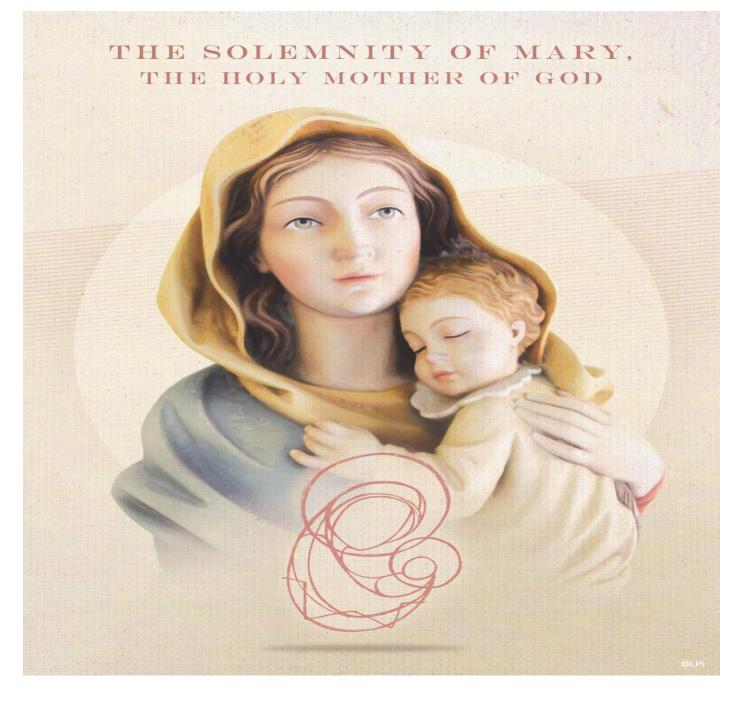
HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRED HEART CHAPEL





Holy Rosary Catholic Church 34 Franklin St. Buckhannon, WV 26201 304-472-3414

January 1, 2023

Father Ed Tetteh, SVD Father John Tran, SVD Rev. Mr. Rue Thompson

My New Year's Message: Happy and Blessed New Year!

Each year, we begin our New Year with the commemoration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is also the World Day Prayer for Peace. One of the titles of Mother Mary is Queen of Peace. It is therefore fitting for the Church, on the day we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we also pray for world peace. We ask the Queen of Peace for her intercession for peace in our world.

As we write our New Year's resolutions, let us also ask for Mary's intercession. For those who were able to accomplish their 2022 New Year's resolutions, congratulations! For those of us who were unable to meet our 2022 New Year's resolution, don't give up! Look at things you could not accomplish, not as a failure, but a lesson to do better for 2023.

Let me take this opportunity once again to express my profound thanks and appreciation to the Parish staff, members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, and the various societies/organizations for your tremendous love and dedication to our parish. I extend



the same appreciation to each and every parishioner for your love and dedication to our parish.

Looking back at the year 2022, we had one infant baptism, three parishioners who received First Holy Communion, and six for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have a couple of new parishioners. Sorry, I could not give exact numbers, but hopefully I'll be able to give you the number of new parishioners for next New Year's message. Eleven of our parishioners are resting peacefully with the Lord. Eternal rest grant

unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

For those who read my Christmas Message, I launched what I called 'Special Christmas gifts' for the baby Jesus. We have about 193 registered parish families, which is about 240 parishioners. I humbly ask each parishioner to bring an inactive parishioner or a non-Catholic to join our parish family. That is the Special Christmas gift, God willing, we will celebrate on Christmas day of 2023.

I look forward to your continuing love and dedication to our parish and the diocese in this New Year. I pray the Aaronic blessing you heard in the first reading upon you and your families: "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! "

Be assured that you and your loved ones are in my daily thoughts and prayer throughout this year also. Please pray with and for me and all your clergy and religious that we'll be faithful to our divine Master, Jesus Christ, and his holy Roman Catholic Church. Thanks again!

Wishing you and your beloved family again, God's blessing in this New Year,

Fr. Edward A. Tetteh, SVD

A Big Thank You



We are very grateful to our dear parishioners for your Christmas gifts and prayers.

Please be assured of our continued prayers for you and your loved ones during this New Year!

Father Ed, Father John, and Tin Vu

Christmas Day Disaster

Christmas Day brought some disturbing incidents to our parish rectory. Because of the frigid temperatures, the pipes burst on the second floor, causing water to flood that floor and seep down into the main living area. Thanks to some quick assistance from Ed Poach and son-in-law Dr. Burton Abel, they were able to contact various repair personnel to work through the problem. Many thanks to Ed, Burton, the Buckhannon water department, Comfortech, and Mountaineer Gas Company for coming to the rescue on Christmas Day.

Have You Completed Your Virtus Training? Virtus training is an effort by the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston to keep all children safe. We will work with the diocese to complete the VIRTUS online program for adult in our parish who is a volunteer. Please consider prayerfully if your ministry requires you to have any contact or association with children or young adults. The training is simple: just go to virtus.com to register and complete the training in your own home. We have printed out the directions for this process and they are located in the parish hall. If you need help, please call the parish office. Thank you for keeping our children safe!

Upcoming Holy Rosary Adventure Club Activity Sunday, January 8, 2023: Sledding at Blackwater Falls State Park Sled Run. The next Holy Rosary Adventure Club activity will be sledding at Blackwater Falls State Park on Sunday,

January 8, 2023! We will be sledding during the 1:00-3:00 p.m. session and will need to leave Buckhannon at 11:15 a.m. Please contact Lindsay Zirkle or Rachel Weber to see if space is still available for this trip.

Mass Requests for 2023

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 Ed. Specific dates may go quickly, so act now. Please note that Cannon 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. If your chosen date is already taken, we will try to have a mass said as close as possible to your date.

School of Religion Continues

Classes resume on Sunday, January 8.

Catholic Calendars

2023 Catholic Calendars are available free to our parishioners and are located in the back of the church. Many thanks to Nick and April Cutright, of Heavener and Cutright Funeral Home for sponsoring these calendars for us!

Together in Holiness in Wheeling

All married and engaged couples are invited to attend the

second annual Together in Holiness marriage enrichment conference that will be held on Saturday, February 11, at St. Michael Church in Wheeling, WV. This one-day conference will include inspiring keynote presentations on the theme of Family, a Believing and Evangelizing Community, as

well as Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan. On-site childcare and scholarships are available for those in need. We encourage you to spend some quality time with your spouse to focus on building up your marriage and family at Together in Holiness!

Now accepting January Celebrations!

Kathy Angus Mary Kathleen Blake Colleen Hoover Father Ed Tetteh Joe Broslawsky Virginia Carmona January 6 January 7 January 22 January 24 January 29 January 31



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Week's Collection Envelopes: \$1,295

Loose cash: \$455 Attendance: 12/24: 104 12/25: 37 Dear Holy Rosary Parishioners, Thanks so very much for your recent gifts, for remembering us throughout the year, for serving lunch on Wednesdays, and for all the ways you support our neighbors in need. With gratitude, Kristi Wilkerson, the Parish House

Deaconate Formation Program

Could you be interested in becoming a deacon in the Catholic Church? The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is beginning preparation for their five-year formation program in 2023. Please talk to Father Ed or send your inquiries to: Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr. at 304-233-0880.

Envelopes for Next Year

Our 2023 envelopes have arrived and are available in Marist Hall. This year, we only ordered boxes of envelopes for those families who used them on a consistent basis. Many of you are sending your donations electronically from your bank, or just dropping a check in the collection basket. We appreciate you! Unfortunately, we had to throw away several boxes of envelopes last year. If you don't see your envelope box in the hall, please pick up a box of "unnumbered" envelopes to use. If you would like a box of envelopes with your specific number, please let us know by dropping a note in the collection basket. Thanks!

RCIA IS CHANGING!

The new name for RCIA is OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). The object remains the same: providing information for those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith or for Catholics seeking the sacrament of

	Sat.	Sun.	Sat.	Sun.
	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 7	Jan. 8
Lectors	John W.	Joe B.	John W.	Joe B.
		Pat. M.		Pat M.
Greeters	Diana T.	Mary H.	Diana T.	Mary H.
Musicians	Rick M.	Rick M.	Gini J.	Elaine A.
	Shirley L.	Shirley L.	Jalna J.	Diane P.

Confirmation. The new meeting day and time for OCIA is 10:15am on Sundays in the parish office/School of Religion building at 34 Franklin St. If you know of someone who is interested,

please invite them! Better yet, offer to come to the sessions with them! Sessions are year-round with no start or stop dates. You may enter the program at any time.

Please remember in your prayers:

Jalen Welcome, Tori Odom, Dolores Reynoso, Nina Stump, Kate Deasy, Linus Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Pat Dagneault, David Daignault, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Ellie McCarthy, Christine Bengle, Frances Beckes, Daphne Johnston, Josephine Baxa, Tony Derico, Helen Kee, Kay Sienkiewicz, Shanna Ericcson, Vonda Allman, Christina Ricottilli Craig, Frank Scattaregia, Louise Hawkinberry, Dorothy Valdez, Matteo Escobar, Cathy Griffith, Dennis Cortes, Mary Kriner, Susan Terhorst.

Please pray for men and women in the military and please pray for those who have died.

Please pray for our Homebound: Mary Stump, Ron Frye, Rocenia Asbury, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Helena Bessinger, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simmon, Barbara Hillberry, Donnie Cox, Rose DeProspero. Linda Coyner, Maria Flor, Jerry Stankus, Jean Lantz.



Saturday, Dec. 31.... 7 pm......For the intentions of the donor

Sunday, Jan. 1...9 am.....Jim Hawkinberry+ **Noon.....For the People of Sacred Heart

Monday, Jan. 2...7:30 am...Hospital.....Kathy Vance+ Tuesday, Jan. 3...7:30 amDusty & Amy Williams+ Wednesday, Jan. 4...7 pm....Catherine Mase...

<u>6 pm Holy Hour – We pray for vocations to the diaconate,</u> priesthood and religious life.

Thursday, Jan. 5....7:30 a.m...Holy Rosary...Amelia Lamping+

Friday, Jan. 6...7 pmFIRST FRIDAY... Holy RosaryFrances Beljan+

Saturday, Jan. 7...7 pm.....Parishioners

Sunday, Jan. 8.....9 am.....Bobby Zirkle+

**Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel in Pickens

St. Joseph's Missals Have Arrived

Like everything, the price has increased on our St. Joseph's Missals. If you can, please put \$5 in the envelope when you pick up your missal in the hall.

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary - Mary always says yes to God. In our prayer, we ask for the courage and strength to also say yes to God. DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 800-553-3321

A New Little One

Max (Maximilian Kolbe Jack) was born on December 22. He is the fifth child of Justin and Anastasia Jack and grandson of David and Mariann Jack. The family is thankful for this precious blessing from God!

Men's Group Meetings

Men's group will resume on Thursday, January 12th at 6:30 pm in Marist Hall. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Advertise in the Bulletin

For a full year, 52 weeks, your ad can reach nearly 200 people per week, for as little as \$5/week. Consider this:

• 70% of all households are <u>aware of and look at the</u> <u>advertising</u> in the church bulletin.

• 68% of Catholic households are inclined to choose businesses who advertise in the church bulletin vs. other businesses in the same industry

• 41% of households do business with a company specifically because they advertise in a church bulletin and support local churches

You can design your bulletin ad, or we can do it for you. Contact Mary Hendricks at the parish office for more information. ALSO, ask the company you work for if they would be interested in advertising or tell them to give us a call at 304-472-3414.

