Tree Thanks!!!



The generosity of the Resurrection Parish community provided approximately 1000 gifts to more than 450 people. A special thanks to the many volunteers and staff who made all of this possible.

Gratefully, The Angel Tree Committee

AROUND OUR PARISH

VOLUNTEER Resurrection Parish POLISH NIGHT

Volunteers are need to Help with Set
Up, Serve Food & Beverages, or
Clean Up!

Scan the QR or go to the
website to sign up now!



*Volunteers are required to have Diocesan Clearances.
If you do not have clearances, we can help. Please contact
Susie Levitt at 412-833-0031*

In-kind donations are needed!
Cookies, Soda, and
Basket Raffle Items

Scan the QR to donate



Questions? bgraves@resurrectionpgh.org

AROUND OUR 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
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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Faith Formation Schedule: This Sunday, January 7th and Wednesday, January 10th we welcome back our faith formation learners after our Christmas break.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Schedule: We welcome our CGS children back this Tuesday, January 9th and Thursday, January 11th.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: There will be no CLoW this Sunday, December 31st. CLoW will resume on Sunday, January 7th. Children's Liturgy of the Word is open to children 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.



Meeting for 8th Grade Confirmation Families: There will be a meeting regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation for both parents/guardians and 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates on **Sunday, January 14th** at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This meeting is for our 8th grade faith formation learners and Ave Maria Academy school students who are parishioners and will be confirmed in the Fall of 2024 at Resurrection Parish, and their parents/guardians.

The meeting will address important information about:



- **The theology and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation**
- **Required forms and papers**
- **Sponsors**
- **Confirmation Saint Reports**
- **8th grade Rite of Election**
- **Additional details concerning Confirmation**

If you have any questions, please address them to Mrs. Denise DeCapria, Director of Faith Formation, at ddecapria@resurrectionpgh.org.

Class Cancellation: In the event of inclement weather, and our faith formation classes or Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions have to be cancelled, a Flocknote will be sent and the announcement of cancellation will be made on KDKA and WPXI news networks.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I

Annunciation Artwork
and Nativity/Adoration
of the Shepherds
Presentation



Moms Ministry Rosary and Reflection

~Calling all moms looking for fellowship and support~

Join us once a month to pray the rosary for our families and to reflect on various topics relating to motherhood.

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Our schedule is as follows:

- ❖ 7:00 p.m. – Welcome and Rosary
- ❖ 7:30 p.m. – Small group discussion on the topic of the month
- ❖ 8:15 p.m. – Closing prayer and petitions

Meeting Dates and location:

- January 18 - St. John Capistran
- February 15 - St. John Capistran
- March 18 - Stations of the Cross and Meager Meal at St. Thomas More
- April 18 - St. John Capistran
- May 16 - St. John Capistran

Questions? Contact Karen McElhaney at karen.mcelhaney@comcast.net

*Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.
~Proverbs 31:34*

YOUTH MINISTRY | AROUND THE PARISH



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!

Save the Date!



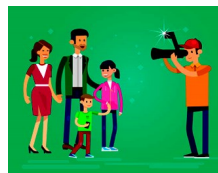
**Resurrection Parish
High School Youth Ministry
"Spring" Kick-off Event!**

**Sunday, January 21
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**St. Thomas More Campus
Food - Friends - Faith
*More details to come!***

We know our high school students are pulled in many directions, but we hope our parish can be part of their journey by way of our youth ministry. We are looking forward to a great spring season with social events and opportunities for service! Our focus this season is learning about the Mass, and each gathering will include time focused on the beautiful prayers and rituals of our Catholic liturgy.

For more information, please contact Mary Swindal, Youth Ministry Team Lead, 412-833-0031 x239.



We are pleased to announce that we will be compiling a 2024 pictorial **Parish Directory**. It will include all parishioner family portraits and roster information so we can stay connected.

The dates to have photos taken for the Parish Directory have been **changed to April 2024**. Please watch the bulletin and parish website for an announcement with the new dates and additional information.

Our parish bulletin is funded by way of parishioner sponsorships. This is a great way to promote your business, promote a charity, or honor the memory of a loved one. To place an ad in our weekly bulletin, please contact Doug Shaller at 862-373-0746 or dshaller@4lpi.com.



MUSIC MINISTRY | AROUND OUR PARISH



Daniel Kovacic, Director of Music
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Jon Runion, Associate Director of Music
JRunion@resurrectionpgh.org

Thank You to the Ministry of Music

The Christmas season finally ends on Monday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The busyness of our ministry may have eased, but we will be continuing our hard work into the Lenten season. I want to thank all cantors, choir members (adult and youth), handbell ringers, and instrumentalists who worked extra hard in making our Christmas liturgies and our Festival of Scripture and Song a spiritually fulfilling experience for all who attended. Those involved with a music ensemble can find themselves at our parish between two to four hours per week sharpening their craft at singing or ringing. This does not count the extra time they spend at home. Thank you to our music staff; Jon Runion, Julie Mareino, and Audrey Szucs, for all your hard work. The choirs will be taking a brief winter recess for a few weeks to rest up and prepare for the seasons of Lent and Easter.

2024 Summer Music Camp Information



We will be planning the dates for our annual Summer Music Camp during the month of January. Stay tuned for registration information in the next month.

Calling All Children of the Parish

Our Children's Music Ministry will begin rehearsals at the end of January and is accepting new members in the **King's Singers** (3-8 grade), and **Joyful Noise Ringers** (4-8 grade). Please scan the QR Code to register your child now for these wonderful opportunities of musical and spiritual growth. For more information, please contact Jon Runion at JRunion@resurrectionpgh.org.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



In Memory of:

The Abbott & Figlar Families
The Bosh & Richetti Families
The Brown Family
The Bruni Family & The Pauley Family
The Buehler, Smith & Graser Families
Florence Buzzi; The Buzzi Family & The Aufieri Family
The Maruca Family
Sara Mazzline; John Mazzline; Dom Carinci
Ralph & Marie Winters
Antonia & Anton Babnik
Rita & Mel Vlha
Keith Bogart
Margaret Barry



Deceased Members of The Suisson & Andrews Families
Rosemary & Richard Leary; Emily Mamula; Kate Leary
Benito Cirillo
Carole M. Connors
Marianna Fiore; Antoinette Pedson; Henry Fiore;
Morma & Al DeLucia; Rose & Louis Saterial
Rita & Mark Suttlehan; Judy Belback;
Caroline Corvino; Nora Mulholland; Vincent Corvino
Guieseppe & Bessie D'Emilio; Joanne Davis; Pete Angott
Anna & Edward Novak
Shirley & Daniel Deady
Marilyn & Bill Zukel

Continued in next week's bulletin...

AROUND THE PARISH

Finance Feature

Thank You Lord
for all the blessings.

I would like to express a very heartfelt gratitude to all those who have supported this parish financially in the past year. In particular, I thank you all for the great parishioner response to the increased offertory request, parish appeal, and the gift card program participation. Each one of these has benefited greatly from your generosity, and has helped ensure a firm financial footing for the parish. Thank you for your stewardship, and for helping us continue our mission of bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through our Parish ministries.

*God Bless,
Fr. Mike*

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

Access the Google form to directly request
your 2023 Contribution Statement at
<https://bit.ly/2023TaxStatement>
or by scanning the QR code.



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Michele Schnieders
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Abigail Skeel
Susan Speer



JOIN US FOR DONUTS
AND FELLOWSHIP ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

**At BOTH CHURCHES
after ALL Sunday
Masses!**



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!

AROUND OUR PARISH

5 Safe Environment Workshops



We are looking for volunteers to help with Lenten Fish Dinners!!

“Building Community and Raising Funds”

**It's Simple...
Your Parish Needs You!**

If you plan to volunteer for the Lenten Fish Dinners beginning Friday, February 16, 2024, help with Summerfest, go on the Youth Ministry Appalachia trip or any other Parish event, clearances are required. These workshops are a great opportunity to get help with obtaining them or making sure that you have what is required in order to volunteer. We respectfully ask that you DO NOT sign up for any event before checking if you are compliant as some requirements have recently changed. The workshops will give you instructions so that you will be able to obtain them on your own. The items available at the workshops are:

- Guidance with clearances for Lenten Fish Dinners and Parish events
- Handout instructions
- Help with Safe Environment requirements
- Safe Environment staff on hand to answer questions

Wednesday, January 10 at St. Thomas More Church, Parish Library from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 17 at St. John Capistran Church, Reardon Room

10:00-11:00 a.m. OR 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24 at St. Thomas More Church, Parish Library from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 24 at St. John Capistran Church, Reardon Room from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Susie Levitt, Safe Environment Coordinator, or Sarah Wildenhain, Assistant Safe Environment Coordinator, at 412.833.0031.

NOTE: In order to volunteer for the Lenten Fish Dinners, you must be compliant no later than Friday, February 9th at noon.
This means all clearances are up-to-date and all paperwork turned in to the Safe Environment Office at St. Thomas More Church.

PLEASE PRAY for this event. “Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” -Matthew 9:37-38

AROUND OUR 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.



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!

**Resurrection Parish
SummerFest
2024
June 17th-22nd**

*Food, Games, Flea Market,
Live Entertainment,
and Much More...*



PARISH INFORMATION

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**Resurrection Parish Religious Education Offices:
412-835-6996 or 412-221-5445.**

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**