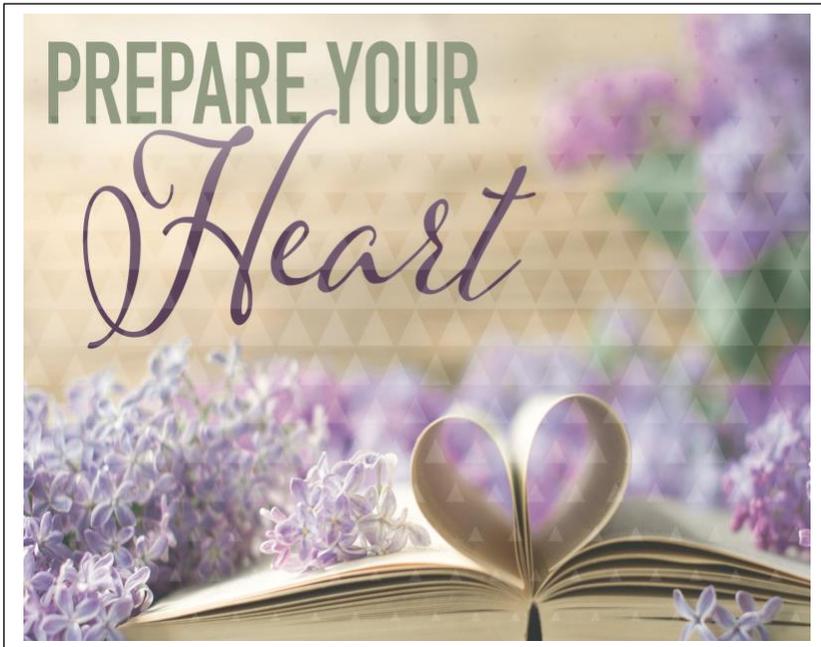


HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The Advent season is passing quickly. The celebration of Christmas is but 15 days away. How important it is not to lose the time God is giving us to be still. It is difficult for us to say to ourselves: "Be quiet, Don't do anything. Sit in God's Holy Presence." If we can be quiet for ½ hour a day and consciously be in God's presence, we will find more peace and inner contentment in all that we do throughout the Christmas Season.

The time you spend with your family and friends can enliven the spirit and give greater meaning to this Holy Season. This Advent is also a holy moment when we honestly face ourselves in God's love and mercy to receive absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our parish penitential service will be on Tuesday Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm. Two visiting priests will assist me in individual confessions. This is a celebration of God's embrace of love.

May Jesus continue to pour His love and peace into your hearts.

Fr. Joe

Eucharistic Liturgies
Vigil: Saturday – 7 p.m.
Sunday – 9 a.m.

See bulletin for weekday masses
and intentions

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Since the Feast
of the
Immaculate

Conception falls on a Sunday this year (December 8), it is not considered a holy day of obligation. We will have a mass to celebrate this feast day on Monday, December 9 at 12:05 and 7 p.m. in the church. The mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning will be for the second Sunday in Advent. As members of a Marist parish, we think, act and judge like Mary would do. All are invited to our holy day celebration.

Support Aging Religious – December 8

Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Pleased be generous.

Advent Communal Penance Service

Mark your calendars for our Advent Communal Reconciliation service which will be held on Tuesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. in the church. Several priests will be available for private confessions as well. Since the sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of our Catholic lives, please be aware that you can make an appointment for private confessions anytime by calling the rectory to set up an appointment with the priest. A penance is also scheduled at St. Patrick's in Weston on December 17 at 7 p.m.

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

Get Serious!

This is the second week of Advent already! Are you ready to receive the Promised One? To help you prepare for his coming, our church is offering a morning and evening DVD series for two more consecutive Thursdays in December. The DVD series will consist of vivid recreations of the first Christmas and engaging stories with a Christmas theme. The morning presentations will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the evening presentations will begin at 6 p.m., both on December 12, and 19. The evening sessions will include potluck so bring something simple if you can. Both presentations will take place in Marist Hall. See Bro. Roy for more information.



Christian Concerns Advent Project

The Christian Concerns Group at Holy Rosary invites you to join in their Advent Project this year. They will be collecting items for the residents of Holbrooks Nursing Home, located right here in Buckhannon. They will continue collecting the items listed below until December 16th. Please bring all unwrapped items to Holy Rosary Church and place them in the collection boxes in the Church Hall or at the front entry. If

you have any questions, please ask Brother Roy or Sarah Ziems. Thank you for supporting this project and celebrating the birth of our Lord by remembering those who are too often forgotten! Suggested gifts include: men's and women's slippers, socks, lap throws, blankets, puzzles, books, word search or crossword games, various toiletries, lotions, snacks candies, (including diabetic candies), stuffed animals, adult coloring books and art supplies.

Little Blue Books

Don't forget to pick up your "Little Blue Book" which begins the first Sunday of Advent. If you remember from last year, this little book contains short readings and reflections for the entire season of Advent. What a great way to prepare for the birth of our Lord. Pick a little blue book near the Mary altar. Other Advent prayer booklets are available in Marist Hall and by the front door.

From Where I Sit...An Advent Perspective

Last Sunday we celebrated an Advent service during which we prayed with hope in our hearts as we asked the Lord to

Christmas PARTY

A Jingle Bells Party!

A great Christmas party is in the planning for Sunday, December 8th. Don't miss it. We will start with a potluck. Everyone is asked to bring a food that is from their ethnic background. The church will serve ham and roast pork and take care of all that accompanies the potluck food. After eating to our "hearts content," we will sing Advent and Christmas carols. Bring your singing voice. Doris Sandreth has things planned for the young people so be sure to let them know. There will be special drawings throughout the celebration as well. Who knows, your name might be one of the lucky names drawn. All of this happens Sunday, starting at 5:00 in Marist Hall. Be sure to bring a Christmas ornament for the Christmas tree.

come to us in our Christmas remembrance and in the last days when He will take us with Him. In last Sunday's homily, Father Joe reminded us that we do not have to wait for our Lord to come to us; He is always waiting for us to engage with Him. Father Joe reminded us to take some time each day just to sit in silence and be with Jesus in prayer. It is my hope that I can do this for a significant time each day.

But I admit that it is not easy. I was reminded by an ad this week that this is "the holiday shopping season." In fact, I was reminded of it on tv, on the radio, and on social media that I needed to "buy, buy, buy!" It makes me tired and resentful of what should be a time of hope, reflection, prayer and longing.

Pope Francis delivered a message last Sunday in which he talked about "consumerism." He told us that "Jesus comes and that this is the root of our hope, the security that amid the tribulations of this world, the consolation of God comes to us...a consolation not made up of works or material goods but a presence, His presence that comes into our midst. Pope Francis described consumerism as a virus that attacks the faith at its roots because it makes us believe that life depends on how much we have and how much we can build up in our own treasure that we forget the God who comes to meet us and who is always at our side.

Jesus came to us 2000 years ago, will come again at the end of time, and comes to us today. The Lord never tires of us! But I get tired of shopping for people who have everything they need. This year, I will have the courage to not buy presents but instead will give to Catholic Charities or to Crosslines or to help those at our southern border or those still recovering from a disaster. Would you have the courage to do that? Let's defeat this need to be rash consumers. Come, Lord Jesus!

A Wonderful Ecumenical Advent Service

We thank all the people who gave so much to make our Ecumenical Advent Service be such a wonderful event! We thank those responsible for the very meaningful décor in our sanctuary. We thank those who wrote the service itself and the person who designed the program. We are appreciative of those who hosted the reception afterwards and most especially are thankful for the faithful who participated. We thank Father Joe, Brother Roy and Deacon Rue for their support. It is so rewarding when we can pray together in community and offer our hopes, dreams and prayers to the Lord. What a great success! Thank you to everyone.

SoulCore Weekly Collections for Parish House

A box is available for donations in Marist Hall!
Tuesday 12/17/19: Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Soup

School of Religion Schedule

December: Focus on "Preparing for Jesus"

Sunday 8: classes 10:15-11:15 (K-5)

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

Sunday 22: classes 10:15-11:15 (K-5)

Students bring up gifts

Sunday 29: **No Classes (K-5) Christmas Break**



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.

Psalm Response: "Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever."

Women's Group Invitation

Well, it sure got cold fast! BUT, we found a story that will warm your heart. In January, the women of Holy Rosary are invited to learn about the Book of Ruth from the Old Testament. 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. Ask Santa to put it in your Christmas stocking!

Cookies for Active Duty Personnel

This Christmas, the Knights of Columbus will again be sending packages of cookies to active duty military personnel. We need correct, full addresses for any service members you know who are serving stateside or deployed overseas. We also need donations of cookies, brownies, fudge, etc. to enclose in the packages. We will be collecting names through December 8th and baked goods the weekend of December 7 and 8. Thank you for your kind support. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Ashley or Mike Gasper.

Celebrate With your Parish Family!

December Birthdays

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| Will Baxa IV | December 5 |
| Mariann Jack | December 10 |
| Tracy Murphy | December 12 |
| Harrison Walker | December 15 |
| Gene Stump | December 19 |
| Gene Bryant | December 25 |
| Andrea Ellis | December 27 |
| Mike Wilson | December 28 |
| Mike Ellis | December 31 |

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.

Christmas Cookies Sale

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.

What is Flocknote??

This week, we rolled out FLOCKNOTE to the parish, and everyone who provided us with an email address on the recent census form should have received an email from "Holy Rosary Church" on December 2. Flocknote is an email messaging tool created for churches. This new and improved way of communicating will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from Holy Rosary. This is all totally free for you to use; you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. Flocknote lets you receive email messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. It even allows you to reply directly back to those messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner. **Your info is kept totally private** and, again, it lets you choose the specific groups and ministries you want to get email messages from here. In addition to regular group and ministry communication, we'll use Flocknote sparingly to send you important all-Parish information. **Remember: you can update your communication preferences or unsubscribe from any of these updates at any time.** Holy Rosary Church cares about you. Because we care about you, we want to communicate more easily and effectively with you (and be able to get your feedback too).

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A FLOCKNOTE this week, please check your "spam" or "junk" folder. If it's not there, contact

| | Altar Servers | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors | Greeters |
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| Dec. 7 | Chloe, Garrett & Tucker McCartney | A.Conolley | Mary Blake, Sister Francesca | M. Blake L. Coyner |
| Dec. 8 | Samuel, Harrison, Lena Rose Harrison | C.Westfall, C. Malcomb, D. Sandreth, R.Manspeaker | John Waltz Mike Wilson | Libby & Charlie Andereg |
| Dec. 14 | V.Dahman P. Dahman E. Post | R. Madigan | S.Gjolberg M. Gjolberg | L. Adams & Bro Roy |
| Dec. 15 | C. Frye M. Frye A.Frye | A.Williams D.Poach J.Walsh M.Posey | A.Ellis C. Hoover | M.Hendricks & C.Westfall |

Mary Hendricks at Mash111@aol.com, and we'll figure out the problem.

Jesus, I Trust in You

Seven Holy Rosary parishioners saw "Faustina: Love and Mercy" last week after dinner at Outback in Bridgeport. Attending were: John and Rachel Weber, P.T. Garton, Ann Connolly, Mary Blake, Russ Jarrett, and Mary Hendricks. The movie was part documentary and part dramatic re-creation on the life and legacy of St. Faustina.

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$1662.00

Loose: \$268.00

Missing a Bulletin?

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

Catholic Charities Collection at Christmas

Catholic Charities WV needs your help! We provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Dec. 7

7 p.m. – Leannah Lafferre (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Dec. 8

9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Monday, Dec. 9

12:05 p.m. – Harry Parker Family (Holy Rosary)

7 p.m. – Amelia Derico 95th Birthday (Holy Rosary)

Tuesday, Dec. 10

7:30 a.m. – Katherine & Ron Heatherly (Hospital)

Wednesday, Dec. 11

6 p.m. Adoration

7 p.m. – Joseph Lanham (Holy Rosary)

Thursday, Dec. 12

7:30 a.m. – Barbara MacAtee (Hospital)

Friday, Dec. 13

7:30 a.m. – Carol Jones & Family (Hospital)

Saturday, Dec. 14

7 p.m. – Elizabeth Lanham (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Dec. 15

9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

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: 24 Days Until Christmas!

Prayers, Please!

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

Prayers, Please!

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, Bill Fahey, 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

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

Please pray for our homebound: Gene and 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.