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Christmas 2021

WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS!

If you come to Mass with all the magic of childhood in your hearts and minds, come to see the greater wonder of God's gift in Jesus Christ.

If you've spent these past Advent weeks, praying and reflecting, come to adore your promised Lord and Messiah.

If this year the shadows of grief and loss have fallen upon you, come to seek the true Light, which the darkness cannot overcome.

If it's been a while since you've worshipped with us, know that you're welcome in the name of the Christ Child whose parents sought refuge on that first Christmas night.

If you're not sure what you believe, if there are more questions than answers in your heart, come, with shepherds and kings, to travel through the darkness to meet the One who is our way, our truth and our life.

One and all, you were welcome at the stable when God's Son was born in the flesh.

One and all, you're welcome to his Church, welcome to celebrate, to seek, to journey with his pilgrim people.

Welcome to Christmas!



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word became flesh
 and made his dwelling among us,
 and we saw his glory,
 the glory as of the Father's only Son,
 full of grace and truth.
 - Jn 1:14

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY The Nativity of our Lord

12:00am — Parishioners

9:00am — John LaRose by Mom and Dad

SCI — Joyce Gregar by John and Mary Todor

SUNDAY The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30am — Parishioners

11:00am — Paul and Joyce Gregar by Kathleen Saverwein

SCI — Eugene Kovatch

MONDAY Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00am — James Koziol

TUESDAY The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00pm — Ashley Nahodil by Marie Gaydon

WEDNESDAY St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

9:00am — Tolanda Geromi (Anniversary) by Ken Geromi

THURSDAY Sixth Day within the Octave of the Lord

9:00am — William Carey (Anniversary) by Ginny Carey

5:30-7:00pm — Confession and Adoration

FRIDAY New Year's Eve

5:00pm — Robert O'Connor and Holly Romanishan by Andi O'Connor

SATURDAY Vigil The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm — Marjorie Ort by Women's Organization

SUNDAY The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am — Parishioners

11:00am — Paul J. Sredenschek by His Children and Families

SCI — Reverend Joseph Weber

Church of the Resurrection, 75 Musser Lane, Muncy, PA 17756

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. It is our desire that you find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome and we hope that you will share them with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself after Mass. God bless.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please keep all of our beloved dead in your prayers, especially **Stephen J. Torelli** and **Elizabeth Anstadt**.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

New Years Eve

12/31/2021 5pm Mass

Epiphany

1/1/2022 5pm Mass

1/2/2022 8:30 am and 11:00 am Mass

COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE

From the beginning, the Church has loved and cared for orphans as God Himself does. In a written defense of the Christian faith, St. Aristides the Philosopher writes: “[Christians] love one another; and from widows they do not turn away their esteem; and they deliver the orphan from him who treats him harshly. And he who has, gives to him who has not, without boasting” (from Apology, ca. 125 A.D.).

Currently in our area, **Dwell – a faith-based charity supporting those families who foster and adopt children in need – is in need of volunteers.**

Called to serve? Visit <https://www.dwellorphancare.org/> for more information.

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time between

Sean Tetreault and Rae-Ellah Biddle

on January 15, 2022.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil) **Sunday:** 8:30am, (live-streamed)

11:00am

Holy Days: As Announced

Weekday Mass

9:00am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

7:00pm Tuesday

ADORATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00pm and as posted throughout the year.
Come spend time with the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Thursday: 5:30 pm—7:00pm or by appointment

Advent Penance Services

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Church of the Resurrection, your Parish at 6:30 pm.

CARE FOR CREATION



A Prayer For Your Week

In the same manner, O Christ, that I receive Your body and blood, let me receive and handle the gifts of Your creation: without waste or abuse, but with reverent hands and a grateful heart...from Earth Gospel.

LIFE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

REFLECTING ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST CONTROL YOUR HEARTS

The above words come from the Gospel Acclamation for today's Feast of the Holy Family. As we consider New Year's resolutions, let us embrace the power of letting the peace of Christ control our hearts. Imagine what we as individuals, families, and a parish could do with that peacefulness!

LIVING TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

PUT ON, AS GOD'S CHOSEN ONES, HOLY AND BELOVED . . .

. . . heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." The previous words come from the Second Reading for today's mass. Any one of these qualities would transform the way we live and the lives of those around us. Which one will we focus on? Why not all?

THE LORD'S PORTION

Week of December 12, 2021

Total Donations \$6,733.00

Thank you for your continued support.

ONLINE GIVING



Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of online giving. WeShare is a safe, easy way to donate to the church. Go to resurrectiononline.net and follow the link.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Monday January 10, 2022 at 7pm

We will be meeting virtually via Google Meet.

Go to resurrectiononline.net/bible to sign-up to get the link to join the Bible Study.

We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 6.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Ps 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

1. ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See him in the manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. AWAKE, AWAKE AND GREET THE NEW MORN

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn
For angels herald its dawning,
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
Behold! The Child of our longing.
Come as a baby, weak and poor,
To bring all hearts together,
He opens wide the heavenly door
And lives now inside us forever.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
Though dark the winter and cheerless,
The rising sun shall crown you with light,
Be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
And love our endless story.
May God fill every day we share
And bring us at last into glory.

3. CHILD OF MERCY

Child of mercy, child of peace,
Jesus, bread of life,
Food to fill our longing,
Child of justice, child of light,
Jesus, saving cup,
Emmanuel, God with us.

4. HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark, the herald angels sing:
Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic hosts proclaim:
Christ is born in Bethlehem,
Hark, the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heavens adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel,
Hark, the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail, the heaven born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness,
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

5. JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.
No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.
He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love.

6. NATIVITY CAROL

Silent, in the chill of midnight,
Starlight shines upon a lowly manger.
Wonder, wonder of the ages;
Heaven breaks forth on the earth.
For a child is born,
The world rejoices!
Shepherds and angels
Proclaim his birth.
This is Jesus the Lord,
Our Savior and brother,
Bearing God's peace to the earth.
"Fear not," said angelic voices;
"Tidings of a wondrous love we bring you.
Go now, find him in a manger;
Visit God's home on the earth.
For a child is born,
The world rejoices!
Shepherds and angels
Proclaim his birth.
This is Jesus the Lord,
Our Savior and brother,
Bearing God's peace to the earth.
Jesus, Lord of all creation,
Sleep now close beside your mother Mary.
Bring us light amid the darkness,
Promise of life without end.
For a child is born,
The world rejoices!
Shepherds and angels
Proclaim his birth.
This is Jesus the Lord,
Our Savior and brother,
Bearing God's peace to the earth.

7. O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.
Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.
Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given,
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.
Adeste, fideles,
Laeti, triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem,
Natum videte, Regum angelorum,
Venite, adoremus,
Dominum.

8. SILENT NIGHT

Stille Nacht! Heilige nacht!
Alles schlaft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute heilige Paar.
Holder Knab im lockigten Haar.
Schalfe in himmlischer Ruh!

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!"
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!



THE NATIVITY of the Lord

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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Do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Have you been baptized? Have you been baptized in another Christian Church, but desire instructions about the Catholic Faith? Are you a baptized Catholic but not fully initiated through the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation? The R.C.I.A. team is here for you! Contact Jesse Martin at 570-546-3900 or dresurrection@gmail.com.

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PARISH REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP

All Catholics should be officially enrolled in a parish. To become members of Church of the Resurrection you are asked to register with the Office Administrator. There are also registration forms available in the narthex of the church. Also, please notify the office of any address and/or telephone number changes.

VOLUNTEERS

Church of the Resurrection can always use new altar servers, ushers, choir and contemporary group singers, cantors, and instrumentalists. The Women's Organization and the Knights of Columbus also welcome new members. We often need help with life & justice projects, various fundraisers, grounds keeping and our annual parish festival. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with your parish, please email resurrection@windstream.net and we'll point you in the right direction.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Church law requires Catholics to be married with the church's prayers and blessings. Please call the pastor at least six months before your anticipated wedding date. All couples must complete a Pre-Cana program. If you or your fiancée were previously married and divorced, you will need an annulment before being married in the church. Allow at least a year to finish the annulment process.

BAPTISM

Infants and small children may be baptized at any Saturday evening or Sunday morning celebration of the Eucharist outside of Lent. The parish baptismal preparation session is required before the baptism of a couple's first child. Please find request form on our website.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office whenever anyone is sick, unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Holy Communion. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to the sick. The Pastor will bring the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as needed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sundays, September to May, K-8 at 9:30am. High School Students / Youth Group have various activities that can be found on the church website or within this bulletin. A two-year period of preparation for **First Penance** and **First Eucharist** takes place in first and second grades for baptized children. A two-year program of **Confirmation** preparation for children who have received Baptism and Eucharist takes place during the seventh and eighth grades. **All children must be registered.**



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