



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

December 24, 2023

## Welcome

### Our Mission Statement

The Mission of Holy Rosary Catholic Community is Jesus Christ. As members of his body in Upshur, Barbour, and Randolph Counties, we are called through Baptism to live as a communion of saints by praying, celebrating the sacraments, and building up one another. We are sent from the Eucharistic table to bring Jesus Christ to the world by generous witness of a holy life, and to bring the citizens of the world to Jesus Christ by words of testimony, invitation, and welcome. We strive to be a holy and spiritual people in living relationship with God, with each other, and with all our neighbors, under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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Pastor

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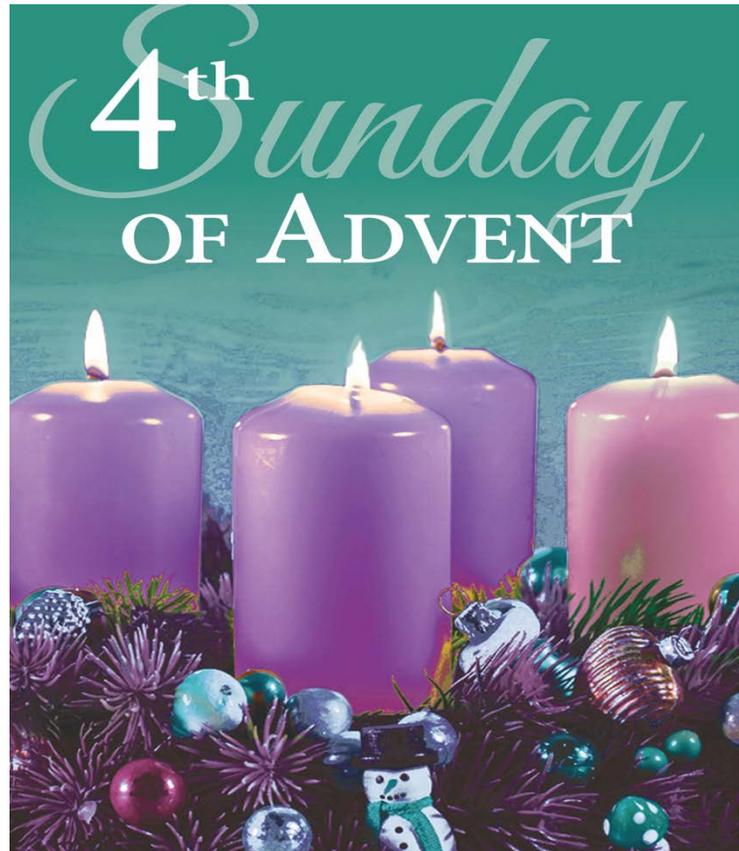
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Sacraments

Baptism~ Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment for baptism preparation.

Marriage~ Please call the parish office at least six months before you schedule a wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick~ If you or a loved one would like to receive this sacrament, please call the parish office.



## Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve ~ December 24

7 pm at Holy Rosary Church (caroling begins at 6:45)

4 pm at Sacred Heart in Pickens (weather permitting)

Christmas Day ~ December 25

9 am at Holy Rosary Church

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30 ~ 7 pm at Holy Rosary Church

Sunday, December 31 ~ 9 am at Holy Rosary Church

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1 ~ 9 am

## *Christmas Message 2023*

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS, NOT Happy Holidays**



*A couple of years ago, I asked a friend of mine why some folks say “Happy Holidays” during Christmas and not Merry Christmas? If my memory*

*serves me right, he said, “You just want to be more inclusive since there are other celebrations/festivities also during this time of the year.” Lord, have mercy! Everyone knows that Jesus Christ is the Main Reason for the Season. In other words, if Mother Mary had not given birth to Jesus Christ, there would not be any Christmas. Thanks be to God for sending us His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and for Mary accepting to be the Mother of Jesus Christ. I wonder how you would feel if instead of wishing you a happy birthday, you are wished a happy holiday on your birthday. Hmmm! Big thanks to my brother Knights of Columbus for posting a sign that reminds us to “Keep Christ in Christmas.” Yes, let us all endeavor to keep Christ in Christmas by living Christ-like lives. Personally, I see that in the way many of you are very active at Mass and how you’re proud of your Catholic faith. I also notice it in the way many of you are helping at Salvation Army, Crosslines/Parish House, the pregnancy center, prison ministry, schools, School of Religion, and the various ministries you are doing in our Holy Rosary parish and the Diocese. We’re all trying to be true Christians in word and deed at home and in our various places of work. I am always very grateful to each and every one of you.*

*Do you remember my Christmas message for the year 2022 captioned: “Special Christmas Gifts”? In this message, I asked parishioners to try and bring their ‘Christmas Gifts,’ namely an inactive parishioner or a new person to join our parish. My hope and prayer is that if each one of us brings one person to join our Parish family, we would have about four hundred parishioners. I noticed an increase in Mass attendance and an active participation in Parish ministries. We have approximately 126 families, 14 baptisms, five had First Holy Communion and two parishioners are resting with the Lord in heaven. Thanks to those who responded to my humble request. God bless! Let us all continue to invite inactive parishioners and new ones to join our parish family.*

*Finally, I would like to register my profound thanks and appreciation to the Parish staff, members of the Parish Pastoral council, Finance council, and the various organizations and societies in the parish for your love and dedication to the parish.*

*Please be assured that you and your loved ones will always be in my thoughts and prayers, especially during this Holy Season of Christmas and in the New Year.*

*Wishing you and your loved ones, Merry Christmas, and God’s blessing,*

*Fr. Edward A. Tetteh, SVD*

### **Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 509) teaches, “Mary is truly ‘Mother of God’ since she is the mother of the eternal Son of God made man, who is God himself.” The solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation, and we celebrate this feast every year on January 1 in honor of her. Our Mass for this holy day is:

Monday, January 1 ~ 9 a.m

### **Looking For An Inexpensive Gift or Stocking Stuffer?**

Feel free to check out the two cabinets in Marist Hall where religious articles are for sale year-around. This service is not for profit. We just watch for sales from Catholic supply companies and then make them available to you at cost plus shipping. There are some really nice rosaries, rosary cases, jewelry, baby crosses, mugs, etc. If you would like to purchase something, just put your payment in one of the envelopes provided in the cabinets and leave it in the cabinet.

### **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 [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) to register and complete the training in your own home. If you need help, please call the parish office. Thank you for keeping our children safe!

### **School of Religion Continues**

Classes resume on Sunday, January 7.

### **Catholic Calendars**

2024 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!

 **Help Those In Need.**

 Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. -Matthew 11:28

 Give to the second collection at Christmas Mass to support Catholic Charities.

Donate online at [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org)

## Second Collection for Christmas Day

Catholic Charities West Virginia helps tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in need every year. Your donation allows us to provide hope, provide safety, provide food and provide care. Join in the mission of love as you give to the second collection at our Christmas masses. Support Catholic

## Mass Requests for 2024

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 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. If your chosen date is already taken, we will try to have a mass said as close as possible to your date.

### Please remember in your prayers:

*Jalen Welcome, Tori Odom, Dolores Reynoso, Christine Kate Deasy, Linus Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Pat Dagneault, David Daignault, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Ellie McCarthy, Barbara Bengle, Frances*

*Beckes, Daphne Johnston, Josephine Baxa, Tony Derico, Helen Kee, Kay Sienkiewicz, Shanna Ericsson, Vonda Allman, Louise Hawkinberry, Dennis Cortes, Mary Kriner, Jeanne Madigan, Jane Baxter, P.T. Garton, Joseph Moore, Colleen Hoover, Alina Vernarsky, Eleanor Betler, Stephen Tilson, Anthony Lewellyn, Carolyn Collins Heater, Cindy Raffety, Bruce Maine, Angie Murphy, Jerry Hull, Janey Notary.*

**Please pray for men and women in the military and please pray for those who have died. And don't forget to pray for our first responders. Please pray for our Homebound:** Mary Stump, Ron Frye, Rocenia Asbury, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Shirley Linger, William McLea, Barbara Hillberry, Donnie Cox, Rose DeProspero, Linda Coyner, Jerry Stankus, Jean Lantz, Janine Robinson, Barbara Elmore, Helena Bessinger, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simms

### Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$1,445

Loose: \$193

Attendance: Sat. 12/16 - 46 and Sun. 12/17 - 101

Charities WV! It more blessed to give than to receive - Acts 20:35

### December Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Charlie Malcolm December 7*  
*Tracy Murphy December 9*  
*Anthony Murphy December 13*  
*Harrison Walker December 15*  
*Andrea Ellis December 27*  
*Grant Murphy December 27*  
*Mike Wilson December 28*  
*Mike Ellis December 31*

Happy Golden Anniversary to Mariann and David Jack who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in December! They were married at Holy Rosary Church by Fr. Michael Kerwick on December 29, 1973.

Congratulations to the Lewellyn Family! Baby Clara Ann was born to Chase & Abigail Lewellyn on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 5:38 pm and weighing 7 lbs 10 oz. The happy grandparents are Dave and Krista Lewellyn! Congratulations!

### Our Sympathies

Mr. Thomas Franklin Williams was the grandfather of Sarah Rolenson. Thomas died on Saturday Dec 9, 2023 at UHC, with funeral services on Thursday Dec 14. May God grant Thomas eternal rest and consolation to Sarah and the entire family.

#### December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

**A Vocation View:** Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say "let it be" in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always.

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Ministers	Sat. Dec. 23	Sun. Dec. 24	Sat. Dec. 30	Sun. Dec. 31
Lectors	Laurie A.	Renee L Sandy K	Sr. Francesca	Pat M. Andrea E.
Greeters	Diana T.	Tracy M.	John K.	Charlie M.
Musicians	Gini J. Jalna J.	Sarah Diane	Sarah Z. Jalna J.	Ed P. Diane P.
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike G John K	Sue S. Rue T. Mike E.	Elliot L. John K.	Mary S. Brenda A. Amy W.

7 pm Christmas Eve: Nany & Tony, Linda H., Joe B., Elaine & Shirley, John W., Elliot, Tracy M.

9 am Christmas Day: Jerry & Cheryl, Brenda A., Ed & Diane, Doris & Tracy

**Welcome back, Tin!**

**Psalm Response**  
**"My soul rejoices in my God."**

# MASS Intentions

Sat. Dec. 23 7 pm	Our Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Sun. Dec 24 9 am	Edward Sienkiewicz+	Holy Rosary
Sun. Dec. 24 Christmas Vigil	Our Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Mon. Dec. 25 9 am Christmas morning	Our Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Tues. Dec. 26 7:30 am	Fr. Ed Sabo	Holy Rosary
Wed. Dec. 27 6 pm Holy Hour	We pray for vocations to the permanent diaconate, priesthood & religious life.	Holy Rosary Holy Hour
Wed. Dec. 27 7 pm	Jim Hawkinberry+	Holy Rosary
Thurs. Dec. 28 7:30 am	Deceased members of the Lafferre Family	Holy Rosary
Fri. Dec. 29 7:30 am	Brother Steven Baker	Hospital
Sat. Dec. 30 7 pm	Frank Williams	Holy Rosary
Sun. Dec. 31 9 am	Our Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Mon. Jan. 1 9 am	Father Ed Sabo	Holy Rosary

Thanks to Tracy Murphy and her class for the Christmas presentation last week!

## Friendly Reminders

- Please make sure you are registered in the parish. New parishioners should call the office or drop your information in the collection basket.
- Please note that envelopes were ordered only for those who used them last year on a consistent basis last year. There are a few boxes of no number envelopes left in the hall. You may use them, but please add your name and address to these blanks.
- Anyone volunteering in any position at Holy Rosary parish must sign up for VIRTUS TRAINING. (SAFE ENVIRONMENT) PLEASE CHECK ONLINE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE.



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