



My New Year's Message: Happy New Year To You All

I am very grateful to our loving and merciful God for bringing us to into the New Year, 2025! I would like to thank the Parish staff, members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and the various societies and organizations for your immense love and dedication to our parish. I also extend my thanks and appreciation to each and every parishioner for your continued assistance to our parish, the diocese, and the universal church. Let us pray that the good Lord will continue to lead and guide us throughout this New Year as we continue to be a beacon of hope and love to our community.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has launched a Jubilee Year 2025 with "Pilgrims of Hope" as its theme. As you were aware, the Jubilee Year of Hope Mass was celebrated in Rome and throughout the Catholic world on December 29, 2024. Let us pray for the success of the celebration of Jubilee Year 2025. Please read more in the bulletin/Flocknote and the diocesan newspaper, "The Catholic Spirit."

In our great diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, our bishop, the Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan, has issued a Pastoral letter on Evangelization. Let us pray that each and every one of us will bring back inactive Catholics to church and also get new members as well.

At the parish, we are planning to build a new parish center. Again, let us pray for God's will to be done with this project and other projects we'll be doing to enhance our parish ministry.

This year, for the Divine Word Missionaries of which Fr. John and I are members, by the grace of God, we will be celebrating 150 years of fruitful missionary work in almost 80 countries. Thanks to you all for your prayers and assistance.

On this New Year's day that we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we also celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Peace. Let us continue to turn to our Holy Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, for her intercession for Peace and Love in our world. Let us all continue to be instruments of God's peace and love in our families and in the world.

As always, be assured that you and your families are in my daily thoughts and prayers throughout this New Year also. Kindly pray with and for me and all your clergy and religious that we'll be faithful to our divine Master, Jesus Christ, and his holy Roman Catholic Church. Again, many thanks!

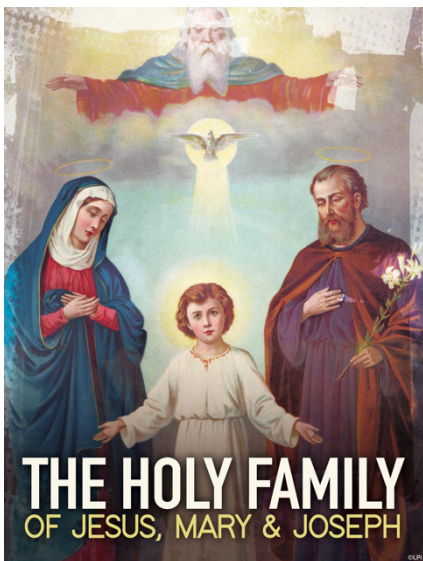
Let me please conclude my New Year's Message with the Aaronic blessing you heard in the First Reading to you all: "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!" AMEN!

You all have a blessed and a grace-filled New Year!

Fr. Edward Tetteh, SVD

The Holy Family

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.



The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “**after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...**” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “**Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.**” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Mary is the Mother of the Son of God made flesh. The feast of Mary, Mother of God, continues our celebration of the mystery of the incarnation allowing us to meditate on the utterly grace-filled decision of God to give one of his creatures (Mary) a central role in the unfolding of that mystery. Please join us on Wednesday, January 1 for mass as we celebrate this holy day at 9 am.

Big Thanks

We are very grateful to you, our dear parishioners, for your Christmas gifts and best wishes over the holidays. We appreciate you very much! Happy New Year, and God bless.

Fr. Ed, Fr. John, and Deacon Rue

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.

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 29 – Holy Family

Jesus grew in wisdom age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God’s grace.

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Our Sympathies

Please pray for Keith Jones, brother of Jerry Jones who died recently. We also pray for our parishioner Shawna Ericsson, who passed away last week. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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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, so that she can order enough Rosary parts. Lunch foods will be provided.

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$1,335

Loose: \$217

Attendance: 12/21 – 36

12/22 – 111



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.

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 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 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 begin again on January 7th! The new year is a great time to begin YOUR FITNESS program. Join us every Tuesday at 11 am in Marist Hall. This program is for men and women. LET'S GET FIT!

Ministers	Sat. Dec. 28	Sun. Dec. 29	Sat Jan. 4	Sun. Jan. 5
Lectors	Xavior S. Skip G.	Addison Z. Lindsay Z.	Cheryl M. Rosanne W.	Joe B. Sandy K.
Greeters	John K.	Tracy M.	Cheryl & Jerry	Mary H.
Musicians	Elaine A. Shirley L.	Sarah Z. Diane P.	Lena Rose Shirley L.	Elaine A. Shirley L.
Eucharistic Ministers	John W. Rue T.	Mary S. Sue S. Rue T.	John K. Rue T.	M. Ellis Mary S. Rue T.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, December 28

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

Sunday, December 29

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

Monday, December 30

7:30 am Frank Williams.....Hospital Chapel

Tuesday, December 31

7:30 am Cirilo Carmona+.....Holy Rosary Church

Wednesday, January 1

9 am God knows.....Holy Rosary Church

Thursday, January 2

7:30 am Sister Francesca Lowis.....Holy Rosary Church

Friday, January 3 FIRST FRIDAY

9 am – 6:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – We pray for peace, love and justice in our world.

7 pm Dusty and Amy Williams

(55th anniversary).....Holy Rosary Church

Saturday, January 4 FIRST SATURDAY

ROSARY: 8:30 AM

9 am We pray for our families. (mass at 9 am)

Saturday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 5

9 am Ann Ellis.....Holy Rosary Church

This Week's Psalm Response
"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

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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 Reverend Mr. Rue Thompson, Deacon

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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.

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Please remember that Friday, January 3rd is First Friday. Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church from 9 am until 6:45 pm. First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm. First Saturday is January 4th. We will pray the rosary at 8:30 followed by morning mass at 9 am. Please join us for any or all of these celebrations.

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