

DECEMBER 24, 2017- FOURTH 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**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)**

2 Sm 7; 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16: 25-27; Lk 1: 26-38

**Sat.** Dec. 23, 5:00pm + Carmela Pikar  
+ Jack Windt  
**Sun.** Dec. 24, 7:30am + Msgr. Ray Crossier  
9:30am + Frank Figurelli  
+ Irene Lamoglia  
11:00am **NO 11:00AM MASS**

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**Sun. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve**  
**Church & Community Room** 4:00pm *People of the Parish*  
**Church** 6:00pm *People of the Parish*  
**Church** 8:00pm *People of the Parish*

**Mon. Dec 25, Christmas Day**  
10:00am *People of the Parish*  
12:00pm *People of the Parish*

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**Tues.** Dec. 26, 9:00am Saint Stephen, the First  
Martyr  
Acts 6: 8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:  
17-22  
*People of the Parish*

**Wed.** Dec. 27, 9:00am Saint John, Apostle &  
Evangelist  
1 Jn 1: 1-4; Jn 20: 1a, 2-8  
+ Sister Mary Jean Meyer

**Thurs.** Dec 28, 9:00am The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
1 Jn 1: 5—2: 2; Mt 2: 13-18  
+ Frances Scarcella

**Fri.** Dec 29, 9:00am Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop  
& Martyr  
1 Jn 2: 3-11; Lk 2: 22-35  
*Intention of Hector Ramos*  
*Intention of Merilag Mendoza*

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (B)  
Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14; Col 3: 12-21; Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19;  
Lk 2: 22-40

**Sat.** Dec. 30, 5:00pm + Rose Kowalski  
+ Jean B. Kryger  
**Sun.** Dec. 31, 7:30am *Intention Available*  
9:30am + Josephine Reck  
+ Dean McKercher  
11:00am + Paul Francis Smith  
+ Katy Hoyns

**Clergy Schedule – Christmas Eve**

**Community Room**

4:00pm – Fr. George Dudak; Deacon Rich Reck

**Church**

4:00pm – Fr. John Tarantino  
6:00pm – Fr. Brendon McLoughlin; Deacon Ray Latour  
8:00pm – Fr. John Tarantino; Deacon Ray Latour

**Clergy Schedule – Christmas Day**

10:00am – Fr. John Tarantino; Deacon Roger Lacouture  
12:00pm – Fr. John Tarantino

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

**Clergy Schedule – Dec. 30-31, 2017**

5:00pm – Fr. John Tarantino  
7:30am – Fr. John Tarantino  
9:30am – Fr. John Tarantino; Deacon Rich Reck  
11:00am – Fr. George Dudak; Deacon Roger Lacouture

**Mass Intentions**

Some Sunday and many weekday Masses are available.  
Please stop in or call the office at 973-895-4224.

**Parish Office**

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December  
26<sup>th</sup>. The building will be locked after the 9am Mass.

**Stewardship**

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. 16–17**      **\$ 8,203.00**

**Fiscal Year 2017/2018**      **\$246,923.14**  
**Fiscal Year 2016/2017**      **\$253,218.13**

In the first reading, God promises King David that his  
house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through  
Mary’s “Yes” – “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be  
done to me as you say.” – that the promise finds  
fulfillment.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

### **Grades K-5**

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**973-895-4224 - Ext. 104**

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

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS: Grades 1-5**

**Praise Group (Last Name A-K):**

1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/15, \* 4/29, 5/13, 6/3

\*Last session Grade 2

**Glory Group (Last Name L-Z):**

1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25, 4/22, \* 5/6, 5/20

\*Last session Grade 2

**Kindergarten:**

1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/22, 5/20

**January Good Samaritan Donation Items:**

Grades 1, 2 & 3: canned meals (stew, Spaghetti O's, Spam)

Grades 4 & 5: canned soup

**Grade 2 Parent Theology Day:** Parents of children preparing for the sacrament of First Eucharist are required to attend an instructional session on the Eucharist with Father Tarantino in the Community Room from 8:15-9:15am. PRAISE meets on 1/7. GLORY meets on 1/14. Your child's Loving/Unloving Choices worksheet is also due on these dates. Please drop off the assignment in a drop box the Community Room on this day or submit to your child's catechist along with the Parent Readiness form indicating whether or not your child is ready to receive the sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation.

### **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 also has receipts.

### **"New Legacy Books" Bin**

New Legacy Books accepts all books in good readable condition: Hardcover, Paperback & Textbooks. Also accepted are: DVDs, Video Games & CDs. **Each month, the Samaritan Ministry of Resurrection receives a rebate on the items donated.**

### **SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON TO BE HONORED IN CONVENT STATION**

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth cordially invite you to join them for the Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Seton Associate Commitment Ceremony. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, NJ, at 11:00 am. The Mass will be followed by a light lunch in the study hall of the Academy of Saint Elizabeth. The Heritage Room at the Motherhouse will be open for a display of Mother Seton memorabilia. For more information, call 973-290-5470.

In case of inclement weather call 973-290-5478. Snow date is January 13, 2018.

### **A Way to Help Others**

1- Make all your **Amazon** purchases through our website [www.resurrectionparishnj.org](http://www.resurrectionparishnj.org). Just click on the Amazon graphic on the right sidebar! A small part of each sale is returned to us as a referral fee, and designated to the Samaritans. (This does not affect your purchase price.)

2 – Mention Resurrection Parish when you shop at **Burrini's**. They will rebate to the parish 5% of each sale

3 – **Samaritan Scrip**. There are over 600 retailers to choose from (see [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for the current list). All the local merchants are in the inventory such as Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Acme and Shoprite, and more. Stop at the table in the Narthex for hard copy forms. Any questions check with Tom Roche [tomroche@verizon.net](mailto:tomroche@verizon.net)

***All proceeds go to the Samaritans.***

### **New Eucharistic Minister Training**

**Required Ministry Training:** "Theology of the Eucharist" – Attend **one** of the following **Sunday** opportunities from 8am to 9:15am in the Msgr. Rauscher Community Room: January 7<sup>th</sup> **or** 14<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Tarantino.

### **Rosary Group**

Rosary Group meets on Mondays in the Chapel at 7pm.

### **New Jersey Right to Life**

The New Jersey Right to Life Respect Life Raffle 2017 results are as follows:

1st ticket: Volvo

# 074390

A. Barkman

Venice, Florida

2nd ticket: \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card

# 18743

Eric Franzon

3rd ticket: \$750. ShopRite Gift card

# 33864

Rosa Murillo

Morris Plains, NJ

4th ticket: \$500 ShopRite Gift card

# 15543

Janelle Quito

Congratulations to the winners! Thank you so much for your support! Our parish proceeds were \$1,330.00. 3rd ticket winner sold at St. Margaret's Parish in Morristown.

**SAMARITANS**  
**Tammy McConnell**  
**973-895-4224 - Ext. 109**

**tmcconnell@resurrectionparishnj.org**

Thank you to everyone who shared their time, talents, and resources in support of Resurrection's various social service activities in 2017. Our parish's generosity and willingness to help others is truly inspirational. May your Christmas season be filled with joy and love!

See below for a message of appreciation from Our Lady of Victories Church, which is located in Paterson:

*I want to say "Thank You" to the parish family of Resurrection for the donation of turkeys and food items you collected and provided for the poor here at Our Lady of Victories at Thanksgiving time. Each year, the requests seem to multiply, and it would be impossible to respond to everyone if it were not for the generosity of Resurrection Parish. It is so important that we support and encourage each other, especially when the poor are concerned. Please know that all members of Resurrection Parish are in our prayers. Remember all of us here at Our Lady of Victories in your prayers.*

*The Peace of Jesus be with you,  
Reverend Raimundo Rivera  
Administrator*

**December Request** – This month, we are requesting **Tissues or Hand Soap** for Homeless Solutions. You can leave your donation in the Samaritans' Donation Basket in the lower lobby.

In His service,  
Tammy McConnell

### **Samaritan Scrip**

Samaritan Scrip will next be sold the weekend of December 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. There are over 600 retailers to choose from (check out **www.shopwithscrip.com** for the current list). We now have \$100 & \$25 Shop Rite and \$100 & \$25 Acme, along with Dunkin Donuts and Panera in inventory. As always, hard copy order forms will be available at the table.

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. Getting you set up for Presto Pay requires a day or two processing validation; but once that's done, you will be set moving forward. No more checkbooks needed coming to Mass! Your cards will be ready for pickup after Masses just as they are for those who use a paper order form. 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**). Thank you for your continued participation & support!

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

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

"Nothing will be impossible for God." These words of the Angel Gabriel to Mary can be for all of us in every aspect of our lives. With the faith of Mary, "...May it be done to me according to your word", we can endure life's challenges, pain and suffering, knowing we are being held by the God who makes all things right.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is available to all our homebound parishioners and their family members. Please call the Pastoral Care phone number above to schedule a visit. This time of preparation for the coming of the Savior of the world lends itself to the gift of this Sacrament.

### **MINISTRY TO THE BEREAVED**

He was born in a manger. A star led the world to His birth. Shepherds and animals knelt before Him. Kings paid Him homage and kept His location secret to protect Him. A lowly babe in swaddling clothes is the Son of God, sent to pursue us all and show us the way to the Father. We who are grieving are shown the gift we have been given in the faces of our loved ones and in the promise of eternal life for all. "For nothing is impossible for God."

Our next Bereavement Support Group meets Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm, in the Resource Room.

Blessed Christmas to all!

Cindy Novak

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 7pm in the Resource Room. If you would like to join our group, please call Cindy Novak at 973-219-0919 or Rosemarie Agostini at 973-334-9144. Materials are available as well as instructions when needed.

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

Msgr. John J. Demkovich, Joan Kisatsky, Charlie Helmer, Lincoln DeNero, Alison Fordice, Florence Holmes, Mary Barry, Bob Phillips, Emilia Catizone, Ruth Dunscombe, Olga Papetti, Kevin Murphy, Caitlin Licare, Betsy Weingaertner, Alice Kraska, Erica Crane, Gene Crescentini, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Martine Errico, Renato Florendo, Kevin Raquet, Joseph Mallia, Frank Tomaino, Craig Brandegeee, Jasmine Kole, Tony Lonero, Msgr. Leo P. Carey, Scott Parente, Margaret Lawton, Joey Bulgur, Carmella DiMartino, Marilyn Reilly, Francisco Lim, Edward "Eddie" Nolan, Scott Whitney, Helen Gilligan, Hilarion Uy, Juanita Springs, Charlie Ann Reizko, Deborah Penkalski, Patricia Mongiello, Michael Reilly, Charles Buschmann, Anthony David, Edward Paone, Louis A. Morales, Ed Moore, Eileen Phelan, Doris Dolan, Tammy Dolan, Salvatore Buttaci, Sharon Buttaci, Juliana Donnelly, & Dorothy Goerke.

***Please call the Parish Office at 973-895-4224 to add or remove someone.***

**40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF MINISTRY**

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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**CHRISTMAS EVE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

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

**4:00 pm – Main Church – Fr. John Tarantino**

Organ, Piano, Brass, Violin, Cantor, Children's Choir,  
Bell Choir (3:30 pm Children's Choir preludes begin.)

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

**Msgr. George Dudak; Deacon Rich Reck**

Keyboard, Cantor

***Only for the 4:00 pm Masses is there overflow parking across the street at Hope Church – Thank you, Pastor Jeff!***

**6:00 pm - Main Church – Fr. Brendan McLoughlin**

**Deacon Ray Latour**

Organ, Piano, Brass, Violin, Cantor

**8:00 pm – Main Church – Fr. John Tarantino**

**Deacon Ray Latour**

Organ, Piano, Brass, Violin, Cantor, Adult Choir  
(7:30 pm – Adult Choir preludes begin.)

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**CHRISTMAS DAY – MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

***All Masses are in the Main Church***

**10:00 am – Fr. John Tarantino;**

**Deacon Roger Lacouture**

Organ, Piano, Brass, Violin, Cantor

**12:00 Noon – Fr. John Tarantino**

Organ, Piano, Violin, Brass Ensemble, Cantor

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**“Holy Family” – December 30-31**

Saturday – 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 am

**“Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God”**

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

9:00 am – **No Obligation**

**“Epiphany of the Lord”**

**January 6-7, 2018**

Saturday – 5:00 pm; Sunday – 7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 am

**“Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord”**

**Monday, January 8, 2018**

9:00 am – **No Obligation**