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Sacred Heart Chapel

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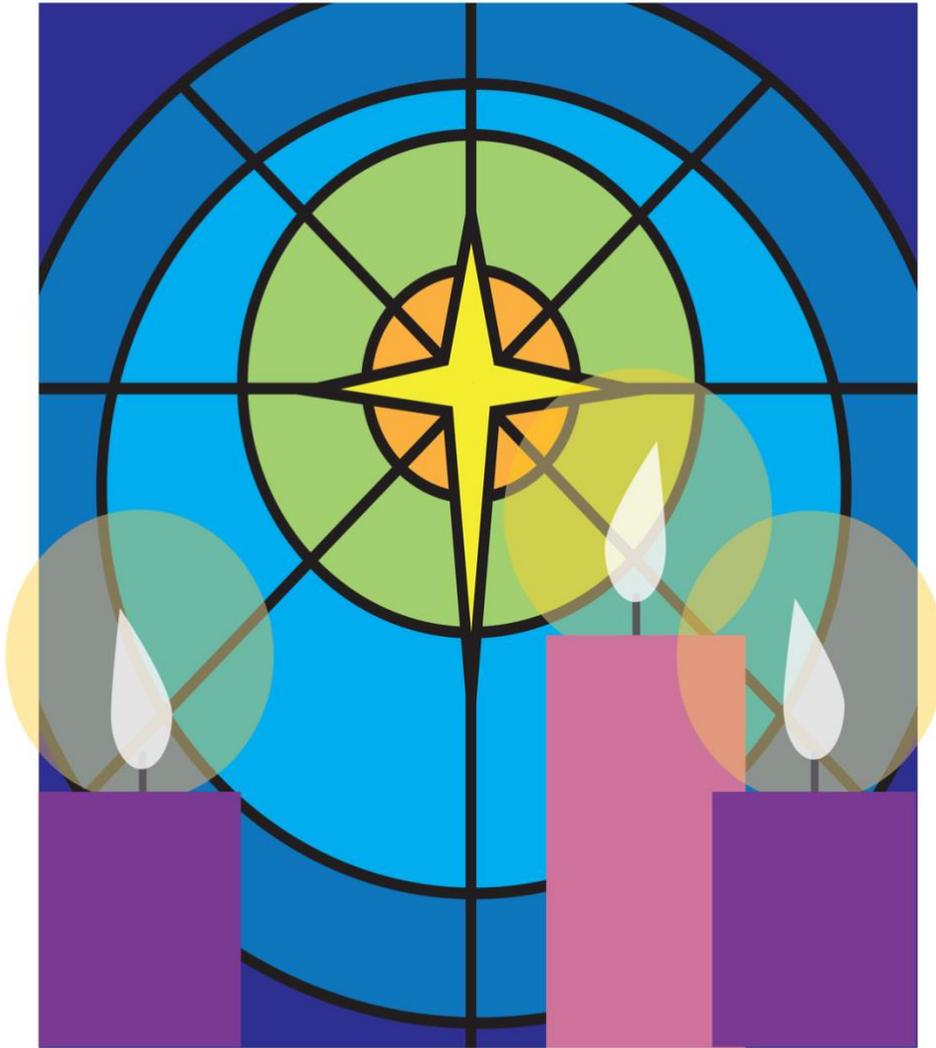
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“The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none.

And whoever has food should do likewise.”

The Gospel of Luke

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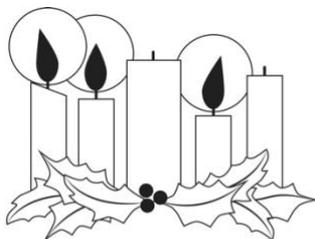
3rd Sunday of Advent

“From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!” St. Teresa of Avila

We’ve all heard the adage, “Laughter is the best medicine.” In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, “Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace.” Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God’s gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming



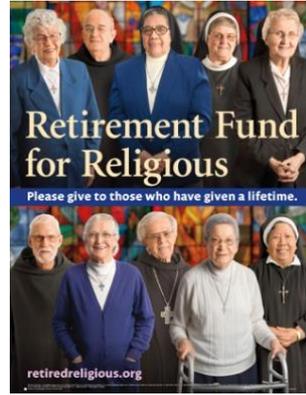
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of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven’t laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God’s power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others

that God is really with us. “Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter.” (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)©LPi

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to this week’s Retirement Fund for Religious



collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

Rest in Peace

Our friend and long-time parishioner William “Bill” Stankus died this past 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.

Advent Penance

Fr. John and Fr. Ed will be available any day/time to hear confessions. Please just call the Parish center at 304-472-3414 to make an appointment.

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.

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!

Mass at WVWC

We will be celebrating mass at West Virginia Wesleyan College on Sunday evenings beginning in December. This 8 p.m. liturgy will be held in the Meditation Chapel at the college. This mass is based on the WVWC schedule and will not be held when the students are on breaks. Mass is scheduled for December 12, then not again until January 9, 2022. Father Ed and Father John will begin the college campus ministry soon.

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 are still looking for volunteers to lead the Sunday Rosary once a month. If you are interested in helping, please contact Diana Thompson, 304-4721947, or email dianathompson222@hotmail.com.

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

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season or whenever they are ready. Sessions are held in the parish center at 10:30 am on Wednesdays.

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!

Remember and Honor

You are invited to "A Service to Remember and Honor: Offering Hope In the Midst of Darkness." This service is Sunday, December 12 at 3 p.m. at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Wesley Chapel. Please wear a mask.

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 Ericcson, Linda Coyner, Donnie Cox.

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: \$2,469

Loose: \$224

Attendance: 12/4: 54

12/5: 59

HOW CAN WE
Thank
God
ENOUGH FOR YOU?
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9, NIV -

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

December 24*Christmas Eve Mass – 7 p.m.
 December 25*Christmas Day Mass – 9 a.m.
 December 26* Weekend Mass – 9 a.m. (No Sat. evening mass)
 January 1*Feast of Mary, Mother of God - 9 a.m.
 January 2*Weekend Mass for Epiphany – 9 a.m. (no Sat. evening mass)

	Dec. 11	Dec. 12	Dec. 18	Dec. 19
Lectors	Roseann W.	Andrea E.	Maria G.	Sandy K.
Greeters	Cheryl & Jerry	Tracy M.	John K.	Roseann W.
Servers	volunteers	Volunteers	volunteers	volunteers

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Dec. 11 – 7 p.m. +Joseph Lanham (Holy Rosary)
Sunday, Dec. 12 – 9 a.m. Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
 8 p.m. +Frances & George Beljan (WVWC)
Monday, Dec. 13 – no mass
Tuesday, Dec. 14 – 7:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Lanham, +Claudia Cortes (Holy Rosary)
Wednesday, Dec. 15 – 7 p.m. – 6 p.m. Holy Hour (We pray for men and women in uniform and their families)
 +Jamie Haderman, +Wolfgang Flor (Holy Rosary)
Thursday, Dec. 16 – 7:30 +Charles Sandreth (Holy Rosary)
Friday, Dec. 17 – 7:30 a.m. +Denna Bayless (Holy Rosary)
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

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE
 Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



Deacon Rue and Diana Thompson would like to extend their thanks for all of the thoughts and prayers for them. No news yet, so keep the prayers coming!

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Psalm Response: "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."

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