

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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DECEMBER 1, 2024

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.

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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.

Advent is Here

The Liturgical Year counts time in its own way. Holy Week focuses on suffering, and Pentecost attunes us to the Spirit. Advent is our preparation for the One Who comes, and is to come. But at this time of the year, we focus on children. Think about it. Presents, and concerts, and visits with “the bearded one” – we all see Christmas through the eyes of a child. Children give to adults the gift of wonder, freshness, and enthusiasm and in their freshness, we ourselves find new life. In Scripture, even when the learned wanted to understand what the kingdom of God was about, Jesus placed a little child in their midst and said “unless you become like this little child, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of God.”

As I reflect on my own Advent waiting, I think about the child who was born in a cold, dark cave so many years ago. He seems alone, babbling and waving little arms and legs in the air. I think about Mary, his mother, and all of the wonder and excitement surrounding the birth of such a special child. I sense the whole world is watching him, for a unique light is shining from this special infant. He is Emmanuel, Wonderful, Counselor. He is the true Light shining in the darkness. Did this baby Jesus know of his fate? Did he know that he was sent by his Heavenly Father to be the greatest gift in all the world, that he was sent to die for our redemption? Did he know that the mystery of his Incarnation would be celebrated again and again and the glorious feast of Christmas?

We, who wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of Christ know that our God already lives. Our Savior *was* born two millennia ago. We are not really waiting for him but *He is waiting for us*. His abundant patience calls us again and again to look into our hearts and find the hope and trust that he so freely gives us. He waits for us with open arms that never tire of protecting us and gathering us back. In our Advent waiting we remember that God is only waiting for an invitation to become the center of our lives.

This Advent, take some time to ponder on the child Jesus. When you see the dancing eyes of the children, when you hear their cries of delight and wonder of the season, when you see the lights beaming forth from Christmas candles and decorations, reflect on that tiny infant in the manger. Welcome him into your heart, so that the light that beams radiantly from this Child may shine forth from you for all to see. Christmas is the time of the Child, may this Child live in our hearts forever!

Advent Readings

Don't forget to pick up your "Daily Reflection for Advent and Christmas: Waiting in Joyful Hope 2024 - 2025" which will be available the first Sunday of Advent. This little book contains short readings and reflections for the entire season of Advent. We also have a supply of our "Little Books for Advent." What a great way to prepare for the birth of our Lord. Living Faith and the Word Among Us booklets will be available by the doors as well.

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!

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service is on, Monday, December 16 at 7 pm at Holy Rosary Church. Fr. Jim, the pastor of St. Brendan, Elkins and St. Patrick, Coalton will have their Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 pm at St. Brendan Church.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 this year. Holy Rosary masses will be at 12:05 pm and 7 pm. All are welcome!

Our Advent Retreat

Our Advent retreat master has had an abrupt change of plans and he will not be able to join us for our retreat. Instead, Father Ed has planned an all parish "silent retreat." Father Ed will open the church at 9 am on December 14 so that we can spend some quiet time with our Lord in the midst of this busy season. He will be available for confessions if you like. Please come anytime between 9 am and noon.

Blessing Box

Our parish blessing box is quite empty! Can you leave some food there during the Advent season? Let us share what we have with others!

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is December 3rd this year. It is a day set aside by the diocese to remind all Catholics to donate to the Catholic Sharing Appeal for this year. Any money donated to the CSA will come back 100% to Holy Rosary and will not be subject to diocesan taxes.

Our Dear Sister

Our dear friend, Sister Francesca Lewis, will be moving soon. Don't forget that you can still leave a short note or card for Sister to open at a later date! Just drop it in the collection basket and we will send it to Sister Francesca's new address:

St. Mary's Convent
2810 N. Staunton Rd.
Huntington, WV 25702

Men's Group Bible Study

The men's group will continue a three-part video study series on Philippians. All men are invited to attend at 6 pm on Thursday evenings.

Catholic Daughters Christmas Dinner

A Christmas dinner is scheduled for the Catholic Daughters on December 10th at the Links Restaurant at 5:30 pm. Members will be responsible for their own meal as we order off the menu, and you are asked to bring an exchange gift of not more than \$10 for our Chinese auction.

Knights of Columbus Dinner Dance

The Knights of Columbus are selling Dinner Dance tickets this week. Cash prizes of \$2500 are being offered. The event will again be held at Orchard Hall in Elkins on Friday, Dec. 6th from 6 pm to 10 pm. All food and drinks for a couple is included for the price of \$50.



Join the Holy Rosary Adventure Club on Sunday, December 1, for Fort New Salem's Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains. We will

be departing Buckhannon at 2:30 p.m. and arriving at Fort New Salem around 3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in Marist Hall. If you want to carpool, please talk to Rachel Weber.

The celebration features the historic and cultural folkways of the Scotch-Irish, English, and German settlers in West Virginia. Those who attend the celebration can find a vibrant mix of music, food, traditional skills and diverse lifestyles that celebrate the beliefs and traditions of the season, representative of the early 1800s, in New Salem, Virginia, whichever was the western edge of the United States at that time. You can come out and see the rustic life that people had to live to have the things we have today. The primitive buildings that they lived in and the cold climate that they had to endure.

Caroling begins at 5 pm and the grand procession and tree lighting at 5:30.

School of Religion

School of Religion program for this year is in full swing! We hope all families realize the importance of helping their children grow in their faith. If you would like to help with this

program, contact Doris Sandreth.
Sunday, 12/ 1– classes 10:15-11:15
Sunday, 12/ 8 – classes 10:15-11-15

First Sunday of Advent
A Vocation View: Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve.
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Dinner and a Movie

Join us for another dinner and movie outing on Thursday, December 12. We will be meeting at 5 p.m. at the Outback Steakhouse for a meal, followed by viewing the movie entitled "I Am the Immaculate Conception." This movie will be shown at the Meadowbrook Mall cinemas. Please sign up by Sunday, December 8th so that we can make dinner reservations. You can sign up on the sheet posted in Marist Hall on the Adventure Club board, or by talking to Rachel Weber or Mary Hendricks. In the case of inclement weather, there will be plans to attend a showing of the film at a later date.

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$1,720

Loose: \$233

Attendance: 11/23 – 47
11/24 – 74



Retirement Fund for Religious

The special collection for December supports the Retirement Fund for Religious. Donate to help the more than 24,000 senior religious who have dedicated their lives to service retire with dignity. Donations will provide for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of senior, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades—usually for little to no pay. Show your appreciation by supporting those who have given a lifetime.

Grief Share Schedule Fall & Winter 2024

While your journey is unique to you, your thoughts, feelings, and grieving style are normal parts of the grief process. Knowing that other people understand what you're going through—and that you have your own unique grieving style—can bring a great sense of relief. These sessions continue Tuesdays from 10:00 am until noon. Come for one or all sessions.

- * December 3, Session#6
- * December 10, sessions#7
- * December 17, # Holiday GriefShare
- * December 24, NO session
- * December 31, NO session

Sessions are held at First United Methodist Church, 2nd floor.

St. Joseph's Missals

The 2025 St. Joseph's Missals have arrived. If you would like to purchase one, please put \$n in the envelope provided by the books in Marist Hall.

Community Christmas Dates

Christmas Craft Show: November 30 and December 1 at the Randolph County Armory

Shinnston Community Band and the Brass Rhythm & Sax Orchestra: December 1 at the Robinson Grand Theater in Clarksburg.

Prayers, Please: Angela Endrizzi, Alina Vernarsky,

Tony Derico, Bob Slaughter, Mark Cerullo, Rhonda Cerullo, Josephine Baxa, Angie Murphy, Mary Kriner, Kay Sienkiewicz, Bruce Maine, Jalen Welcome, Jane Garton, Pat Daigneault, Brittany Poling Alden,



9Francis Girard, Dennis & Cindy Cortes, Louise Hawkinberry, Felicia Endrizzi, Phillip Dahman, Jeanne Norlin, Judy Harvey

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, Barbara Hillberry, Rose DeProspero, Linda Coyner, Jean Lantz, Janine Robinson, Barbara Elmore, Helena Bessinger, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simmons, Margaret Balli, William McLean, Patricia Long.

Ministers	Sat. Nov. 30	Sun. Dec. 1	Sat. Dec. 7	Sun. Dec. 8
Lectors	Skip G. Xavier S.	Sandy K. Jalna J.	Rosanne W. Cheryl M.	Andrea E. Linda H.
Greeters	Cheryl & Jerry	Tracy M.	Nancy & Tony	Mary H.
Musicians		Elaine A. Shirley L.	Lena Rose Jalna	Sarah Z. Diane P.
Eucharistic Ministers	John K. Rue T.	Renee L. Tracy M. Rue T.	Mike G. Rue T.	Amy W. Renee L. Rue T.

Mass Intentions

Thank you for all of your mass intentions throughout the year. As of today, the 2024 calendar is completely full! We will be accepting mass intentions for 2025 beginning on December 1. Mass intention donations are \$5. Please know that we will schedule masses on a first come, first served basis, so you may not get the exact date the you request. We will try our best to get your masses scheduled as close to your preferred date as possible.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Happy Anniversary to Mariann and David Jack who celebrate in December.



First Friday

First Friday is December 6. You are welcome to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament anytime that day, beginning at 9 am. First Friday mass will begin at 7 pm. Spend some extra time in prayer this Advent Season. First Saturday mass is on December 7th at 9 :30 am. The rosary is prayed beginning at 8:30 am.



Pictured are Knights of Columbus brothers Mike Gasper, Mike Ashley, and Bryan Kozik, delivering Boxes of Joy for shipment. Boxes are expected to be on their way by the first of December. Many thanks to our generous parishioners who took and filled a box or boxes for needy children.



Forever Fitness: Every Tuesday, 11 am - Free for all ages, Marist Hall

December 3	Silver Sneakers
December 10	Walking



30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.

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This Week's Psalm Response
"To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul."

Date	Intentions	Place	Time
Sat. Nov. 30	Ann Ellis+	Holy Rosary	7 pm
Sun. Dec. 1	Irene Ryan+ Parishioners	Holy Rosary Sacred Heart	9 am noon
Mon. Dec. 2	Gale Knoch+	Hospital	7:30 am
Tues. Dec. 3	God knows...	Holy Rosary	
Wed. Dec. 4 Holy Hour	We pray for our benefactors.	Holy Rosary	6 pm
Wed. Dec. 4 mass	Willard Mace+	Holy Rosary	7 pm
Thurs. Dec. 5	Emil Zazworski+	Holy Rosary	7:30 am
Fri., Dec. 6 Adoration	We pray for peace, love & justice in our world.	Holy Rosary	9 am - 6:45 pm
First Friday Mass	Mrs. Willard Mace+	Holy Rosary	7 pm
First Sat. Mass	We pray for vocations	Holy Rosary	9 am
Sat. Dec. 7	Leannah Lafferre+	Holy Rosary	7 pm
Sunday, Dec. 8	Parishioners	Holy Rosary	9 am

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