

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Sacred Heart Chapel

December 19, 2021



Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Dec. 18 – 7 p.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Dec. 19 – 9 a.m. – Charles Gillian (Holy Rosary)

Noon – Prysock Family Deceased (Sacred Heart)

No Mass – WVWC

Monday, Dec. 20 – no mass

Tuesday, Dec. 21 – 7:30 a.m. (Holy Rosary) Edward Lafferre and Kimberly Moore

Wednesday, Dec. 22 – 7 p.m. – Holy Hour (We pray for our benefactors) (Holy Rosary) The Pallottines and Amelia Derico

Thursday, Dec. 23 – 7:30 (Holy Rosary) Freda Cawthon

Friday, Dec. 24 – 7 p.m. (Holy Rosary) Parishioners

Saturday, Dec. 25 – 9 a.m. (Holy Rosary) Parishioners

Sunday, Dec. 26 – 9 a.m. Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

William Stankus

No Mass (WVWC)

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem!

God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s



instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

Send Christmas Cards to Vets

While you are addressing your Christmas cards this year, why not send a card or two to a veteran residing in the Veteran’s Center in Clarksburg? Please address your cards to:

“A Veteran”

Louis A. Johnson Medical Center
One Med Center Drive
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Please send your return address and the value of the card, as the Center must report these donations to the federal government. Thanks for remembering these special people during the Christmas season!

Rest in Peace

Our friend and long-time parishioner William “Bill” Stankus died last week and a memorial mass was held on Saturday. We offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to his wife, Jerry, and to all of his family. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

A Special Thank You

A special thank you to our parish family for praying for Kaitlyn Luterek. She is doing better. Kaitlyn is receiving treatment for non-epileptic seizures. The Cleveland Clinic will continue to monitor her progress. Again, thank you for your prayers and support during this challenging time. Kaitlyn is very grateful.

Lost and Found

We found a key with a blue clip on the floor of the church last week. If you are missing your key, please check with Father Ed.

Mass Requests for 2022

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. Because we were overloaded with requests from last year, we are already scheduled into February of 2022.

Please Note: There is NO MORNING Mass on Friday, December 24. Also there WILL be Mass at 7:30 am on Friday, Dec 31 but NO Mass in the evening.



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.

December 24*Christmas Eve Mass – 7 p.m.

December 25*Christmas Day Mass – 9 a.m.

December 26* Weekend Mass (Feast of the Holy Family – 9 a.m. (No Sat. evening mass)

January 1*Feast of Mary, Mother of God - 9 a.m.

January 2*Weekend Mass (Feast of the Epiphany) (no Saturday evening mass)

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

Envelopes for Next Year

Our 2022 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 about 25 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. Thanks!

Decorating for Christmas

Covid is still a concern in our area, so we will continue to decorate in small family groups again this year. One family has already added beauty to our windows and choir loft, another family has volunteered to erect the Christmas trees, and still another family has volunteered to help with the creche. They will work in their own time frames. We appreciate all our volunteers and we hope we can get back to decorating together next year!

We are Grateful

We are grateful for another of our faithful parishioners who stepped up to help us with our physical plant. Krista Lewellyn has graciously supplied the paint and painted the trim on our side door into the church. Thanks, Krista!

Looking for Couples to Lead

We are looking for one or two couples to lead a marriage program at Holy Rosary Parish. We are just in the planning stages, and this program will be based on the program: "Together in Holiness." This diocesan program could be carried back to the parish as an important ministry to our couples here. Give it some thought, and talk to Father Ed if you are interested.

Praying the Rosary Before Mass

We will begin saying the Rosary before the weekend masses starting the first weekend in Advent. The rosary will begin at 6:30 pm before the Saturday Mass, and 8:30 am before the Sunday Mass. We hope to continue this practice throughout the year.

Need Quiet Time for Prayer in the Church?

Please, if you need quiet time with the Lord in the Church, do not hesitate to call the Parish Office or Father Ed.

Celebrate December Birthdays

Will Baxa IV	December 5
Charlie Malcolm	December 7
Tracy Murphy	December 9
Mariann Jack	December 10
Anthony Murphy	December 13
Harrison Walker	December 15
Andrea Ellis	December 27
Grant Murphy	December 27
Mike Wilson	December 28
Mike Ellis	December 31

The Year of St. Joseph is almost over. Have you placed your rock in our St. Joseph Garden yet? We would like everyone to place their rock by December 31. We hope to have a special dedication soon. Thanks for participating!

Please remember in your prayers:

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Matthew Linger, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, P.T. Garton, Jalen Welcome, Dennis Cortes, Kay Sienkiewicz, Danny Morgan, Gene Zara, Paula Ball, Janine Robinson, Elaine

Katai, Terry McKisic and Tori Odom, Andrew Schmidt, Gay Little, Denise Karlen, Jim Hawkinberry, Sandy Derico, Tim Dewitt and Family, Ellie McCarthy, Linus Deasy, Shanna Ericsson, Linda Coyner, Donnie Cox, Rue Thompson.

Please pray for men and women in the military.

Please pray for our Homebound: Mary Stump, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Helena Bessinger, Virginia Cerullo, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simmon, Barbara Hillberry, Donnie Cox.

Stewardship

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes: \$2,740

Loose: \$132

Attendance: 12/11: 29

12/12: 72



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PICK OF THE WEEK

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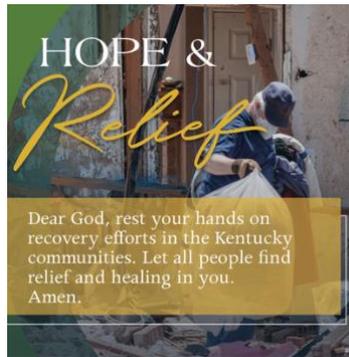
CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



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Collection for Disaster Victims



Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of January 1st and 2nd, 2022, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters that have occurred in Kentucky, leaving severe

damage and significant loss of life. Donations can also be made at your parish or on the diocesan website at dwc.org/disasterrelief.

Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities agencies on the ground, working in the communities affected by the tornadoes.

Please remember in prayer all those who have lost their lives in the wake of these disasters, as well as all those who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water, especially as we prepare for the Christmas Season.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.

Psalm Response: "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

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