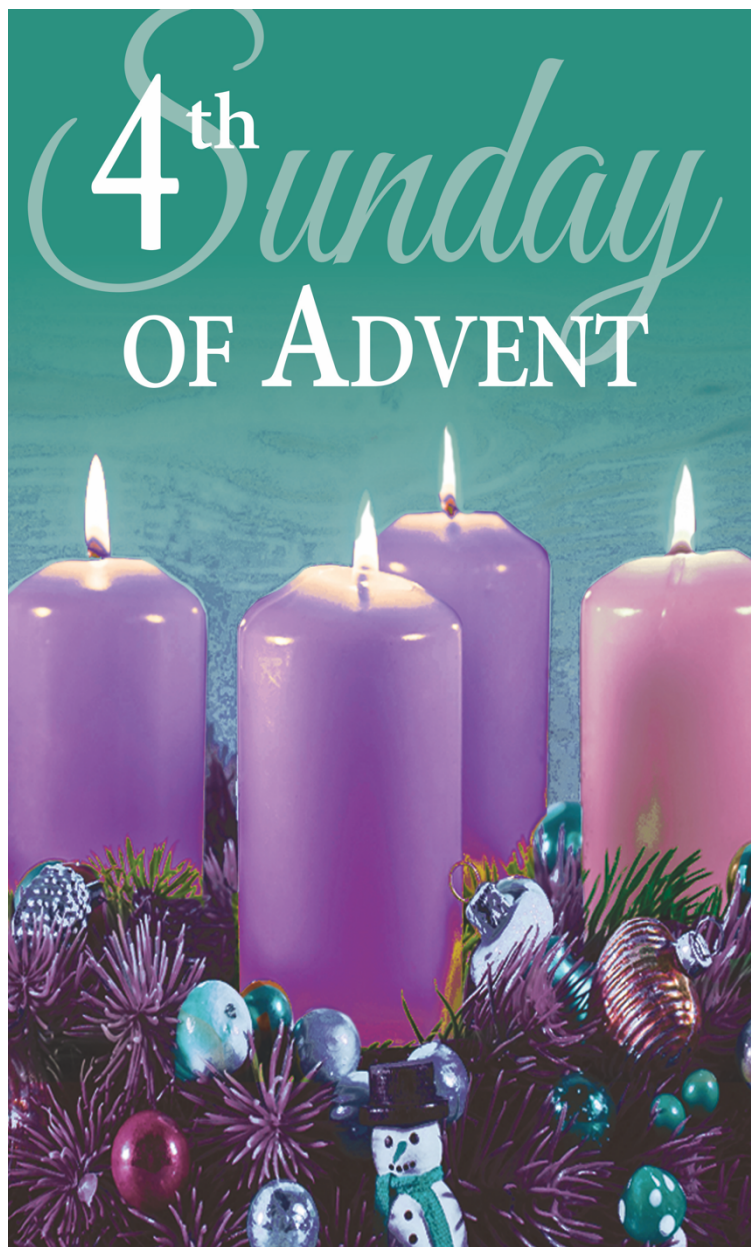


HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 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.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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Father Edward Tetteh, SVD
Pastor

Father John Hue Tran, SVD
Reverend Mr. Rue Thompson, Deacon

In case of emergency, please dial:
609-510-1090
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.

This Week's Psalm Response
"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved!"

4th Sunday of Advent

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that **“there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord”** (Luke 1:45).

Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense,

because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.” — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Former Parishioner Generosity

Wow! Our parish received a very generous donation from former parishioner, Kelly Golden Rauscher! 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!

2nd Collection for Christmas Day

Catholic Charities of West Virginia provides services to the people of West Virginia who need it most. These contributions provide food, clothing, shelter, dignity and reassurance for the poor, elderly, homeless, and those fighting addictions. Please be generous to the Catholic Charities on Christmas.

School of Religion

Sunday, 12/ 22 – classes 10:15-11-15 - Christmas party

2025 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.



Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24

Special music and carols – 6:45 pm

Christmas mass – 7 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day Mass – 9 am

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1 Mass – 9 am

Adventure Club

Join the Adventure Club for snow tubing at Canaan Valley on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025! The club will cover a portion of the cost. Please sign up in the hall or contact Lindsay Zirkle or Rachel Weber by January 5, 2025.

Envelopes for Next Year

Our envelopes for 2025 will be available in Marist Hall 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.

December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Vocation View: Mary trusted that the Lord’s words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you.

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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!

Our Sympathies

Jerry and Jalna Jones received news of the death of Jerry's brother, Keith Jones. Arrangements are undetermined at this time. Please pray for the repose of Keith's soul and for Jerry, who enjoyed his brother's friendship and their sibling bond.

Jubilee Year of Hope

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has designed 2025 as the Jubilee Year of Hope focusing on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". It is no secret that our world is in need of hope - the true and lasting hope that only Jesus Christ can provide.

In order to inaugurate this special Jubilee Year, every Cathedral (and Co-Cathedral in some locations) throughout the world has been asked to celebrate a solemn opening on Sunday, December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. What better time to celebrate hope as we contemplate the hope that dwelled in the home of Mary and Joseph as they raised the child Jesus. Bishop Mark Brennan will be celebrating this special liturgy at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling. The Rite of Opening of the Jubilee Year is unique in that it has three distinct parts, including a procession to the Cathedral, reminding us that we are indeed "Pilgrims of Hope". This is truly meant to be diocesan celebration, and we are encouraged to participate in Wheeling or Charleston, (Basilica of the Co-Cathedral at the same day and time) whichever is more convenient.

Also, to be in solidarity with the Church around the world, the Diocese has sent us prayer cards that contains an adapted Prayer for the Jubilee written by Pope Francis. They will be available to all parishioners on the weekend of December 28-29. Keep in mind that December 29 is just the "kick-off" to what we anticipate as a true Jubilee Year of Hope, filled with celebrations, pilgrimages, and other spiritual opportunities. We would like to have at least 2 or 3 representatives from Holy Rosary attend this mass. Please let Fr. Ed know if you are able to attend. We will then inform the diocese of our representatives.

Advertise in the Bulletin

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You can design your bulletin ad, or we can do it for you. Contact Mary Hendricks at the parish office for more information. ALSO, please ask the company you work for if they would be interested in advertising or tell them to give us a call at 304-472-3414.

Rosary Making Class

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: \$3,404

Loose: \$181

Attendance: 12/14 – 42
12/15 – 118



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 24, NO session

* December 31, NO session

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

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 that you request. We will try our best to get your masses scheduled as close to your preferred date as possible.



MASS INTENTIONS

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 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 21

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

Sunday, December 22

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

Monday, December 23

7:30 am God knows.....Hospital Chapel

Tuesday, December 24

7 pm Parishioners.....Holy Rosary Church

Wednesday, December 25

9 am Parishioners.....Holy Rosary Church

Thursday, December 26

7:30 am Carmona Family Intentions.....Holy Rosary Church

Friday, December 27

7:30 am God knows.....Hospital Chapel

Saturday, December 28

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

Sunday, December 29

9 am John Gaudet.....Holy Rosary Church

Ministers	Sat. Dec. 21	Sun. Dec. 22	Sat. Dec. 28	Sun. Dec. 29
Lectors	Renee L. Laurie A.	Sandy K. Jalna J.	Xavior S. Skip G.	Addison Z. Lindsay Z.
Greeters	Diana T.	Donna & Joe B.	John K.	Tracy M.
Musicians		Sarah Z. Diane P.	Elaine A. Shirley L.	Sarah Z. Diane P.
Eucharistic Ministers	John K. Rue T.	Doris S. Rue T. Amy W.	John W. Rue T.	Mary S. Sue S. Rue T.

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Celebrate the Season With Us!
 The choir and youth group are hosting CHRISTMAS CAROLING on Sunday, December 22. We are leaving the parish hall at 5pm to sing around the town and will have pizza, drinks, and cookies afterwards.
EVERYONE IS INVITED!!

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