

# A 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**

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1505 E. Michigan Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48912

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**December 24, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:**

Located in the heart of the City of Lansing, the Church of the Resurrection exists to help everyone in our parish family live in the light and hope of the Resurrection. Encouraged by our experience of God's love, we help others come to know and love Jesus in a personal way. Guided by God's truth, we offer answers to life's real challenges. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we help each other become mature disciples of Christ who will utilize our gifts to spread the Good News of Jesus in word and deed.

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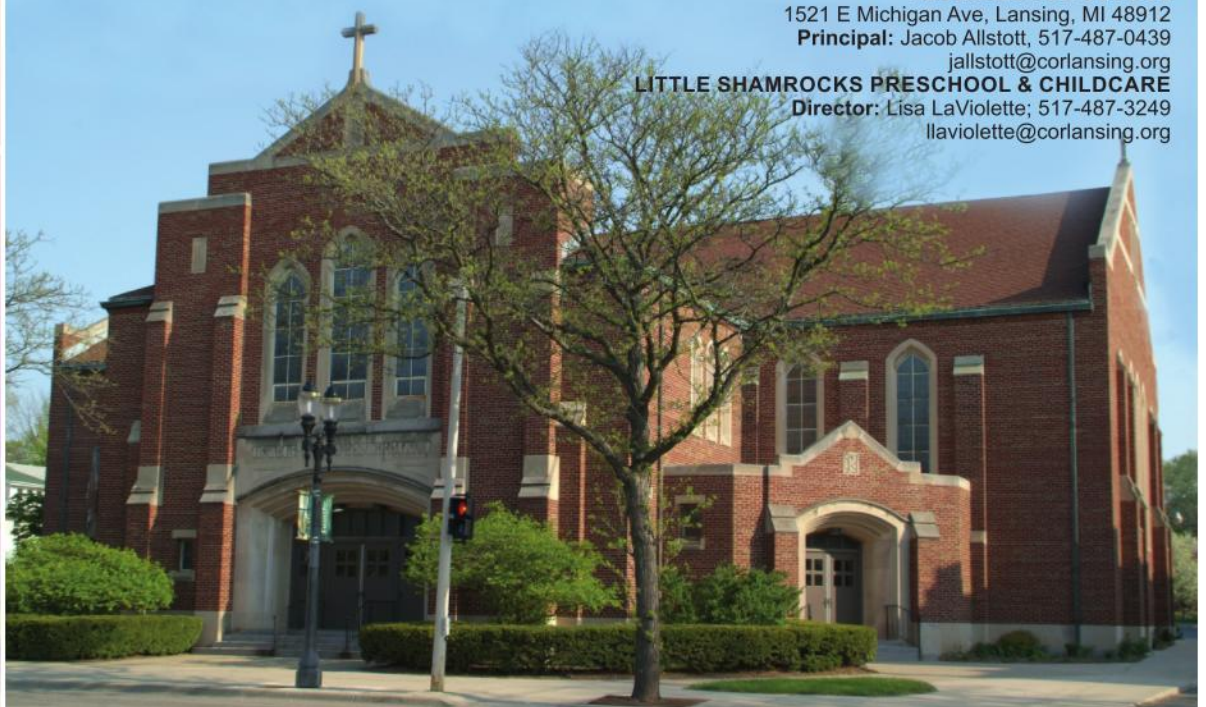
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**“Behold, I am  
the handmaid  
of the Lord.  
May it be done  
to me according  
to your word.”**

Luke 1:38



**RESURRECTION DAILY LITURGIES**

**Saturday December 23, 2017**

**8:15am** Special Intentions of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**9:00am-10:00am** Confessions  
**5:00pm** For the Parish

**Sunday December 24, 2017**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:00am** Jean Gifford—Ron & Karen Markiw  
**11:00am** Pedro & Isabel Alfaro—Sam & Angie Harcus  
**VIGIL-NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
**5:30pm** Richard Gleason—Richards Family  
 Int Dick & Pat Barry’s 65th Wedding  
 Anniversary  
**Midnight Mass (11:30pm)** Rosanne Gross—Dan  
 & Lou Ann Dowsett

**Monday December 25, 2017**

**9:00am** Living & Deceased members of the Halaby Family  
**11:00am** Int Damien DeWitt—Mickie Kreft

**Tuesday December 26, 2017**

**6:15pm** Perpetual Help Devotion  
**6:30pm** Anthony Driscoll—Mom & Dad  
**7-8:00pm** Confession/Holy Hour

**Wednesday December 27, 2017**

**8:15am** Robert Lorenz—Family

**Thursday December 28, 2017**

**8:15am** Rita Baldino—Family & Friends

**Friday December 29, 2017**

**8:15am** Isabel & Pedro & Nady Alfaro—Kevin &  
 Mila Harcus  
**9:00am-8:00pm** Adoration  
**7-8:00pm** Confession/No Holy Hour

**Saturday December 30, 2017**

**8:15am** Terry Dalton—St Blaise Circle  
**9:00am-10:00am** Confessions  
**5:00pm** Int Joe & Rita Wilhelm’s Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday December 31, 2017**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**9:00am** For the Parish  
**11:00am** Pierce Kent—Kent Family  
**1:30pm** Wedding-Brendan Nordstrom & Kathryn  
 Stevenson  
**5:30pm** Bridget Reynolds—Mom & Dad  
**10:30pm** Special intentions of St Jude  
**Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed  
 Sacrament and Benediction at Midnight**

**Readings for the Week of December 25, 2017**

Monday	The Nativity of the Lord Night: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday	Saint Stephen, The First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday	The Holy Family Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our deceased:**

**Our sick:** Pat Koenigsknecht, Damien DeWitt, Tom Lenhardt, Judith Xanders, Dan & Vickie Olivett, Elia Paget, Charles Wiegand, Mari Beth Quinn, Geraldine Radke, John Buchel, Andrea Payne, Linda Grisson, Dave Metzger, Brenda Wohlscheid, Trinidad Regal, Joel Rivera, Antoinette Redmond, Verina Wilhelm, Olga Creaser, Michael Walker, Gary Gurski, James Vincent, Gabriel Radke, our parish family including our homebound and those in nursing homes.

**Our military personnel:**

Chris Riley, Parris Island, S.C., Marines  
 Kaleilani Kalahiki, Medical, Army  
 Capt. Connor Caples, MD Travis AFB, CA  
 Lt. Chris White, Washington, D.C.  
 Erick Martinez, Afghanistan  
 Anthony Sevenski, Navy  
 David Hanosh Suarez, Marines

**ROSARIES PRAYED FOR PEACE:**

49,475 Total number Rosaries prayed. Tally sheets are available at the East Entrances of Church

**LIVING ROSARY INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**

May hearts prepare room for the Coming of the Lord. Please join this devotion to Our Blessed Mother, call Diane Woods: 482.0447

**PARISH INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:**

For the return of non practicing Catholics; that all obstacles that prevent those who have left the faith be removed.

*We invite parishioners to fast on Tuesdays for this intention, consider joining us for Mass that evening at 6:30pm, when we will include the particular intention in the prayers of the faithful.*



**Sat, Dec 23:** Alice L’Huillier, Brian Jacobs, Dolores Oliver, Marci Fox, Kelly Miller

**Sun, Dec 24:** Austin Scott, Christina

Alvarez, Ifeoma Iyioko

**Mon, Dec 25:** Christopher Luea, Dora Rodriguez, Jacob Allstott, Julia Johns, Mary Savage

**Tues, Dec 26:** Armandine Uwimana, Ken Fettig, Mary Stanewich

**Wed, Dec 27:** Eli Coxon, Lucille McNamara, Nick Goodman

**Thurs, Dec 28:** Susana Tellshow, Virginia Fortino

**Fri, Dec 29:** Jane Feeley, Miranda Hoffman

**Sat, Dec 30:** Dennis Marsicovetere, Joel Starrak

**Sun, Dec 31:** Eli Hollenbeck, Lucy Repovz



**SACRAMENTAL LIFE & WORKS OF MERCY**

**Marriage Prep:** Arrangements must be made at least 9 months in advance; please call the parish office.

**Infant Baptism:** Call the parish office or [www.corlansing.org](http://www.corlansing.org), to register.

**Confession:** Mon & Wed—Sat 7:45am; Tues & Fri 7:00pm and Saturday-9:00-10:00am

**Daily Rosary:** Mon & Wed— Fri 7:45am

**Perpetual Help Devotion:** Tuesdays 6:15pm

**St Joseph Devotion:** 1st Wednesdays 6:30am Rosary; 7:00am Mass

**St. Monica Sodality:** 2nd Saturdays 7:45am Rosary, 8:15am Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet following

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Mon— Fri 3:00pm, Holy Family Chapel, 1601 E Grand River Ave.

**St Vincent dePaul Society:** 1601 E. Grand River; 517-371-4380. Mon & Fri 10-11am and Wed 1-3pm

**St Vincent dePaul Parish Food Collection:**

Toilet paper, toothpaste, bar soap, laundry soap and dish soap.

**St Joseph the Worker Guild:** An opportunity for men and women to voluntarily offer their skills and talents to doing a variety of small jobs around the parish. Meets Tuesdays 9:00am in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Come once or come often. Contact: Cindi 485-5886; [curriecindi@aol.com](mailto:curriecindi@aol.com)

**Project Rachel Helpline:** There is help after an abortion. If you or someone you know is hurting from an abortion, call the Project Rachel Helpline 517-993-0291. All calls are confidential.

**Unplanned pregnancy:** Contact Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing 332-0633 or Shared Pregnancy 484-0365

**Drug or Alcohol Problems:** [www.dioceseoflansing.org/content/bishops-council-alcohol-and-other-drugs](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/content/bishops-council-alcohol-and-other-drugs). Information is provided on all types of substance abuse with websites. There is also a list of all parish reps and phone numbers. For help or referrals call 517-342-2471.

**Visitation of the Sick:** If you know someone who is ill at home or in a nursing home and would like to receive communion please contact the parish office.

**Low Gluten Hosts-**Please let the priest or sacristan know prior to Mass if you require a low gluten host. During Mass you will need to come to the priest in the center aisle.

**REGISTRATION:** We invite you to become a member of our parish. If you are new to the area and would like to register please stop at the parish office: 1514 E. Michigan Ave, or visit our website [www.corlansing.org](http://www.corlansing.org). If you are currently a registered member and would like to update your information, please contact the office 517-482-4749.

Please arrive **20 minutes** before Mass and sign in

<b>December 30-31: Holy Family January 1: Mary, Holy Mother of God</b>			
	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM Holy Family</b>	A. Choi E. Park	J. Reynolds M. Scodeller	I. Iyioke E. Cairns M. Migaldi A. Mora
<b>Sunday, 9:00 AM Holy Family</b>	B. Fink S. O'Neill	<b>NOT FILLED</b> E. Riley	J. Janke J. Gulock P. Gulock J. Gulock J. Lavagnino
<b>Sunday, 11:00 AM Holy Family</b>	M. Harcus E. Jones <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> J. Edwards	J. Venema I. Thompson <b>NOT FILLED (3)</b>
<b>Sunday, 5:30 PM Mary, Holy Mother of God Vigil</b>	J. Wohlscheid <b>NOT FILLED (5)</b>	<b>NOT FILLED (2)</b>	C. Abbott B. Abbott M. Abbott Q. Abbott <b>NOT FILLED (2)</b>
<b>Sunday, 10:30 PM Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>NOT FILLED (6)</b>	<b>NOT FILLED (2)</b>	T. Crowley <b>NOT FILLED (4)</b>
<b>Monday, 10:00 AM Mary, Mother of God</b>	C. Currie H. Earley D. Repichowski B. Richardson <b>NOT FILLED (2)</b>	<b>NOT FILLED (2)</b>	D. Bloomfield <b>NOT FILLED (5)</b>

**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

Monday Dec 25th Closed

Tuesday-Friday Dec 26-29 Normal Business Hours:  
9-12 & 1-4:30

Monday Jan 1st-Closed

Tuesday Jan 2nd Resume Normal Business Hours

**COFFEE / DONUTS / CAFÉ & SCRIP SALES:**

Scrip-Sales will resume in January  
**Coffee/Donuts & Café**-Dec 31, Jan 7, 14, 21  
Sunday after 9 & 11am Masses

**All events in Mercy Hall**

Send Bulletin submissions to:  
**[bulletin@corlansing.org](mailto:bulletin@corlansing.org)**  
by Monday 3pm prior to publication.

**PLEASE NOTE HOLIDAY DEADLINES**

**~NO EXCEPTIONS~**

Dec 18 deadline for Dec 31

Jan 1 deadline for Jan 7

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. STEVE

### Welcome!

At this beautiful, joyful time of year, many people feel drawn to church. It is the Lord's love drawing us to the vulnerable Baby Jesus, who came among us as a sign of God's humility and love for us. If you're visiting or it has been a long time since you have been here, we're glad you're here! Perhaps you've seen the "Catholics Come Home" ads, or were invited by a friend or family member. For whatever reason you came, thanks for joining us. We want you to feel welcome, and we very much desire to support you (and your family) in any way we can.

### Why We're Here . . .

The Church of the Resurrection is committed to spreading the Good News in word and deed, to living our faith in authentic ways, and supporting families (i.e., helping each other and our family members get to heaven). *Mission-Focused, Authentically Catholic, and Supportive of Families* are our parish "Core Values." Those values inform and shape our life and ministry as a parish, school, and community.

### Come and See

Whether you are visiting, new to the parish, or have been here for a long time, you may be interested in a new initiative that we will begin in January. We are offering these bi-weekly meetings for those who would like to gather together outside of Mass. So, if you or someone you know would like to meet other parishioners, spend some time praying with each other, and have fellowship, please consider joining us (and perhaps bringing a friend or family member) for what we are calling "Come and See." We will begin these "Come and See" evenings on Wednesday January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the old St. Vincent de Paul space at 123 Rumsey. Look for a flier describing "Come and See" in next Sunday's bulletin.

### Almost here!

Jesus is drawing near. This year, we have a very brief 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent, just one day long, because Christmas is on a Monday this year. As we anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth, I want to say how grateful I am for the members of the Altar Society and their helpers who will help transform our sanctuary for a fitting celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning this evening. Thanks also to all those who have helped us worship so beautifully and well this season, and for the various ministers who allow us to enter into the Sacred Liturgy so effectively. I hope you find that worship here is truly worship in "spirit and in truth," beautifully and reverently celebrated. That is, at least our goal. Thanks to all those who help make it possible. God bless us all during this quick transition between Advent and Christmas!

### Spreading the Good News at Christmas

Beginning this (Sunday) evening, we will celebrate one of our Church's highest feasts, the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time of year when many of us feel especially drawn to church. So, even if your family and friends don't typically come to Mass, they may feel the urge to come to church. Take a "risk" and invite them. Of course, give them the freedom to say no. But, if we don't ask, there's less chance that they will come. You have credibility with your family and friends. Love them enough this year to invite them to join you as we gather together to rejoice in Our Newborn King.

### Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

On Christmas Eve, there will be Masses at 5:30 and Midnight (prelude music will begin at 11:30 p.m.). On Christmas Day, there

will be two Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Each day this week, we will have the Masses of the Octave of Christmas. Next Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Then, that evening we will celebrate the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, which is also the "Octave Day of Christmas." We will have two Vigil Masses, one at 5:30 p.m. and the other at 10:30 p.m. (**NOTE the time change from prior years**) followed by adoration, and Benediction just prior to Midnight. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have one Mass at 10:00 a.m.

### Sanctuary Renderings by Thomas Rajkovich

As I write this bulletin article on December 15, I am hopeful that we will have renderings that represent what the Master Planning Committee has concluded represents the best scheme for our sanctuary. When this committee saw Tom's initial renderings, we got excited because he proposed something that seems to really "fit" the building, and, at the same time, effectively invites us into the Heavenly Liturgy. It is our sense that the two side chapels would have statues of St. Gabriel and St. Raphael. The Archangel Gabriel announced the Good News to Mary, and can help us more effectively proclaim the Saving Message of the Gospel. The Archangel Raphael, the Patron of Healing, can help us experience the Healing Love of God.

### Stay Tuned . . .

We will be scheduling a town-hall meeting to talk more about these renderings in early 2018, to get feedback, answer questions and address concerns. Thank you to all who have pledged and given funds to the Witness to Hope campaign, which will make this effort, and the second project, the secure, accessible connection between the schools possible. May we continue to seek God's leading and to do His work in our homes, parish, and community!

### Merry Christmas!

May you and those you love experience the joy and peace of this holy season, and know the love of God made flesh in the person of the Baby Jesus. When you come to Mass on Christmas and throughout the Octave of Christmas, copies of the book by Matthew Kelly will be available in the narthex of the church. Please take a copy of the book *Perfectly Yourself: Discovering God's Dream For You* as a Christmas gift from the parish. In this Liturgical Year, I pray we will all grow in our awareness of God's healing love, and open ourselves more and more to God's healing action in our hearts this year—for our own sake and for the sake of those we love. Please pray for all who will attend Mass here this Christmas, that we will all grow in wisdom, knowledge, and virtue in the New Year. Feel free to take a copy or more to give to friends or loved ones who were unable to join us for worship this Christmas. In that way, we can all help spread the faith.

With great joy and peace,

Father Steve





### LCHS – Application Information

Application information has been mailed to 8th graders who are currently enrolled at one of the Lansing area Catholic schools. If you have an 8th grader who does not attend a Catholic school, but would like to receive application information, please contact Lansing Catholic's Admissions Office at admissions@lansingcatholic.org or 517-267-2102.

### We are excited to announce the Lansing Catholic HS Corks + Cuisine food tasting event.

Corks & Cuisine will showcase delicious food from local restaurants and sips of wine and beer from area distributors and brewing companies. This first ever event will be held in the fun and entertaining space of the Impression 5 Science Center on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Please visit our website at [www.lansingcatholic.org](http://www.lansingcatholic.org) for event details, online ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities.

### Volunteer Openings at Mother Teresa House

Are you interested in caring for terminally ill people? **Mother Teresa House** has openings evenings and weekends. **Orientation** is Thursday evening, January 4th 6-8pm, followed by **Practical Skills Workshop** Fri, January 19th, 5-8p and Sat, January 20th 9-3p. If you might be that person please contact us at 517-484-5494 or [serving@motherteresahouse.org](mailto:serving@motherteresahouse.org).



When you or a loved one are in the hospital, remember to identify yourself as a parishioner of Resurrection. This allows the hospital to contact us.

**THE WOMEN'S EVENING OF ADORATION** will **NOT** meet in December. We will return on January 25, 2018 from 7:00pm—8:00pm.

**Caring Hands Ministry** – We will **NOT** meet in December. Have a blessed Christmas time. See you Jan. 16.



**Participate in Devotions to St. Joseph** – every 1st Wed. next on January 3, 2018 – 6:30-7:30 AM. There will be a rosary prayed at 6:30 and a Mass following at 7:00 A.M. This devotion is based on a message from St. Joseph revealed to Sr. Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, Diary OUR LADY OF AMERICA, Fostoria Ohio )



## NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

### DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

**Resurrection Council of the Knights of Columbus wish all our brother knights, their families, friends, and fellow parishioners a joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Officers Meeting	December 27 Mercy Hall at 7:00 pm
Knights Night	December 28 Mercy Hall 6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Please check out the council website. [www.kofc11099.org](http://www.kofc11099.org)



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**SAVE THE DATE** –February 3-4, 2018  
**Living In Love retreat** for married couples. For more info contact Craig & Jenn Galer (487-5244 / 648-3664; [ckgaler@gmail.com](mailto:ckgaler@gmail.com)) or Richard & Stephanie Imgrund (485-1920;

[rimgrund@comcast.net](mailto:rimgrund@comcast.net)) or visit the Living In Love website ([livinginlove.org](http://livinginlove.org); click on ‘Upcoming Events’). You don’t want to miss this!

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### HELP IN THE HOME

Do you have an interest in using your craftsman abilities assisting CofR parishioners and residents within the parish boundaries? We are investigating a new ministry that would reach out to folks who do not have the physical capability or the mechanical ability to make minor, but important, repairs to their residence. Our initial thoughts are things such as changing lightbulbs or lighting fixtures, making minor plumbing repairs such as leaky faucets, doing light handyman work, such as fixing or installing handrails, and painting projects.

We have yet to formalize the organization and duties of the group, and if you have an interest your input and participation would be appreciated. Please prayerfully consider helping us in this important work.

**Contact Liz** at [loneill@corlansing.org](mailto:loneill@corlansing.org) and put *Help in the Home* in the subject line of the email. Or call the parish office.



### Divine Mercy for the Dying

The Church of the Resurrection has individuals dedicated to praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet specifically for those who are dying.

If you have a relative or friend who is dying; and you would like to have the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed for them, please contact the office.

**JOIN US 3:00pm every Monday—Friday  
For Divine Mercy Chaplet  
at Chapel at 1601 E. Grand River**

## 2017 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations are now being accepted for The Church of the Resurrection Christmas flower decorations. Please complete the information below, clip it out and return it along with your donation in the Sunday collection, or drop it off at the Rectory no later than **Wednesday, January 3, 2018**. If you are making an electronic donation, please, complete the form below information and drop it into the collection basket.

The memorial announcement will be in the January 14, 2018 bulletin.

**Please make your check payable to: Church of the Resurrection Altar Society**

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*Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

# **Christmas & Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Schedule**

## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Dec 23~Vigil 5:00pm; Sunday Dec 24th~9am & 11am**  
**Saturday Dec 30th~Vigil 5:00pm; Sunday Dec 31st~9:00am & 11:00am**

## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Sunday Dec 24th Vigil~5:30pm & Midnight Mass with Musical Prelude at 11:30pm**  
**Monday Dec 25th Nativity of the Lord~9:00am & 11:00am**

## **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**Sunday Dec 31st~5:30pm & 10:30pm Mass followed by**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at Midnight**  
**Monday Jan 1st~10:00am**

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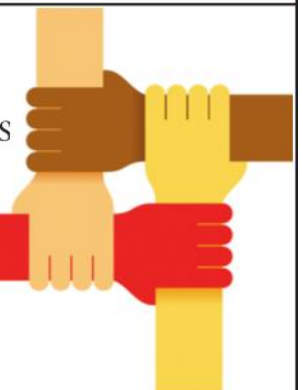
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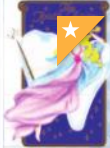
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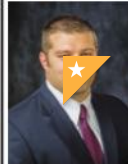
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