

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faithful of Resurrection Parish, seeking to grow as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, are committed to proclaiming his Gospel by our words and actions in the community of Northern Indiana County, that we may build up the Kingdom of God and continually form new disciples.

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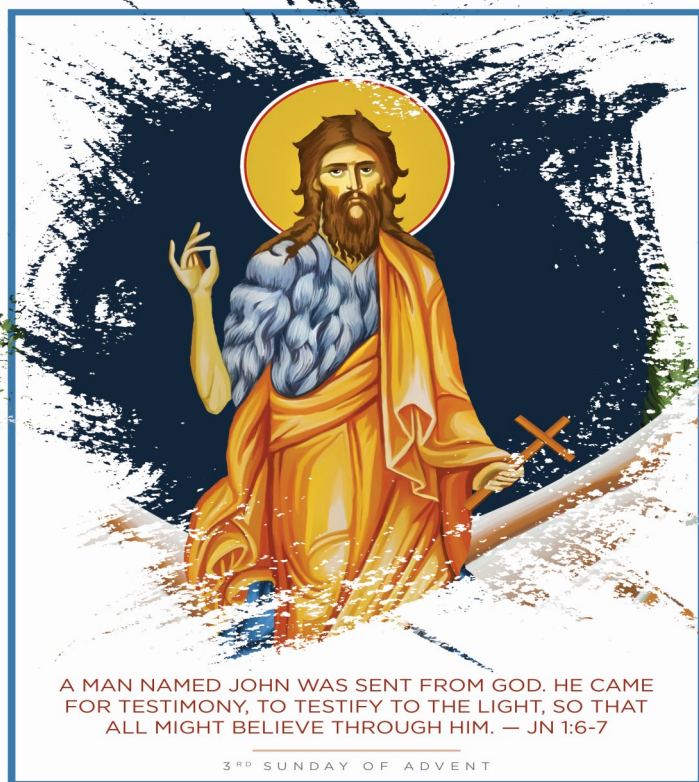
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A MAN NAMED JOHN WAS SENT FROM GOD. HE CAME
FOR TESTIMONY, TO TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT, SO THAT
ALL MIGHT BELIEVE THROUGH HIM. — JN 1:6-7

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment. Catechesis is required.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Friday of the Month at 9:30 AM in Rossiter and the First Saturday of the Month at 11:00 AM in Clymer. Weekdays after morning Mass. You may also call the office to schedule an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made in person at least six months in advance. Please contact the Pastor to make arrangements.

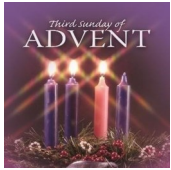
Parish Registration/New Members: If you are new in the parish, we welcome you and invite you to complete a confidential census form to complete your membership. Parish membership is required to be a sponsor, to get married in the parish, or to have a child baptized.

(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Anyone interested in obtaining more information on the Catholic Church or interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office.

Father Jim's Thoughts for the week...



Third Sunday of Advent



Question: "Sometimes I have difficulty connecting my call as a Catholic disciple to my prayer life. In other words, what is God's purpose for me?"

Answer: This is a question that is relevant whether it is our first day as a committed Catholic or if we have been praying daily and practicing our faith for 50 years. The answer is that you and I are called *to testify to the Light*.

Today's Gospel reads, "A Man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. -John 1: 6-8

God called John the Baptist to an incredible vocation in preparing the way of the Lord in human history, but his vocation is not far removed from our own. God calls each of us to testify to the Light of Christ and prepare the way of the Lord in our surroundings. Let me offer 5 ways we can better fulfill this call in our daily life.

1. Tell people you will pray for them who are struggling, or for their friend who is struggling if an opportunity arises.
2. Make the sign of the cross in public before meals in prayer or when you pray in your car.
3. Say simple things about your own faith in casual conversation with people at work or elsewhere, like where you go to Church.
4. Carry a rosary with you in your pocket or purse so that you have a tangible sign of your Catholic faith which is a great conversation starter (and) practice praying that rosary daily if you don't already!
5. Model the lives of the saints. Choose a saint to read about and memorize certain aspects of their journey of faith. If you already have a favorite saint, ask yourself; "Do I know about my favorite saint's life yet?" If not, order a book about your favorite saint and commit to learning about him or her so you can witness to your favorite saint better!



REGIONAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES Please take time amidst everything else for Confession. Plan ahead to make full use of our Regional Advent Penance Services.

PENANCE SERVICES FOR AREA PARISHES WILL BE:

Monday, December 18 - Church of the Resurrection, Clymer

7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 19 - Our Lady of the Assumption, Lucernemines

7:00 PM

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mrs. Bridget Polenik - Facilitator

Linda Benko George Deabenderfer
Sandy Greene Tom Lester
Rebecca Lingenfelter Maureen Pounds
Tina Semon

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Frank Johns Clayton Lamer
Peter Larme Mark Little
Steve Reinoehl Jerry Roof
Jerry Shipe

CEMETERY - Clayton Lamer



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66



SANCTUARY LAMP

December 18 - 31, 2023
BURNING IN MEMORY OR INTENTION OF:

CLYMER

In loving memory of
Margaret Yevchak
by your Family

ERNEST

In loving memory of
James Del Rushton
by wife Lillian, sons George & Jim,
daughter Pam & granddaughter Anne

GLEN CAMPBELL

In loving remembrance of
Charles A. Mattis
by son Chuck & Kathy

HEILWOOD

In loving memory of Rodney Harbrige
by Jean, Heather & Justin

ROSSITER

For the repose of the soul of
May Burns
by Deacon Steve & Sandy

YOU MAY REMEMBER A LOVED ONE OR ANY PERSONAL INTENTION by lighting the Sanctuary Lamp. This can be done by placing a donation of \$10.00 along with the name of the intention and placing it in the collection basket. The intention will be placed in the bulletin for a period of two weeks.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 16

4:00 PM (Heilwood) - The Davies Family by Carol, Brenton & Paige

6:00 PM (Clymer) - George "Hector" Wargo
by Jack & Debby Wargo †

6:00 PM (Glen Campbell) - Stanley Jahocha
by Stasia, Peggy & Patty †

SCI Pine Grove Mass - John Hodak by Frank & Karen Pessolano †

Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM (Rossiter) - Mary Ryen by Daughter & Family †

9:00 AM (Heilwood) - Delores Gaston by Mary Mnich †

10:30 AM (Ernest) - Mass for the People

11:00 AM (Clymer) - Rodney Harbrige by Jean, Heather & Justin †

Monday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM (Glen Campbell) - George Scott
by John & Mary Ann Pittman †

Tuesday, December 19 - Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM (Ernest) - Alfonse Mamrowich by Anna Receski Family †

Wednesday, December 20 - Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM (Heilwood) - Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for
Joseph & Lucille Salley by Children,
grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Thursday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Dr. of the Church

9:00 AM (Clymer) - Charles A. Mattis by Chuck & Kathy †

Friday, December 22 - Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM (Rossiter) - Mr. & Mrs. Barney Kuras & Family
by Alice Humble & Jackie Nati †

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM (Glen Campbell) - Franklin Payne by Family †

4:00 PM (Rossiter) - Evelyn Kopas by Patty Janocha †

5:00 PM (Heilwood) - For the living & deceased members of the
Baker & Black Families by Deacon Steve & Sandy

Sunday, December 24

9:00 AM (Heilwood) - Mass for the People

10:30 AM (Ernest) - Samuel Trunzo by Dave & Angela Cesario †

11:00 AM (Clymer) - Ronald D. Bunyak by brother Mark †

4:00 PM (Clymer) - Intentions of the Celebrant

4:00 PM (Glen Campbell) - Intentions of the Celebrant

4:00 PM (Rossiter) - Intentions of the Celebrant

6:00 PM (Ernest) - Intentions of the Celebrant

7:00 PM (Heilwood) - Intentions of the Celebrant

Parish Mass Schedule for Christmas

Christmas Eve - December 24th



4:00 PM - Clymer
 4:00 PM - Glen Campbell
 4:00 PM - Rossiter
 6:00 PM - Ernest
 7:00 PM - Heilwood

Christmas Day - December 25th

12:00 Midnight - Clymer
 9:00 AM - Heilwood
 10:30 AM - Clymer

Children's Liturgy of the Word Corner



Third Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Luke 1:46-66; John 1:6-8, 28, 19-17

Prayer of the Day: Give us strength; build up our courage, mighty God, because we are sometimes weak and afraid. You sent Jesus to make the sick better and to be a friend of the poor. May we believe in him and be happy that you always support us. We pray to you through Jesus, our Lord.

Good news for the poor! Christ, our Light, is among us!

How does light make you feel? How does darkness make you feel? Is light better? Of course light makes us all feel better. God knows that so He sent us the light through His Son. Knowing that light is coming and darkness will end is a great feeling. This is what we see as we read from Isaiah. John the Baptizer in John's Gospel also shares the importance of being a light to others. Being a light to others can mean being an example for others to follow so they know what to do and which direction to follow to reach God. As children, there are many things you can do. It can be as simple as saying "hello" to some or giving them a smile. We all want to feel like someone truly cares about us. Think about who you can help this Advent season, Who can you comfort? Who do you know that is sad? Share God's Love this Advent season. It will help you prepare for the coming of His Son, Jesus.

DECEMBER 23RD, 24TH & 25TH MINISTRY SCHEDULE



	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>E. Minister</u>	<u>Server</u>
Saturday, Dec. 23rd	Glen Campbell	4 PM	Teresa		
	Rossiter	4 PM	Dian		Ryan/Julie
	Heilwood	5 PM	Linda L	Sandy S	Simon
Sunday, Dec. 24th	Heilwood	9 AM	Jackie	Marie	Alex/John
	Ernest	10:30 AM	Paul	Jan S-L	Borings
	Clymer	11 AM	Andy	Kathy N	Blakes
	Clymer	4 PM	Charlie	Audrey	M/C Seich
	Rossiter	4 PM	Maureen		
	Glen Campbell	4 PM	Layden	Dian	Pearces
	Ernest	6 PM	Barb	Mark L	Liam/Grady
	Heilwood	7 PM	Wimp	Linda L	Buterbaughs
	Clymer	Midnight	George		Desiree
Monday, Dec. 25th	Heilwood	9 AM	Jackie	Gina	Zanins
	Clymer	10:30 AM	Audrey	Betty	Blakes

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Christmas clothing and merchandise are half-priced this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (as space permits).



Faith Formation Children's Christmas Program

TODAY - Sunday, December 17 at 2 PM
in the Clymer Church

Students will need to arrive by 1:30 to prepare for the program. Students K-8 will be a part of the program telling the story of Mary & Joseph going to Bethlehem and Jesus' birth. Students will also be singing Christmas Carols. All are welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



There will be **NO** Faith Formation classes on Monday, December 18th. This is due to the evening Penance Service - Night of Mercy being held here at the Clymer site at 7PM. *May you all have a joyous Christmas break and a Happy New Year!* See you back in class on Monday, January 8th, 2024.

CLYMER MINISTERIUM - ADVENT LUNCHEONS



This Advent the Clymer Ministerium will be having brief word services along with Advent Luncheons. Please join us in faith & fellowship.

December 20th - 12 PM Clymer Methodist Church - Pastor AI



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - This year we will be accepting monetary donations for our parish's Christmas decorative efforts. If you would like to participate, please feel free to use our online Christmas Flowers envelope or your physical envelope to help offset the costs. Donations may be given in memory of a deceased loved one, the sick, your own intention, etc. Two special Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Day for all who gave and their intentions.



BAKE SALE We would like to thank all those who baked for our Fall Bake Sale! A special thank you to everyone who made or purchased items and to those who gave monetary contributions. A total profit for the bake sale was **\$1,748.00!**

We appreciate all your support and contributions to the Parish!



We have begun our Christmas Jar coin & currency collection for Advent. Jars will be available at each worship site. Any contribution of coins and currency is greatly appreciated!

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A "TRAVELING MARY & JOSEPH" ON THEIR WAY TO BETHLEHEM AT EACH CHURCH SITE



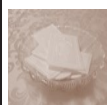
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



the departed souls of:

**Andrew Freno &
Julius Misurda**

We extend our condolences and prayerful support to the bereaved families. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



OPLATKY: Christmas Wafers (Oplatky) are available in the vestibule of the church and at the parish office. The donation is \$3.00 for a packet containing four individual wafers.



2023 Advent Folders are now available at all Church sites. Please take a folder home with you.



JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!

Our **JANUARY** Calendar tickets are available. This ticket is a favorite...prizes will be awarded for both afternoon and evening drawings. The cost of the ticket is **\$10.00**. Tickets are available in the back of church or by calling the parish office. Take a book with you and sell to friends. **These tickets make a great gift or stocking stuffer!**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 18/19 - Collection

		Fiscal YTD
Adult	\$ 6,158.60**	138,115.46
Children	\$ 14.50	407.20
Loose	\$ 555.00	9,281.75
Project Fund	\$ 105.00	4,029.20
Fuel	\$ 60.00	1,708.00
Accent	\$ 149.00	2,285.00
Parish Needs	\$ -	585.00
Christmas/Easter	\$ 10.00	10.00
TOTAL COLLECTION:	\$ 7,052.10	156,421.61
Cemetery	\$ 34.39	
Candle	\$ 165.00	
All Saint's Day	\$ 65.00	
Thanksgiving	\$ 190.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00	
Flowers	\$ 10.00	
Children & Family	\$ 10.00	
Mission Co-op	\$ 294.00	
Poverty Relief	\$ 581.00	
Offset cost of Missals	\$ 20.00	
Donation - GC Wall Fund	\$ 500.00	
Fall Bake Sale	\$ 1,677.00	

**** Online included in totals \$ 782.94**

Envelopes Issued:	593
Envelopes Returned:	205 (34.6%)
Offertory Average Gift:	\$ 30.04
Parish Debts/Arrears:	None