

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRED HEART CHAPEL



A Marist Community

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT
MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING
ON THE HORIZON
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

— JAN RICHARDSON

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

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

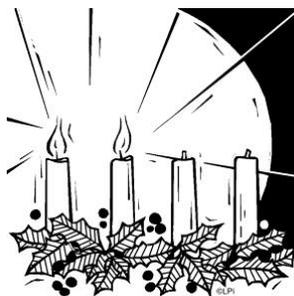
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Advent Ecumenical Service at Holy Rosary

Our church will be hosting an Advent Ecumenical Prayer Service for all churches in the Buckhannon community on December 1 at 7:00 P.M. The Prayer Service will include hymns we are all familiar with, Scripture readings appropriate for the Advent season, Intercessory Prayers calling upon the Promised One, a Litany of Hope, and time to reflect upon the coming of the Savior. Fellowship in Marist Hall will follow. Please mark your calendar and join brothers and sisters from our community.

Rites of Welcoming This Weekend

This weekend, we will celebrate the Rites of Welcoming and Acceptance for our RCIA participants: Anthony Duncan, Kaitlyn Luterek, and Libby Malcom. Unable to participate due to Thanksgiving break is Katsuki Takano who is visiting family in Japan. The Rite of Acceptance is an ancient Rite that recognizes the Catechumen's decision to begin the process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism and welcomes the Candidates, those who have been baptized in another faith or baptized Catholic, but never catechized in the Catholic faith, into the process of learning about full communion with the Church. Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates as they continue their journey that may lead towards full initiation into the Catholic Church.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Since the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday this year, 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.

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. Penance services are also scheduled at St. Brendan's in Elkins on December 3 at 7 p.m. and at St. Patrick's in Weston on December 17 at 7 p.m.

Get Serious!

This is the first 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 three consecutive Thursdays in December. The DVD series will consist of vivid re-creations 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 5, 6:00 p.m. both on Dec. 5, 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 collection items for the residents of Holbrooks Nursing Home, located right here in Buckhannon. Please see today's bulletin insert for details of how you can help our neighbors at Holbrooks.

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.

Advent Wreath

We light the candles on our wreath in the sanctuary to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Why not continue this tradition in your own family? Make a wreath and pray or sing while lighting your wreath. The whole family can be involved!

A Jingle Bells Party!

A great Christmas party is in the planning for next Sunday. 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 next Sunday, starting at 5:00 in Marist Hall. Be sure to bring a Christmas ornament for the Christmas tree.



SoulCore Weekly Collections for Parish House

A box is available for donations in Marist Hall!

Tuesday 12/3/19: Canned Beans, Rice, Crackers, Oatmeal

Tuesday 12/10/19: Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Soup

Tuesday 12/21/19: Canned Corn, Canned Mixed

Vegetables, Canned Carrots, Canned Green Beans

School of Religion Schedule

December: Focus on "Preparing for Jesus"

Sunday 1: classes 10:15-11:15 (K-5)

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**



A Note from Father Joe

How important it is to recognize that the paramount reasons for our existence as a Catholic Christian Community is the spiritual and community growth we have experienced here at Holy Rosary. Our Pastoral Council has, as one of its purposes, the call to help me as Pastor to understand how we are growing in these two important pillars of our parish life. To that effect, I have asked the members of the council to approach you, our good parishioners, and ask you to share your own experiences and growth in your Christian faith and in community. Would you kindly, if not too private, reflect on your own spiritual development and community experience and to whatever extent you wish, share this with the council member if approached. (You certainly may say that you would rather not share these things.)

I am so grateful for your continued support and the goodness you exude toward one another and to others outside our parish family. May Jesus bless you abundantly with his love.

Peace, Fr. Joe

Knights of Columbus Elimination Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual elimination dinner/dance Friday, December 6th at Orchard Hall, Elkins with dinner 6-7pm and music provided by Dan Dilatosso. Tickets can be obtained from Mike Gasper. Proceeds will benefit our council's parish's and local needs.

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.

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.

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Greeters
Nov. 30	Caroline, Madelyn, Addie	C. Malcomb	Iris Carillo, Mark Blake	Mary Blake, Brother Roy
Dec. 1	Kennedi & Makenzi Lewellyn	J. Walsh, A. Williams, S. Carmona, M. Ellis	Sandy Kraynok, Pat Marsh	C&J Moore
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. Manspeakr	John Waltz, Mike Wilson	Libby & Charlie Anderegg

Celebrate With your Parish Family!

December Birthdays

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

Dinner and a Movie

The King of Mercy, Jesus Christ, appeared to Faustine Kowalska in 1931 and asked her to paint his image and share this message: "Jesus, I trust in You." A docudrama about this gripping story, "Faustina: Love and Mercy," is showing at the Cinemark theater in Bridgeport. We have obtained 12 tickets to the movie and are planning a "Dinner and Movie" date on Monday, December 2. We will meet at the Outback Restaurant at 5 p.m. and attend the movie at 7 p.m. **ONLY 12 TICKETS!** Contact Mary Hendricks by Facebook message or email Mash111@aol.com to reserve.

Messiah Sing a Long

The Buckhannon Chorale Society invites you to their annual Messiah Concert on Saturday, December 7 at 7 p.m. in Wesley Chapel on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College. The Christmas portion of the Messiah, written by George Handel, tells the story of the birth of

Prayers, Please!

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Linger, David Vincent, Seth P. Charity Manspeaker, Barbara Barton, Mike Cerullo, Dare Hardman, Freda Cawthon, Thompson, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, Bill Baxa

Psalm Response: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

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

Jesus Christ through music. Audience members are invited to sing along with the choir and the Soundwaves, our BU high school choir, will join members for the Hallelujah Chorus.

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$1,460.00

Loose: \$32.00

Missing a Bulletin?

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

Reporting Child Sexual Abuse

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may

confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The November meeting of the Pastoral Council included these topics:

- 1) Census update: There are 171 family units on the parish mailing list. So far, 102 census forms have been returned, a rate of 60%. Secretary Diane Poach will begin mailing census forms to those who didn't respond (about 25 families).
- 2.) The Safe Environment program of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston requires that every volunteer and staff person in the parish complete the Virtus program and obtain a background check. Diane will be compiling a list of those persons in the parish and checking their Virtus status.
- 3) Council members shared the comments they received from interviewing parishioners about their spiritual growth at Holy Rosary parish and if the parish is meeting their needs. Comments were positive and encouraging. The Pastoral Council was asked to continue these interviews with the goal being to improve or offer additional programming aimed at developing spirituality and community.

If you have questions or concerns, contact members: Jo Baxa, Mariann Jack, Gini Jeran, Charlie Malcom, Tracy Murphy, John Weber, or Mary Hendricks.

A Note of Thanks

Just a brief note of thanks to the many parishioners who have sent get well cards to me over the past few months. Your well wishes, words of encouragement, and most importantly your prayerful support have provided me with the needed strength throughout my cancer treatments. Again, "thank you" for your kindness. I'll see you soon.

Very sincerely, Linda Hicks

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: 24 Days Until Christmas!

Give in Thanksgiving – December 8

“The nuns left lasting impressions on me,” writes a donor. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education.” Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week’s second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Nov. 30

7 p.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Dec. 1

9 a.m. – Ruth Lohr (Holy Rosary)

Monday, Dec. 2

7:30 a.m. – Wolfgang Flor (Hospital)

Tuesday, Dec. 3

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

Wednesday, Dec. 4

6 p.m. Adoration

7 p.m. – Sr. Marian, SAC – 60th anniversary (Holy Rosary)

Thursday, Dec. 5

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Paul Wise (Hospital)

Friday, Dec. 6 FIRST FRIDAY

6 p.m. Holy Hour

7 p.m. – Nancy Fallon (Holy Rosary)

Saturday, Dec. 7

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

Sunday, Dec. 8

9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)