

# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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*Dear God-*

Thank You that You are our good, good, Father.  
You are seated on the throne of Your glorious power,  
never to be moved by the forces of evil, all of whom  
You defeated through the Passion, Death,  
and Resurrection of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We praise You for who You are, our holy  
and most worthy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Today as we face together this virus, help us remember  
the words Jesus spoke to us the night before He died:

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.*

*I do not give to you as the world gives.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"*

(John 14:27)

O Lord, we receive Your peace, a peace that is not  
dependent on the world nor its circumstances.

We receive the deep peace of the Prince of Peace.

May this peace guard not only our hearts, but also the hearts  
of all the world, especially those affected by this virus.

We pray You will draw all people to find rest in You,  
dear God, for You alone cause us to dwell in tranquility.

Please bless our civil and religious leaders, and guide  
them to make the right decisions for the good of all.

We ask You to remove this scourge from us, and  
through it to bring us all closer to You, our beloved Lord.

In Jesus' name we pray.

*Amen*

*Fifth Sunday  
of Lent*

*The Coronavirus  
Pandemic has  
caused concern  
around the globe,  
and here at Holy  
Rosary we pray  
that our parish  
family is well  
cared for in the  
midst of closings  
and quarantines.  
Bishop Brennan  
has directed that  
all churches be  
locked and  
masses be  
cancelled until  
further notice.  
Information  
changes by the  
day, and we will  
use our Sunday  
bulletin, parish  
emails and  
Facebook page to  
keep you*

informed. Our bulletins will be emailed to parishioners who signed up for email, and every week the bulletins are posted on our parish webpage: [www.holyrosarywv.org](http://www.holyrosarywv.org). We will continue to send the bulletins to our homebound parishioners by "snail mail." We will also help you with resources, readings and reflections as you continue your Lenten journey at home. Please call the rectory if you need help during this time.

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### Diocesan Directives

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- **ALL PUBLIC DAILY AND WEEK-END MASSES ARE SUSPENDED**
  - **ALL HOLY WEEK SERVICES ARE PENDING: Bishop Brennan will make a decision whether to conduct any services by March 30th.** Palms will be blessed by Father Joe privately to be distributed at a later date.
  - **ALL FUNERAL MASSES ARE SUSPENDED. NO ACTIVITIES MAY TAKE PLACE IN THE CHURCH BUILDINGS.**
  - **THE BULDINGS ARE LOCKED.**
  - **COMMUNICATION:** Brother Roy and Father Joe are available at 304-472-3414. Our Parish Web Site is: [holyrosarywv.org](http://holyrosarywv.org) If you know of someone who would like to receive our email notices, please call the parish. Bulletin will be on the web site and sent out on emails.
  - **CONFESSIONS** Father Joe is available by appointment (304-472-3414)
  - **MINISTERING TO THE SICK** Father Joe is available if there is grave illness. Family members are encouraged to contact the rectory for further details.
  - **ENVELOPES AND COLLECTIONS** *If you are able, we ask you to continue your church contributions. You can send them by mail, deliver by hand or send through the bank. You can wait till the church reopens and bring all the weeks together. Thank you sincerely.*
  - **EASTER FLOWERS** *We have already collected money for our Easter flowers, and we will use this money for our spring décor when Masses resume.*
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### Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

### Prayer for a Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*(St. Alphonsus Maria de' Ligouri)*

**This Week's Readings:** We encourage you to pray over the Sunday readings each week. Use your Bible, or access the many available sites online for readings and reflections. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB.org) has an easy to use calendar of daily readings and psalms.

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A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

*I will put my spirit in you that you may live.*

**T**hus says the Lord God: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

r. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. r.

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. r.

I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord. r.

For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption;  
and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. r.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

*The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.*

**B**rothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 11:25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;

whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:1-45 (Shorter Form [ ], 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45)

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

**N**ow a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So [the sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." ] The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I

was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him.” So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.”

[When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.] Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. [When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”]

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, “The teacher is here and is asking for you.” As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, [he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”]

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.]  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Please remember in your prayers**



Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Joe Morton, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Charity Manspeaker, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Lorene Hardman, Freda Cawthon, Vicki Dibble, Gerogetta Sears, Rue Thompson, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, Bill Baxa, P.T. Garton, John Egress, Jalen

Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger, Rose Deprospero.

***Please pray for all men and women serving in the military.***

### **Please pray for our homebound**

Gene & Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Gerald Hackney, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Bob Jeran, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Rosie Ketterman, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Lorene Hardman, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus

### **Lenten Almsgiving Project**

During Lent, our Christian Concerns Committee is collecting items for “Sleep in Heavenly Peace,” a non-profit organization that makes twin beds for children and teens who have no place to sleep. In your generosity this Lenten season, please think of the children who can benefit from your donations. Beds are made for children and teens ( no cribs for babies). We need:

- New twin sized sheets, blankets, and comforters for kids and teens
- New pillows and pillow cases for kids and teens
- Tools
- Wood and other construction materials
- Donations for mattresses and other expenses

You may drop your donations in Marist Hall any time before Easter. Please see Brother Roy or members of the Christian Concerns Committee with your questions.

*(Since this is not an “Easter Project,” we will continue to collect for this project as planned.)*

### **Mass Intention**

**Last Week:** Jim and Delores Luft, Fr. Raphial, Chris Fallon, Poor Souls Living, Howalt & Atwood Families, Molly Abromabage, Our Holy Rosary Parishioners.

**This Week:** Bob Jeran, Mildred McLaughlin, James Fallon, Bob Gracie, Allen Rosebury, Our Holy Rosary Parishioners, Krysti Davis

### **Parishioner News**

Our Sympathies are extended to David and Mariann Jack on the death of David's mother, Betty Jack. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for the soul of Carolyn D. Hager, former parishioner and friend who died recently in Orlando, Florida. Carolyn and her husband, Joe, lived in Buckhannon for 40 years. If you would like to send condolences to the family, you may reach them at: 2363 Fenton Ave / Clermont, FL 34711

Congratulations to Samuel Walker whose sculptured ceramic cup was selected for the West Virginia Art Education "Youth Art Month" in Parkersburg. Sam's piece won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 3-D category.

Congratulations to our own Makenzi Lewellyn, a senior at BUHS who was selected for the West Virginia All-State Orchestra!

### **You Can Help**

Wondering how you reach out to others during this critical time? If so, please know that Crosslines can surely use your help. Because of the Coronavirus threat, the folks at Crosslines have experienced a sharp increase in the need for help when it comes to food for families. They are doing their best to meet the growing need, but there is only so much they can do. Our church has offered to help. We are appealing to you during this troubled time to reach out and help feed the hungry in our community. You can do that by donating any amount to the Crosslines Food Program, 68 College Ave., Buckhannon, W.V. 26201. Be sure to let them know the donation is for their food program. Or, you can send your donation to our church and we will be sure it gets to Crosslines.

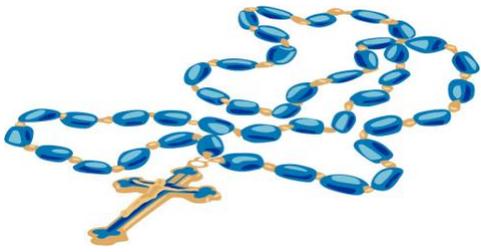
Thanks and Blessings, Brother Roy

### **Mass Broadcasted**

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is streaming daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 12:05pm from the Cathedral of St. Joseph. The Weekend Mass is live-streamed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, where it remains online through Sunday. <https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

### **PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR PROTECTION**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.



### **Pray the Rosary With John and Rachel**

Holy Rosary parishioners John and Rachel Weber provided a Facebook Live Broadcast of the Joyous Mysteries of the Rosary Wednesday night. You can watch this video at *any time* by going to our Holy Rosary Facebook Page. The Webers are planning Facebook Live broadcasts for the Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. We will upload the videos when they are completed. View the videos on Facebook at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church Facebook page. “Like” the page to get notifications.

### **REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

#### **PLEASE READ JOHN 11:1-45**

Each of us knows the reality of pain. Each of us can remember when an experience of pain debilitated us and left us exhausted. We know that pain is inevitable and will come in many different forms. Hurt and agony can infect our body, mind and spirit as we experience sickness, death, separation, failure, tragedy, disaster and loss.

No matter how much we accept the inevitability of pain in this life, it invariably catches us off guard. We want to, in some way, control or explain it to ourselves. We work to minimize its effects. This may not be a bad thing. In fact, it can be very necessary and helpful. However, depending on its seriousness, there reaches a point where nothing we do will change the outcome. We come to grips with ourselves and how we will go on. Now our human nature can take us down a more distressing and painful path.

In our Gospel passage today, Martha and Mary have experienced the death of their brother Lazarus. This was a family which had a deep friendship with Jesus. He would visit and stay with them then in their village. A message was sent to Jesus that his friend Lazarus was very sick. Jesus, however, chose to stay where he was for several more days. When he finally went to Bethany, he was met first by Martha and then by Mary. Pain and confusion and even anger were in their voices as they said, “Lord, if you had been here our brother would not have died.” Even the gathered mourners whispered: “Could he not have done something to heal this man?”

It’s amazing how their reactions hit home. We say, “You are the reason I am suffering this pain, hurt, tragedy, etc.” Think back. I have. How many times have I said that my suffering is because of someone else? I react and often hold hurt, anger in. I respond in a manner that retaliates. Wow! I can’t control my whole world. Someone has disrupted my peace. That isn’t fair. Of course, I am not going to admit that I am responsible for my own increased pain and hurt and suffering. I am too focused on what is outside me. How silly we are at times. I suppose that the ultimate blame game is likened to Martha and Mary’s words. Jesus, you could have done something, why didn’t you? Martha even knew that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, the son of God who was to come into the world.

How often my first reaction to horrible things is, why God, did you allow this? You could have prevented that. Admit it, we all do that. Could it be that we will maybe think that this virus is God’s plan? Could we fall into blaming him for not taking it away? When it hits here in our home town and some of us get sick and even die, will we maybe be angry at God? It is natural and almost normal, like Martha and Mary’s response. But we have to grow and learn. We won’t react perfectly to tragedy and pain and death and the virus, but we can certainly prepare. Listen to Jesus’ words: “I am the

resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me even if he dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” Also, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”

Each of us daily prepares to face the pains and tragedies of life. You and I must now take Jesus at his words. He walks with us and is our way and truth and life in all that we encounter. To be honest, it is so hard to let these words penetrate and give peace to our hearts. We must sit with him to allow his peace to enter to calm fears and anger and blaming against everyone else. Then we gradually learn to trust him when pain hits us like a ton of bricks. Jesus is the light entering through the darkness as he teaches us to grow in new life through our love and trust in him.

God bless and keep each of you in his loving care, Father Joe