

# Holy Rosary Catholic Church Sacred Heart Church A Marist Community

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**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**BELIEVE**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8

## **Weekend Schedule Clarification**

*We want to help you be clear about this Christmas season and the masses at Holy Rosary Church. With Christmas falling on a Monday it can be a bit confusing.*

### **Regular Masses for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 23 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 at 9 a.m.

### **The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

**(Christmas)** is December 25 and is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. We will celebrate the Vigil Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. (Christmas carols begin at 6:30 p.m.) Mass on Christmas Day, December 25 will be celebrated at 9 a.m.

#### **Masses for the Feast of Christmas**

December 24 – 7 p.m. Vigil

December 25 – 9 a.m.

December 25 – noon at Sacred Heart

The Christmas Vigil Mass at 7 p.m. does not take the place of the Sunday weekend mass. Catholics are obliged to attend mass twice this weekend: once for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and once for the Feast of Christmas.

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

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation and falls every year on January 1<sup>st</sup>. This year, because the feast falls on a Monday, the bishops have rescinded the obligation but still encourage parishes to have a holy day mass. For this reason we will have our regular weekend schedule for December 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>, but will not have a Vigil Mass on Sunday. We will have one Mass to celebrate the Feast of Mary the Mother of God on Monday, January 1st at 9 a.m. We strongly encourage you to attend this Mass to pray through Mary's intercession for a peace filled New Year.

#### **Special Drawing**

Our Fellowship Ministry is holding a special holiday drawing for a Christmas basket brimming over with

all kinds of goodies. Drawing tickets can be purchased from Liz Hamner, Margaret Posey, or Bro. Roy after Mass. Proceeds from the drawing will go toward parish celebrations that include the upcoming church Christmas party, the reception after our Advent Mission, a St. Patrick's Day bash, Mardi Gras, and so many other activities. Who knows? You could be the lucky ticket holder when the drawing takes place on Dec. 17!

#### **Thank You**

Let's give a big and loud round of applause for our Fellowship Ministry. They were responsible for our parish Christmas party and will be hosting our reception after the parish Mission. Our Fellowship Ministry has made possible other activities that have brought our church closer as a Christ-centered family and will be offering more opportunities in the coming year. Thank you, Fellowship Ministry, for all your effort!

#### **Angels Among Us**

Have you taken a good look at our parish kitchen? If you did, you couldn't help but notice that it is newly painted, that the stove has taken on a brand new look, that the cabinets have been cleaned inside out, and that there is a freshness we haven't seen in a long time. All of that just didn't happen over night. Two angels in the parish worked long and hard to make that happen. Let's be sure to say a prayer of thanks for those angels (who wish to remain anonymous).

#### **School of Religion**

*December: Advent: We Prepare for the Christ Child*

**Participate in our Church's Advent Activities**

**Send a Christmas card or note to a shut in or nursing home**

12/17 -Class 10:15 - 11:15- Third Sunday of Advent  
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

K-1 Greeter/Presentations of Gifts

12/24 - No classes Christmas Break -Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Luke 1: 26-38

12/31 - No Class Holiday Break - Happy New Year

#### **Find the Bulletin Online**

Have you misplaced your weekly bulletin, or did you miss mass one weekend? You can find our bulletins online on our Holy Rosary Website! Log on to [www.holyrosarywv.org](http://www.holyrosarywv.org) to check out the weekly bulletins and more about our parish. Many thanks to Jessie Disbrow who manages our website!

#### **Women's Group**

Women's Group will meet again on Thursday, 12/28/17 at 6:30 p.m. The session on 12/14/17 has been cancelled due to schedule conflict with use of Marist Hall.

**Attention Confirmation Students**

The next confirmation class gathering is Sunday, December 17th from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17	Confirmation Class RCIA Choir Practice	4 p.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Marist Hall Marist Hall Church
Tuesday, Dec. 19	Finance Council	2 p.m.	Rectory
Wed., Dec. 20	Mass, Dinner and Advent Movie	6 p.m.	Church and Marist Hall

**Soul Core**

SoulCore will be held in Marist Hall on Thursday, 12/21/17 at 6:00 p.m.! This will be the last SoulCore of 2017!

**Lost and Found**

A St. Lucy Medallion was found in the parking lot across from the church. Dr. O'Loughlin found it and gave it to Sandy Boyd, thinking it might belong to one of our parishioners. He said it looked like someone may have had it for a long time. Could this be yours? You may contact Sandy Boyd at 304-439-6764 to claim your medallion.

**Men's Breakfast**

The next men's breakfast is set for Saturday, December 30, at 9 a.m. at Audrey's Restaurant in Buckhannon. All the men of the parish are invited.

**Please Pray**

Robert Fulton, Mary Plocki, Joe Morton, Kim Casella, Fr. John Baran, Mike Derico, The Family of Janine Robinson, the Jones Family, James Dunn Family, Braden Berry, Mary Kimberly Moore, Charles Sandreth, Gary Cortes, Craig Cortes, Lori Wilcox, Joseph Cortes, Sid Holic, Lorene Hardman, Louise Hawkinberry, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Shelly Kraus, Shana Erickson, Victor Zara, Msgr Michael Doyle, Brenda Gullo, Kimberly Moore, Jeff Rosenbury, Allen Rosenbury, Mary and Bob Shutran, Mike Hanson, Marsha Garton, Lorraine McLean, Mike Farah, Phil Halligan, Shaelyn Posey, Levi Abel, Rose DeProspero, Evelyn Jack, Phil Murphy, Sheila Marsh., Robyn



Davenport, Chris, Pat Marsh, Rose Mary Tomblyn, Vonda Brandt, Janice Korish, Aaron Walden. Kathleen Chatfield, Ann Wilson

**Please pray for all men and women serving in the military.**

**Please pray for our homebound**

Gene and Mary Stump, Jeannette Willett, Denna Bayless, Virginia Cerullo, Toni and Emerick Cerullo, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Edna Anadon, Gerald Hackney, Rose Deprospero, Rocena Ashbury.

**Server's Schedule**

December 16 – Caroline, Madelyn, Addie

December 17 – Logan and Addison

December 23 – Kennedi and Makenzi

December 24 (9 a.m.) Vincent

December 24 (7 p.m.) Christmas Eve – Vincent

December 25 (9 a.m.) Volunteers

**Confirmation Facebook Group**

Hey, Confirmandi and Parents! You can find out what new with the Confirmation Class, meeting dates and times, and who's serving dinner at the new HOLY ROSARY CHURCH CONFIRMATION 2018 Facebook page. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Rosary-Church-Confirmation-2018-1415938951850542/> or just type "Holy Rosary Church Confirmation 2018" in the search bar on Facebook. When you "like" the page, you can keep updated with the posts. Or "friend" me, Mary Mazza Hendricks, and I will invite you to like the page. See you on the Internet!

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- Will Baxa IV December 5
- Mariann Jack December 10
- Tracy Murphy December 9
- Harrison Walker December 15
- Gene Stump December 19
- Gene Bryant December 25
- Andrea Ellis December 27
- Grant Murphy December 27
- Mike Wilson December 28
- Mike Ellis December 31

**Catholic Charity Collection on Christmas**

Pope Francis recently observed the first World Day of the Poor on November 19<sup>th</sup>. He reminded us that we are all one in the Body of Christ and we must care for the suffering within the Body. Please support the good works that Catholic Charities West Virginia is doing on our behalf for the poor and suffering. Contributions may be made online at [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org),

mail to 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003  
or in the second collection on Christmas.

### **Decorating the Church for Christmas**

We will decorate the church for Christmas after the 9 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, December 24th, so please consider staying an extra hour to help us.

Many hands make light work, and if we have several people, it should only take a little while.

All are welcome.

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

When it is the depth and power of God that stirs, is there anything of which love is incapable?

—Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa

### **DON'T FORGET**

**Christmas Eve** -Sunday, December 24 – Carols at 6:30 p.m. and mass at 7 p.m. (Holy Rosary)

**Christmas Day** – Monday, December 25 – mass at 9 a.m. (Holy Rosary) and at noon at Sacred Heart.

### **Christmas Rendition of 1st Corinthians 13**

If I decorate my house perfectly with twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking hundreds of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, but do not show love to my family, then I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing. If I trim the tree with shimmering angels, crocheted snowflakes and sing in the choir's Cantata, but do not focus on Christ, I've missed the point.

Love stops the baking to hug a child. Love sets aside decorating to kiss a spouse. Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home with fine china and fancy linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids, but is thankful they are underfoot.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

## **LOVE NEVER FAILS**

### **Send a Christmas Card**

While you are sending Christmas cards this year, why not send one to a U.S. soldier who is having a difficult time this Christmas? Your card might lift the spirits of a man or woman who is unable to spend Christmas with their family this year.

Send your cards to:

**A Veteran  
1 Freedom's Way  
Clarksburg, WV 26301**

### **Envelopes for 2018**

The envelopes for 2018 are in Marist Hall. Not all families will receive envelopes initially. We only ordered the numbers for the parishioners who used envelopes on a regular basis last year. Please pick up your envelopes and check to see if your address is correct. If there is an error, please drop a note in the collection basket with your proper information.

If your family did not receive a box of envelopes for this year and you would like to use envelopes, we can still order envelopes for you. please sign the sheet on the table by the envelopes and we will order more for you. We must base all envelopes on your permanent parish number so only take the envelopes with

### **Eucharistic Liturgies**

#### **Saturday, December 16**

5 p.m. – No Mass (WVWC)

7 p.m. – For our parishioners (Holy Rosary)

#### **Sunday, December 17**

9 a.m. – Gary Tombllyn (dec) (Holy Rosary)

noon - the youth of our parish (Sacred Heart)

#### **Monday, December 18**

7:30 a.m. – Ernest Nanners (dec) (Hospital)

#### **Tuesday, December 19**

7:30 a.m. – Karen Hulick (dec) (Hospital)

#### **Wednesday, December 20**

6 p.m. – Edward Lafferre (dec) (Holy Rosary)

#### **Thursday, December 21**

7:30 a.m. – Lafferre Family (Hospital)

#### **Friday, December 22**

7:30 a.m. – Ethel Doyle (dec) (Holy Rosary)

#### **Saturday, December 23**

5 p.m. – No Mass (WVWC)

7 p.m. – Ruth McGushin (Holy Rosary)

#### **Sunday, December 24**

9 a.m. – For our parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Noon – No Mass (Sacred Heart)

#### **Sunday, December 24** Christmas Vigil Mass

7 p.m. – Nancy Westfall

#### **Monday, December 25** Christmas Day Mass

9 a.m. – For our Parishioners

your number. If you are not registered in the parish and would like a box of envelopes, please sign the sheet, but provide your address and phone number as well and we will assign a number for you.

Boxes of envelopes are expensive. If you are sending your weekly donation electronically from your bank, thank you!