

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 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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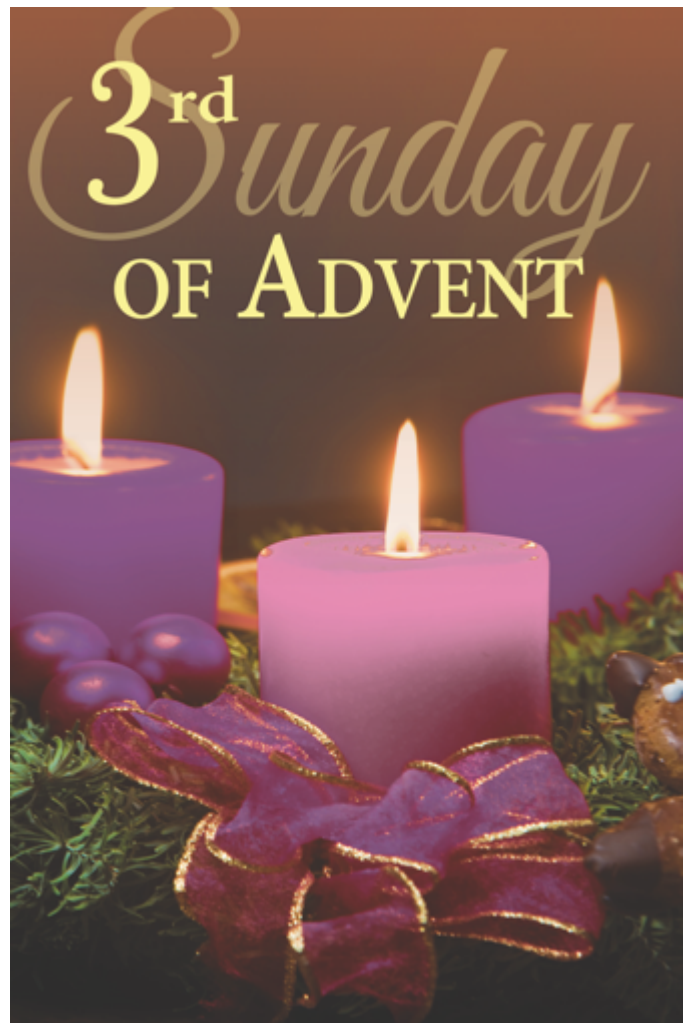
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Sacraments

Baptism~ Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment for baptism preparation.

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Sacrament of the Sick~ If you or a loved one would like to receive this sacrament, please call the parish office.



This Week's Psalm Response
"Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel!"

3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans."

Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Former Parishioner Generosity

Wow! Our parish received a very generous donation from former parishioner, Kelly Golden Rauschner! We were able to purchase much needed updates for our parish including vestments for our priest and deacon, new altar cloths and communion cloths, 2 new refrigerators for our parish hall, plants for the exterior of our church, rosary beads, a church table, and 2 new Christmas trees! Kelly was raised in Holy Rosary Church and she and her husband Dave were married here! Kelly now lives in New York. We are so grateful to Kelly for thinking of us and for her generous contribution!

Congratulations, Deacon Rue

Bishop Mark Brennan has accepted the resignation of the Reverend Mr. Rue Thompson from diocesan prison ministry effective December 31 of this year. Never fear, Holy Rosary parishioners: Deacon Rue will continue in his parish ministry here at Holy Rosary! We are so thankful to



have you, Deacon Rue, and we pray that God will continue to bless you as you minister to our parish. Congratulations on your retirement!

Children's Christmas Program This Sunday

Our School of Religion students will present their Christmas program after mass at 10:15 am in the church on Sunday, December 15. Please stop over after the donut time to support these children who have worked so hard on this event. Many thanks to Doris Sandreth, Tracy Murphy, and all the teachers who work so hard to share their faith with our children. There will be class after the program! Sunday, 12/ 15 – classes 10:15-11:15 Sunday, 12/ 22 – classes 10:15-11:15 - Christmas party

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.

Calendars

Our 2025 calendars have arrived! Many thanks to Nick and April Cutright of Heavener and Cutright funeral home for donating our calendars to us.

A Note From the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus want to say "Thank You" to all those that have supported our projects these recent months. Holy Rosary parish has had several Football Frenzy winners so far this season and this past Friday night two Holy Rosary parishioners won the Grand prize and second place cash prizes at the Knights of Columbus Dinner Dance. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Baptism

Please welcome James Edward Cummins, Jr. as he was baptized at Holy Rosary on December 13th. This fine young man is the son of James Cummins and Michelle Guire (deceased) and is the stepson of Allie Miller Cummins. May God bless you always, James!

Advent Readings

Don't forget to pick up your "Daily Reflection for Advent and Christmas: Waiting in Joyful Hope 2024 - 2025." 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.

Christmas Schedule

Join us for Christmas carols at 6:45 pm on December 24. We will follow by celebrating the birth of our Lord at our Christmas mass at 7 pm. Our Christmas Day mass, December 25 begins at 9 am.

Envelopes for Next Year

Our envelopes for 2025 will be available after the masses on December 21 and 22. We have ordered envelopes with parishioner numbers for those who have used them on a



regular basis in the past year. We have also ordered some blank envelopes which you are welcome to take. We realize and appreciate the many ways that you give to our parish community: envelopes, personal checks, bank checks, cash, etc. If you would like us to order a box of envelopes for you, please contact the parish office.

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!

December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

A Vocation View: “What ought we to do?” Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus.

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The next rosary making class at Holy Rosary Church will be held in Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 and can be paid to Rachel Weber on the day of the class. Please let Rachel know if you plan to attend by December 22, 2024, so that she can order enough Rosary parts. Lunch foods will be

provided.

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$1,783

Loose: \$189

Attendance: 12/7 – 36

12/8 – 101

Bishop Brennan's Pastoral Letter

“If your faith matters to you, do your part.... This season of Advent is a season of hope.... Be the good, faithful servant Jesus call you to be, and you will be rewarded beyond measure by the Lord with a joy that will never end.” These words by Bishop Mark Brennan are part of his pastoral letter on evangelization, “Bringing People to Christ,” officially released as we pray in the Advent season.



The full letter appeared recently in The Catholic Spirit. Bishop Mark has directed that printed copies will be available in every parish along with an inspirational card that offers spiritual and practical ways for the faithful in WV to put their faith into action. Please take a copy of each home with you after Masses if you missed getting these last week and discern how you can help spread the Gospel to all! In addition, an electronic version of his letter is available on the Diocesan website: www.dwc.org

Building Fund Envelopes

We are still waiting for the “official word” from the diocese concerning our new parish center. As soon as we hear, we can share more details of the project with you. In the meantime, we ask that you remain patient, but hopeful that we can begin soon. Our diocese is encouraging us to begin fundraising as soon as possible. Since we have met our goal every year of the Catholic Sharing Appeal, every dollar sent to the diocese through the Catholic Sharing Appeal will be returned to us



100% for our building fund. Any money donated to Holy Rosary through building fund envelopes will be used only for our new building. Any money raised for this building will not be taxed by the diocese. Building fund envelopes are located in your envelope box or in your pews. We will also have a collection

basket specifically for our building fund. Please know that we are grateful for anything you can donate.

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 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 \$5 in the envelope provided by the books in Marist Hall.

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.

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,



Francis Girard, Dennis & Cindy Cortes, Louise

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

Forever Fitness

We will begin again in January, 2025!

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.

Saturday, December 14

7 pm HR Parishioners.....Holy Rosary Church

Sunday, December 15

9 am Charles Sandreth.....Holy Rosary Church

Noon SH parishioners.....Sacred Heart Chapel

Monday, December 16

7:30 am Elizabeth Lanham+.....Hospital Chapel

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 am Mike Hanson.....Holy Rosary Church

Wednesday, December 18

6 pm Holy Hour....We pray for our youth.

7 pm Gale Knoch.....Holy Rosary Church

Thursday, December 19

7:30 am Robert Medvor.....Holy Rosary Church

Friday, December 20

7:30 am Edward Lafferre+.....Holy Rosary Church

Saturday, December 21

7 pm HR Parishioners.....Holy Rosary Church

Sunday, December 22

9 am The Pallottines.....Holy Rosary Church



Children's Christmas play

Join our School of Religion students on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10:15 am in the church

Penance Service

Monday, December 16
 7 pm in the church
 Tuesday, Dec. 17 at St. Brendan's in Elkins – 6:30 pm

Christmas Liturgies

Tuesday, Dec. 24
 Carols at 6:45 and mass at 7 pm
 Wednesday, Dec. 25
 Mass at 9 am

New Year's Day Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9 am in the church

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Greeters	Marianne G.	Charlie M.	Diana T.	Donna & Joe B.
Musicians	Ed P. Diane P.	Elaine A. Shirley L.		Sarah Z. Diane P.
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