

DECEMBER 25, 2016 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (A)

“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

Our Tabernacle Candle is lit this week in Memory of Paul Doran, requested by Rich & Joan Reck.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (A)

Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

All Christmas Intentions are for the “People of the Parish”

- Sat.** Dec. 24, 4:00pm Main Church
4:00pm Community Room
6:00pm Main Church
8:00pm Main Church
- Sun.** Dec. 25, 10:00am Main Church
12:00pm Main Church
- Mon.** Dec. 26, 9:00am St. Stephen, The First Martyr
Acts 6: 8-10; 7:54-59;
Mt 10: 17-22
+ Father Charles Parr
+ Alvira J. Conurso
- Tues.** Dec. 27, 9:00am St John, Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a 2-8
+ Fay Rusconi
+ Damiano Gerardi
- Wed.** Dec. 28, 9:00am The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1: 5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
+ Gloria Kolodziej
- Thurs.** Dec. 29, 9:00am St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
+ Frank Snyder
- Fri.** Dec. 30, 9:00am The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Mt 2:13-15,
19-23
+ Father Charles Parr
+ Laura Perez

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

- Sat.** Dec. 31, 5:00pm + Paul Francis Smith
+ Josephine Reck & Edward Gnatz
- Sun.** Jan 1, 7:30am *Intentions of Rory Schaffer*
9:30am + Erin Tiernan
+ Glenn Robert Yeakey
11:00am + Gail Sesko

Clergy Schedule – December 31- January 1

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

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 December 17/18	\$ 7,315.00
Fiscal Year 2016/2017	\$253,218.13
Fiscal Year 2015/2016	\$237,731.46

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS DRIVE

This year, our parish’s “Assessment” for running the Diocese of Paterson is \$69,948. The remainder of what is not collected from pledges comes from the ordinary income / collections of the parish.

Diocesan Assessments 2016-2017

Total Diocesan Assessment	\$69,948.00
Total Pledges	168
Amount Pledged	\$34,145.00
Amount Received	\$31,458.00

Diocesan Assessments 2015-2016

Total Pledges	174
Amount Received	\$38,060.00

For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to you.

Retirement Congratulations

Parish Administrative Assistant, Theresa Harvey, retires on December 29th after many years of service to the Parish. We thank Theresa for all she has done and bid her God’s blessings in all the days ahead.

Christmas Gratitude

The staff and I are grateful for your Christmas cards and best wishes. In your name, we thank all those whose ministry has blessed us this Advent/Christmas season:

- Office, Support and Maintenance Staff
- Music Ministry Members
- Liturgical Ministers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Ushers
- Environment Committee
- Religious Formation Coordinators & Staff

May God’s blessings be with you all in the New Year
Father Tarantino

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Grades K-5

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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):

1/15, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/23, 5/7, 6/4

Glory Group (Last Name L-Z):

1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/30, 5/21

Kindergarten: 1/8, 2/12, 3/19, 4/23, 5/21

January Good Samaritan Donation Items:

Grades 1-3: canned meats (Spam, Spaghetti O's, stew)

Grades 4 & 5: canned soup

Grade 2 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 8:10-9:15am. "GLORY" meets 1/8 and PRAISE meets 1/15. Your child's Loving/Unloving Choices worksheet is also due on these dates. Please drop off the assignment to your child's catechist in his/her classroom along with the Parent Readiness form indicating whether or not your child is ready to receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Those who wish to be trained as Eucharistic Ministers will come to the presentation of the "Theology of the Eucharist" with the parents of our First Eucharist candidates. Attendance at one of the following sessions is required: Sunday, January 8th or January 15th from 8:10-9:15am in the Community Room. Please call the main office to register.

CALLING ALL PRINCESSES AND PRINCES: Enchanted Tales and Crafts with Your Favorite Fairytale Characters

Dress up as your favorite fairytale characters and join us for magical stories, crafts and games. Every week there is a different royal guest in attendance. Don't miss out on this new 10-week storytelling class starting January 4th and 5th on Wednesdays at 3pm or Thursdays at 1pm and 3pm. Location: 355 Eisenhower Pkwy, Livingston. Age Group: 3 to 6 years old. Cost: \$280. **For more information and to register contact Sports Universe at 973-992-7901.**

YES Technology Workshop SAVE THE DATE!

The YES Ministry will be holding technology workshops Saturday 1/21 3-5pm and Sunday 1/22 after the 9:30 & 11am masses in the Community Room for our 55 & over parishioners. Bring your laptop, phone, tablet or other device for assistance from our teen experts!

We need to know how many people to expect, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Burrini's For All Your Food Items

We have received \$512.42 back from Burrini's as a result of your mentioning Resurrection Parish when you shop there! Please remember to mention crediting Resurrection Parish when you are shopping

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

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The 2016-2017 Religious Formation classes are as follows:

Class time will be the same for both GLORY & PRAISE: Sunday mornings from 10:30am-12 noon, after attending the 9:30am Mass.

GLORY – students in grades 6, 7, 8:

Last Names A-K: 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19., 4/2, 4/30 & 5/21

PRAISE – students in grades 6, 7, 8:

Last Names L-Z: 1/15, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/23, 5/7 & 6/4

Parish Now on Amazon

Support the Samaritan Ministry, especially around Christmas. For each purchase, you make through our website, Amazon will pay a 4-8% commission. This does not affect your purchase price.

By clicking on the right sidebar icon, you will be connected to Amazon, and if you have an account, it will open to your account. The icon will change periodically and will highlight a different department, but, you have access to the whole Amazon site.

Sunday Sisters in Faith

Sunday Sisters in Faith All women are invited to be nourished through faith learning and sharing, friendship, food and fun.

Our meeting dates are from 7-9pm on the following dates: 1/8, 1/22, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/23, 5/7, and 5/21.

Women of Faith

The next Women of Faith Meeting will be held on January 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Meissner at 973-292-0347.

Bible Study Options – 2017

Resurrection Parish Bible Study will resume in late February with the Gospel of John on Tuesday mornings and evenings. More information will be available in the new year.

St. Matthew Bible Study is offering "Revelation" beginning on January 13th on Friday or Saturday mornings or Monday evenings. For more information, contact Suzanne at suzj238@verizon.net

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held from Friday evening, January 27 through Sunday afternoon, January 29, 2017 in the Stirling area. To register, or for more information, contact Marie at 973-377-1004, Ext. 425. All calls will be held in strictest confidence.

SAMARITANS
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Thank you to everyone who shared their time, talents, and resources in support of Resurrection's various social service activities in 2016. Our parish's generosity and willingness to help others is inspirational, truly contributing to bringing God's Kingdom to life in our corner of the world. May your Christmas season be filled with joy and love!

December Requests – We are collecting **paper towels** for Homeless Solutions this month. You can leave your donation in the Samaritans' basket in the lower lobby.

In His service,

Tammy McConnell

Samaritan \$crip

The weekend of January 7-8 is the next time Samaritan \$crip will be for sale. There are over 600 retailers to choose from (check out www.shopwithscrip.com for the current list). We usually 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.

Thank you to all those who used \$crip for holiday purchases this year!

You may now enroll directly with the \$crip 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 \$crip program and the various ways to participate.

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

***** From Deacon Rich Reck*****

Providing some social interaction with Veterans (who are hospitalized at Lyon's Veteran Hospital), the local VFW Post 7333 co-hosts Bingo nights on the second Monday of each month. I will be taking donations of NEW socks, t-shirts, and sweat shirts which are distributed as prizes to the patients. Sizes are more important than color. Socks should be 10-13 in size; and t-shirts/sweat shirts should be XL – XXXL. You can deposit sock and shirt donations in the Samaritans' basket in the lower lobby. Thank you for your support.

Rosary

Rosary will resume their regular schedule on Monday, January 9. All are welcome!

PASTORAL CARE
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MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

As the Christmas Mosaic, presented by the Resurrection Parish Sr. Choir conveys, "He came, and God incarnate lay! And the angels cried: Glory, glory to God! Peace on earth good will to men..." The earth is alive with the gift of the Savior of all. As we enter into the mystery of the newborn Savior of the world, we journey with Him in our day to day challenges, calling on Him in prayer to show us the way. "Come celebrate Jesus! The Spirit that frees us. Just follow the star and come as you are. Joy to the world. The Lord is come!"

Fr. Tarantino is available to visit the sick and administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick which gives strength to face what each day brings, or is the Sacrament for those who are being called Home from this life to the Father. This Christmas season is a wonderful time to share this Sacrament with our homebound loved ones. Call the Pastoral Care Office above or the Main Office to set up an appointment for a visit.

MINISTRY TO THE BEREAVED

Salvation was born in a Manger, died on a Cross and Rose from the dead. Because of this, the Heavens are open and we and our loved ones can live in eternity together with the Trinity of God and His Angels. We remember our loved ones at Christmas Mass, at the Christmas meal around the table, at the gathering around the tree hovering over the gifts, singing Carols and enjoying family time or time with special friends. At the end of the day, we reflect on the joy and remember the special corner of our heart where our loved one resides, "for the Child Jesus brings true comfort to every heart." Pope Francis.

Our next Bereavement Support Group meeting will be on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 12:30pm in the Resource Room. This is a safe and confidential environment in which to share your grief. All are welcome because all belong.

Blessed Christmas to all

Cindy Novak

Please Pray for the Sick

Theresa DiPaolo, Helen Gilligan, Victoria Sal Guero, Fr. Ray Pavlick, Fr. Charles Perricone, Hilarion Uy, Ed Stevens, Juanita Springs, Charlie Ann Reizko, Deborah Penkalski, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Kathie Cirelli, Cathy Cristadoro, Patricia Mongiello, Paul Goudreau, Victoria Salguero, Craig Brandegeee, Michael Reilly, Charles Buschmann, Anthony David, Edward Paone, Louis A. Morales, Ed Moore, Eileen Phelan, Joyce Alexander Luck, Doris Dolan, Tammy Dolan, Kelly Medley, James Ketcham, Fred Lucia, Salvatore Buttaci, Sharon Buttaci, Jay Paul Tinio, Walter Sella, Claudia Coronado, Domenick Bellia, Theresa Hrenko, Dorothy Goerke, Juliana Donnelly, Mildred Kazaba, and Edward Esso.

Please call the Parish Office to add or remove someone from this list.