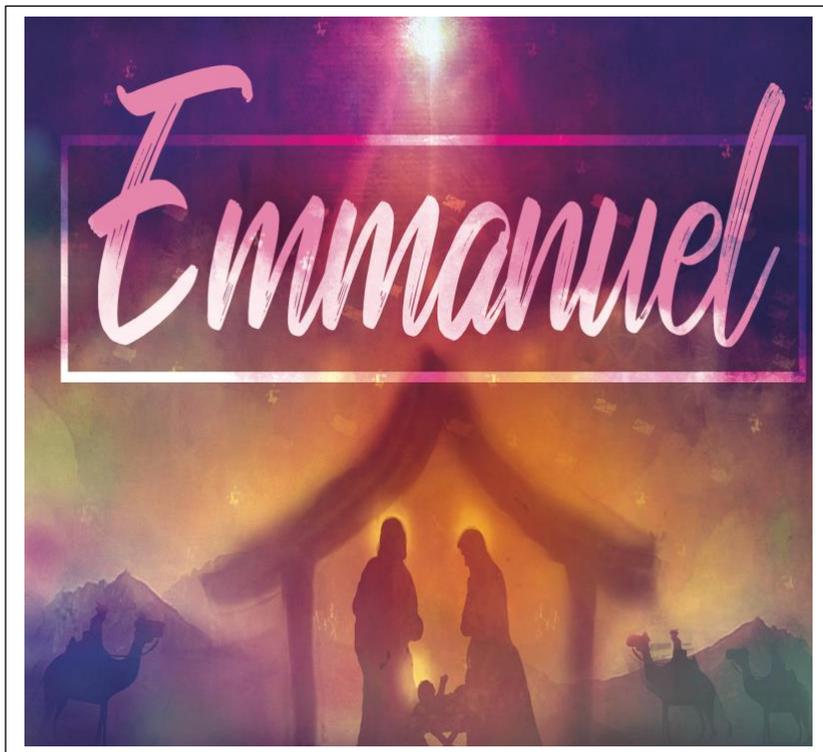


HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

SACRED HEART CHAPEL



“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,* which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” Mt. 1

A Marist Community

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Eucharistic Liturgies
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See bulletin for weekday masses
and intentions

Reconciliation
Saturday: 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am – 8:45 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm
First Friday: 6:15 pm – 6:45 pm



Merry Christmas to Each of our Wonderful Parishioners and Visitors!

Brother Roy and I extend to each of you our prayers and grateful thanks for your kindness, love

and support. This will be my 4th and Brother Roy's 14th Christmas celebration with you. How blessed we are!

The Christmas song says: "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" How is it for you? When I get caught up in the preparations and stuff to get ready, I don't see it as the most wonderful time of the year. What can I do to make it a most wonderful time?

Suggestion: Literally, take 15 minutes each day and thank God for all he has given you, especially for your family and friends. Praise Him and invite Jesus into your heart. If you are sick, lonely, worried, afraid or angry, then during the 15 minutes offer these concerns to God as you are letting go. Give these things to Jesus and ask Him to bless someone else who may be undergoing the same trial.

Also, do a lot of smiling and greeting of people with "Merry Christmas." Reach out to others and help someone in need or who is hurting. This is a sure remedy for overcoming self-pity or "Christmas blues" or the feeling of being overwhelmed. Since this is Jesus' birthday, then He is the gift who makes the season bright with peace and inner joy.

So, we pray that your Christmas will be wonderful. May each one of you experience a special blessing of God's infinite love. Peace in Jesus, Brother Roy and Father Joe

Psalm Response: "Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory."

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We will decorate the church for Christmas after the 9 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, December 22nd so please consider staying an extra hour to help us. Many hands make light work, and if we have several people, it should only take a little while. All are welcome.



Please Sign Cards for Our Homebound Today

The Christians Concerns Committee would like to invite ALL parishioners to sign one or all of the Christmas cards that we will be sending to our homebound parishioners of Holy Rosary Parish. These beautiful cards were created with love by our School of Religion students with the help of Mariann Jack and the School of Religion teachers. Please feel free to sign the cards and add your own personal Christmas message to these dear people. Let them know that they are special and that we are praying for them during this Christmas season and throughout the year. The cards are located near the entrance of the church and in Marist Hall.

Christmas Cookies Sale This Weekend

Too busy to bake? Let the Scholarship Committee bakers help you out! The committee will be selling cookies in Marist Hall after Mass on Saturday and Sunday, December 21 and 22 – just in time for Christmas! The cost will

be just \$4 per dozen. Each dozen will contain one type of cookie, but there will be a variety available (peanut butter kisses, chocolate chip, sugar, Russian teacakes, brownies, magic cookie bars, oatmeal cookies, gingersnaps and no bake cookies, to name a few). Please stop in to get your Christmas cookies and to help support Holy Rosary's Graduation Scholarship Fund.

Catholic Charities Collection at Christmas

Catholic Charities WV needs your help! We provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change. Donate at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org, or during the second collection at any Christmas Mass. We're waiting in joyful hope: 3 Days Until Christmas!

Christmas Mass Schedule

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) is December 25 and is a holy day for all Catholics. Please join us in our celebrations.

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24 – Carols at 6:30 p.m. and mass at 7 p.m. (Holy Rosary)

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25 – mass at 9 a.m. (Holy Rosary) and at noon at Sacred Heart.

We Did It!

Congratulations to the parishioners of Holy Rosary Parish! We reached our Catholic Sharing Appeal goal and even exceeded it by \$1,722! Thank you for having faith in our church. Our goal was \$11,990 and we raised \$13,721. Thank you for your generosity!

School of Religion Schedule



December: Focus on
"Preparing for Jesus"
 Sunday 22: classes 10:15-11:15 (K-12)
 Students bring up gifts
 Sunday 29: **No Classes (K-12)**

Christmas Break

January:

Sunday 5: classes 10:15-11:15 (K-12)
 Sunday 12: classes 10:15-11:15 (K-12)

Thanks for the Calendars

Our Holy Rosary 2020 calendars have arrived. Many thanks to Nicholas Cutright, owner of Heavner and Cutright Funeral Home in Buckhannon for sponsoring our calendars. The calendars are located at the doors of the church for each family.

Lector Schedules

Lector Schedules for December and January are ready to be picked up for: Mary Blake, Joe Broslawski, Iris Carillo, Virginia Carmona, Andrea Ellis, Shanna Ericsson, Maria Gjolberg, Skip Gjolberg, Jessie Disbrow, Linda Hicks, Jalna Jones, Sandy Kraynok, Pat Marsh, Sister Francesca, John Waltz, Mike Wilson, and Colleen Hoover.

Lighten Up the Dark Nights

Good books lead to good conversations, and good conversations lighten up the darkness. We found a GREAT book to talk about in the parish women's group. It's the book of Ruth in the Old Testament, the story of strong women in difficult situations. In January, we will meet at 6pm in Marist Hall for four Thursday nights: January 30, February 6, February 13, and February 20. You'll have one hour of sacred time to feed your soul and make lasting friendships with the women you see every Sunday. The book we'll use is: Ruth: Loyal & Blessed: A 4-Week Bible Study on the Book of Ruth. It's \$8 on Amazon.com.

Let's Get Connected

If you haven't received any emails from Holy Rosary Church's Flocknote server, it's possible that the emails are going into your spam folder. A few emails are bouncing back. Please add: mail@flocknote.com to your contact list or address book, and you'll get parish news in your inbox.

Celebrate With your Parish Family!

December Birthdays

Will Baxa IV	December 5
Mariann Jack	December 10
Tracy Murphy	December 9
Anthony Murphy	December 13
Harrison Walker	December 15
Gene Stump	December 19
Gene Bryant	December 25
Andrea Ellis	December 27
Grant Murphy	December 27
Mike Wilson	December 28
Mike Ellis	December 31

**Get your
 Christmas cookies
 this weekend in
 Marist Hall!**



Missing a Bulletin?

You can find all of our bulletins on our Holy Rosary webpage. Just navigate to www.holyrosarywv.org!



Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$2,000.00
 Loose: \$170.00

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Greeters
Dec. 21	G.Carillo, C.Garrett T.McCartney	J.Kriner	R. Weber J.Weber	C.Moore J.Moore
Dec. 22	K. Lewellyn M.Lewellyn	R.Madigan C.Westfall S.Carmona C.Malcolm	I.Carillo V.Carmona	S.Jeran C.Malcolm
Dec. 24	Post Family	S.Carmona D.Poach C.Malcolm R.Manspeaker	S.Kraynok V.Carmona	
Dec. 25	Addison and Rease Zirkle	M.Posey A.Conolley	S.Ericsson J.Disbrow	
Dec. 28	C.Frye, M. Frye, A.Frye	J.Kriner	J.Weber R.Weber	R.Madigan L.Coyner
Dec. 29	L.Murphy A.Zirkle R.Zirkle	A.Williams D.Sandreth C.Westfall J.Walsh	L.Hicks J.Broslawsky	J.Anderegg F. Gerard

RCIA

Please pray for Anthony Duncan, Kaitlyn Luterek, Libby Malcom and Katsuki Takano who are studying the Catholic faith in our RCIA program.

West Virginians for Life

The Monongalia County Chapter of West Virginians for Life will run a signature ad in the Morgantown *Dominion Post* on January 22, 2020 to commemorate the 1973 Supreme Court legalization of abortion, which has resulted in the abortion deaths of over 61 million innocent unborn children. We, as a parish, must become more involved in the right to life of our babies. Infanticide is also a horrible moral evil and we as a country are moving in that direction. I invite you to sign the petition that is in the back of church and is in the hall. I will send this to the West Virginians for life office. Father Joe

Men's Group

The Men's Study Group decided to take the next couple of weeks off and resume the study of their book on Saturday, January 4th. Please finish Book III, chapters 9-Charity, 10- Hope, 11- Faith, 12-Faith. It will also be the first Saturday of January so bring some food to share with your brothers in Christ. All men are welcome!

Our Outdoor Manger Scene

What a great gift Sheila and Scotty McCartney have given to our parish of Holy Rosary. The beautiful Nativity scene graces the front of our church and proudly proclaims our Christian faith and hope in Jesus our God become Man and living with us. Thank you, Scotty, Sheila and family. We are deeply grateful for your gift.

Mass Requests for 2020

Do you have a specific mass intention for next year? Would you like to have a mass offered for a loved one or a deceased member of your family? Please drop your intentions (plus your \$5 donation) in an envelope or give it to Father Joe. Specific dates may go quickly, so act now. Please note that Canon Law requires a parish to offer one mass each weekend for the intentions of its parishioners. Since we only have two masses per weekend, it is difficult to schedule all of your requests on a weekend. We will do the best we can to accommodate your requests. Because we were overloaded with requests from last year, we are already scheduled into March of 2020.

*"Instead death and sorrow, let us bring
peace and joy to the world."
Saint Teresa*

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Dec. 21

7 p.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Dec. 22

9 a.m. – The Pallottines (Holy Rosary)

Monday, Dec. 23

7:30 a.m. – Geraldine, Albert and Chuck (Hospital)

Tuesday, Dec. 24

6:30 – Christmas carols (Holy Rosary)

7 p.m. – Holy Rosary Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Wednesday, Dec. 25

9 a.m. – Holy Rosary Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Thursday, Dec. 26

7:30 a.m. – Janice E. Wray (Hospital)

Friday, Dec. 27

7:30 a.m. – Aldo Zulian, Jr. (Hospital)

Saturday, Dec. 28

7 p.m. – Beth Williams (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Dec. 29

9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Envelopes for Next Year

Our new envelopes for next year have not arrived yet! After some research, we have learned that they are still "in production." We will try to get these to you as soon as they arrive. In the meantime, please use your envelope number on any donations you make after January 1.

Married Couples Retreat

Elaine and Frank Galeone have been presenting retreats for married couples for over 35 years. The couples who attend come away feeling spiritually refreshed and enlightened. They invite couples to attend the 2020 retreats on March 20-22 or March 27-29 at the Priestfield Retreat Center in Kearneysville, WV. For more information, please call Elaine Galeone at 410-252-5355 or email at retreat2020@gmail.com. Weekends fill up quickly, so act now!

