

**DECEMBER 15, 2019 –THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**“The Church is holy, not just because ALL ARE WELCOME. The Church is holy because ALL BELONG!”**

(Timothy Matovina + Pope Francis)

**LITURGY FOR THE WEEK**

**Third Sunday of Advent (A)**

Is 35: 1-6a, 10; Jas 5: 7-10; Mt 11: 2-11

**Sat.** Dec. 14, 5:00 pm + Jack Windt  
+ Jenn Lawlor  
**Sun.** Dec. 15, 7:30 am *Intentions of Stephen Co*  
+ Samson Choa Kok Sui  
9:30 am + Peter A. Olsinski  
+ JoAnn McAveney Radcliffe  
11:00 am + Rev. Msgr Robert Diachek  
+ Tom McEnergy

**Mon.** Dec. 16, 9:00 am Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:  
23-27  
+ Peter Sena  
+ Nannette Courtine

**Tues.** Dec. 17, 9:00 am Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Mt 1: 1-17  
+ Art Saldana  
+ Michael Franco

**Wed.** Dec. 18, 9:00 am Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1: 18-25  
+ Robert Petrella  
+ Ida Esposito

**Thurs.** Dec. 19, 9:00 am Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:  
5-25  
+ JoAnn McAveney Radcliffe  
+ Maureen Pallasch

**Fri.** Dec. 20, 9:00 am Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
Is 7: 10-14; Lk 1: 26-38  
+ Salvina Rosario  
+ Salvatore Calvi

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)**

Is 7: 10-14; Rom 1: 1-7; Mt 1: 18-24

**Sat.** Dec. 21, 5:00 pm + Dorothy Wheat  
+ Helen Maraldo

**Sun.** Dec. 22, 7:30 am *Intentions of Stephen Co*  
+ Samson Choa Kok Sui  
9:30 am + Frank Figurelli  
+ MaryLou Fleming  
11:00 am + Charles Jacobus  
+ Frank Ferrara

**Parish Christmas Mailings**

Advent/Christmas Season schedules have been mailed. Call the parish office 973-895-4224 (Ext.101) to be put on the mailing list. Extra copies are available at both exits. **Christmas Flower Gift/Memorial envelopes need to be returned by Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Extra envelopes are at both exits. **Special note:** Please be sure to write the names for the “memorials” on the back of the envelope or insert a list inside.

**Clergy Schedule – Dec. 21-22, 2019**

5:00 pm – Fr. Tarantino  
7:30 am – Fr. Tarantino; Deacon Rich Reck  
9:30 am – Fr. Tarantino; Deacon Rich Reck  
11:00 am – Fr. Tarantino

**Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Individual Confessions:**

Saturday - Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> –

**EXTENDED TIME:** 3 - 4:30 pm

**Clergy Schedule - Christmas Eve**

**No 9:00 am Mass on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**The building will open at 3:00 pm**

**4:00 pm – Msgr. Rauscher Community Room -**

Msgr. George Dudak; Deacon Rich Reck (P)

**Church**

4:00 pm – Fr. John Tarantino  
6:00 pm – Fr. Brendon McLoughlin  
8:00 pm – Fr. John Tarantino

**Clergy Schedule – Wednesday, Christmas Day**

10:00 am – Fr. John Tarantino  
12:00 Noon – Fr. John Tarantino

***All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses  
are for the People of the Parish.***

**Stewardship**

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

Contribution boxes are located at the entrances of the main Church for your donations to Resurrection Parish. Special baskets are located in these areas for required National collections.

Weekly Collection – Dec. 8 & 9                      \$ 10,275.00

Fiscal Year 2019-2020                                \$227,607.47  
Fiscal Year 2018-2019                                \$227,096.82

**Diocesan Assessments – 2019-2020**

Total Diocesan Assessment                      \$ 70,263.00  
Total Pledges    173  
Amount Pledged                                        \$ 42,330.00  
Amount Received                                        \$ 39,091.00

**Diocesan Assessments – 2018-2019**

Total Pledges    175  
Amount Received                                        \$ 41,605.00

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

### **Grades K-5**

Email: [Iscandariato@resurrectionparishnj.org](mailto:Iscandariato@resurrectionparishnj.org)  
[scivetta@resurrectionparishnj.org](mailto:scivetta@resurrectionparishnj.org)  
**973-895-4224 – Ext. 104/105**

**Both GLORY and PRAISE meet 8:00-9:20 am and attend 9:30 am Mass with their families.**

### **Praise (No Grade 2):**

1/5, 1/19, 2/2, 2/16, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 4/26, 5/10

### **Glory:**

12/15, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/8, 3/22, 4/19\*, 5/3, 5/17

\*Last session Grade 2

### **Kindergarten:**

12/15, 1/12, 2/9, 3/8, 4/19, 5/3

### **December Good Samaritan Donation Items:**

Grade 1: pancake mix

Grades 2 & 3: oatmeal (instant or regular)

Grades 4 & 5: pancake syrup

### **Altar Servers**

Please stop into the Sacristy to pick up your Christmas gifts. Names are on them.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

The "Theology of the Eucharist" will be presented by Fr. Tarantino from 8:00 am – 9:10 am in the Msgr. Rauscher Community Room on Sunday, January 12, 2020. This session is for:

- Parents preparing children for First Eucharist
- New Eucharistic Ministers
- Any interested adults

### **Winter Weather and Morning Mass**

With snow and ice once again on our seasonal agenda, we remind you to check our parish phone line (973-895-4224) for status reports on daily Mass and activities. Should conditions so warrant, we will, shortly after 8:00 am, record an update as to whether or not the 9 am Mass will be celebrated as scheduled or cancelled. Though the storms may have passed, our final judgment is based on the condition of our driveways and steps. Your safety is our major concern.

### **Christmas Decorating Environment Committee**

We will be setting up the Church Christmas Environment on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, after Sunday Mass at 12:00 PM. If you are interested in helping the environment team (climbing ladders, setting up trees and decorations, etc.) please contact Bob Sesko at home on 973-895-5455, or by cell on 908-227-5105. Be part of making the worshipping space special.

### **Women of Faith**

**Janet Meissner – 973-292-0347**

Women of Faith will resume again in January. If you have any questions, please contact Janet.

## **Tarantino Family Gratitude**

On behalf of myself, especially, and also of my father, Carmen, and the entire family of my sister, Judy McBride: Please accept our profound gratitude for all your presence, support, assistance for the funeral visitation on Sunday and the funeral Mass on Monday. All parishioners and ministries were so helpful. Visitors were impressed by your graciousness, the parish facility and the level of excellence of all ministry people and unequalled music ministry.

Fr. Tarantino

## **The St. Lawrence Music Ministry Invites You To**

### **A Christmas Concert!**

*A celebration of sacred music for the Christmas season*

*Sunday, December 15, 2019 – 3 pm*

*St. Lawrence the Martyr Church*

*375 Main Street*

*Chester, New Jersey*

## **NJ Conservatory Presents** **HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'**

NJ Conservatory ([www.njconservatory.com](http://www.njconservatory.com)) first presented Handel's 'Messiah' in 1987 - and never missed a year. This is our 32<sup>nd</sup> year. The Conservatory will again present our performance at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Road, Sparta, NJ on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:00 PM. Edwin Foster, Director Emeritus, will attend. Ford Foster, Director, will lead Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra, Karen Schaberg, Concertmaster. Julie Suh and Elizabeth Lee featured on Continuo. The Conservatory's adult Chamber Choir and Boonton Youth Chorus will sing a collection of Christmas selections old and new. Please call 973-402-2004 for advanced ticket sales and further information.

### **Men's Fellowship**

Men's Fellowship will be meeting in the Resource Room at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Any questions or suggestions, please send them to Deacon Rich at: [deaconrichardreck@gmail.com](mailto:deaconrichardreck@gmail.com). All men are invited. God Bless

## **Oplatki Symbolizes the Bread of Life**

The tradition of the Oplatki originated in Poland during Early Christian times. Christmas wafers are wonderfully designed to display Christmas images, such as the Nativity. These are enjoyed right before the Christmas Eve meal. The significance of the Oplatki Christmas wafer is in that it calls to mind the Eucharistic meal. These are available at both exits.

**SAMARITANS**  
**Tammy McConnell**  
**973-895-4224 - Ext. 109**  
**tmcconnell@resurrectionparishnj.org**

**Our Christmas Giving Tree wraps up this weekend.** Gifts must be returned with the ornament attached by 11:15 am this Sunday (12/15) in order to be included in the distribution to participating organizations & families. Thank you for your generous support!

**December Request** – This month, we are requesting **LOW-SUGAR COLD CEREAL (6g of sugar or less/serving) or INSTANT OATMEAL PACKETS or COFFEE (not instant)** for the Homeless Solutions shelter. These items are used by shelter clients living in the dormitory there. You can leave your donation in the Samaritans' Donation Basket in the lower lobby. In His service,  
Tammy McConnell

#### **Samaritan Scrip**

Samaritan Scrip is being sold this weekend. There are over 600 retailers to choose from (check out **www.shopwithscrip.com** for the current list). We now have \$100 & \$25 Shop Rite, ACME & Weis, along with Dunkin Donuts and Panera, in inventory. As always, hard copy order forms will be available at the table.

**Please think about using Scrip purchased shopping cards to pay for items donated for various collection drives this holiday season. It's a way to generate twice the benefit for your money.**

You may now enroll directly with the Scrip provider as a Resurrection member, via **www.shopwithscrip.com** which allows you to order online at your convenience. Stop by the table or email Tom Roche (see below) to obtain Resurrection's enrollment code. **If you want the convenience of online ordering, please be sure to sign up for the Presto Pay option also, in order to pay for online orders via direct debit.** With PrestoPay, no more checkbooks are needed coming to Mass! **Credit cards can now be used to pay for orders, as well.** Your cards will be ready for pickup after Masses just as they are for those who use a paper order form. Several vendors also offer Reload and/or ScripNow options, which facilitate even more of the process taking place electronically. Please stop by our table in the Narthex to learn more about Resurrection's Samaritan Scrip program and the various ways to participate. **It's a way to give back while making your regular weekly, monthly, or seasonal purchases.**

Questions about the program can be directed to: Tom Roche ([tomjroche@verizon.net](mailto:tomjroche@verizon.net)). Thank you for your continued participation & support!

**PASTORAL CARE**  
**973-895-4224 – Ext. 106**  
**cnovak@resurrectionparishnj.org**

#### **MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Our humanity wrestles with the dichotomy of so much pain in the world, yet the ultimate joy that is God. Unknown to us, why, we learn that to embrace the Lord in all our pain, sickness, trouble, doubts and fears is to find Him with us guiding us along the pathway to joy amid our struggles. We are not alone. Prayer, Mass and Eucharist shared lets us know we are being cared for by God and God's people.

Because of the HIPPA law hospitals are no longer permitted to let parishes know of patient's religious affiliation. Please have a family member contact us for Sacramental administration and Prayer List additions.

#### **MINISTRY TO THE BEREAVED**

As the Hand of God holds our loved ones with His peace, His light all around them and His love that guides them Home, we are strengthened by the joy and promise of seeing them again. This Advent Sunday is the promise that the celebration of the mystery of the Incarnation is almost here. Though we are sorrowful, still, there are those moments of joy in memory that sustain us. Celebrating with the Community at Mass and being one with the Christ in Holy Communion, we are filled with the joy that sustains us through the hard times and gives us hope.

If a loved one is dying, the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is celebrated to give comfort and strength to the dying person. It is followed by Communion, if possible, that becomes for them Viaticum which is food for the journey. The prayers of commendation of the dying to God are said for the spiritual comfort of the one who is dying.

The next Bereavement Support Group meeting will be Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12:30 pm in the Resource Room. Light refreshments will be available.

Joyful Blessings

Cindy Novak

#### **Please Pray for the Sick**

Dottie Neutts, Catherine Mills, Camille Carroll, Msgr. Peter McHugh, Bernice Wilhelm, Nancy Vitale, Joseph D'Amore, Raymond Tkaczuk, RoseAnne Tkaczuk, Emilia Catizone, John Wallace, Raeann Visioli, Kathleen Lee, Marnie Lang, Hilarion Uy, Conor Lee Simmons, Ruth DUNSCOMBE, Fr. Dan Kelly, Madeleine & Aldo Cavallaro, Edward Nolan, Timothy John Curran, Jr., Pat Caldari, Michael Maday, Paul Chase, Matthew and Christian Agostini, and Alice Kraska.

**We are keeping names on this list for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office at 973-895-4224 to add or remove someone.**

**INTERFAITH FURNISHINGS NEEDS**  
**YOUR TIME AND TREASURE**

We've been furnishing homes for Morris County neighbors-in-need 13 years (1,600 and counting) and recycling for the community. Now we are turning to you — the residents we serve.

November is the only time of the year when we ask for any financial support for expenses for our truck rentals, gas, insurance, volunteer lunches, and supplies.

Treasure? Our only regular income is from those who donate furniture and make a voluntary donation for pickups. We also get a once-a-year donation from participating faith communities.

Time? We want your involvement — once every three months — for half a day. That's it. Our wonderful volunteers have aged during 13 years of operation. So, we are looking for younger workers: teenagers and their dads, thirty somethings, and people who are looking for exercise while they are serving others.

Please consider these two requests, and the value of our mission: To donate time, money or furniture to Morris County neighbors-in-need. Help us assist those around us. The necessary steps to donate:

1. Go to <http://www.interfaithfurnishings.org> on your computer
2. Click on the big yellow donate button or send your donation to:  
Mary Jo Welch  
Interfaith Furnishings  
106 Shongum Road  
Randolph, NJ 07869

**Christmas Trees**

St. Paul's Abbey, on Route 206 one mile south of Newton, has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose 'n' cut 7 days a week until December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. They also have the Abbey Gift Shop with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more.

**Burrini's**

If you shop at Burrini's, don't forget to mention Resurrection Parish. They will rebate to the parish 5% of each sale.

**Catholic Charities Donation Bin**

Help Catholic Charities by donating **Clothing, Shoes** and **Household Items** in the donation bin located in Resurrection's parking lot. If you have a **large pick up**, need a receipt, or have a question, please call the toll-free number at **877-343-3651**. The Parish Office has receipts if you need one. Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions.