



Holy Rosary Catholic Church
34 Franklin St.
Buckhannon, WV 26201
First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

Advent and the new church year begins this weekend! Check out the insert in today's bulletin for some Advent news and some musings by Father Ed.

Dedication at Sacred Heart in Pickens

We invite you to the blessing and dedication of the new statue of Mary that was donated by Mike Helmick and his family to the Sacred Heart Chapel in Pickens. The dedication will take place after the noon Mass on December 3, 2023. You are all invited for this celebration!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Parish at 12:05 and 7 pm. We hope you will join us!

Advent Communal Penance Service

Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be held on Monday, December 11 at 7 pm in the church. We hope to have several priests for private confessions at this service. As we get ready for the coming of Christ, please consider this humble sacrament. Confessions are also available before each weekend mass and anytime by appointment.

Knights Christmas Card Sale

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas cards again this year. These beautiful religious boxes sell for \$10 and are available after the masses for the next few weeks. Get yours today!

"saint" of the week

Roselynn Harper is our "saint" of the week. She is six years old and a first grader at St. Pat's Catholic School in Weston. Roselynn loves to play outside and visit the park. Her favorite restaurant is McDonalds. She loves computer time at school and coloring. She said that she loves horses, mac & cheese, and the color pink.

Roselynn is a big sister in her house, and daughter of Cassandra and Zack Wagner. Keep Roselynn in your prayers this week.

Wow! Thank You!

The generosity of our Holy Rosary Family is humbling and an outstanding example of what it means to be Christ-like. We asked for your help in providing for a family with six children for the Salvation Army Angel Tree project and we were overwhelmed by your quick and generous giving. Your contributions in only two weeks were able to provide warm clothing,

St. Joseph's Missals Have Arrived

Like everything, the price has increased on our St. Joseph's Missals. If you can, please put \$5 in the envelope when you pick up your missal in the hall.

School of Religion Program

Our School of Religion Program continues. All students in K through 12th grades are required to attend. Please meet at 10:15 in the School of Religion Building.

Dec. 3 Class 10:15 - 11:15
 Dec. 10 Class 10:15 – 11:15

Thanks to our Married Couples

A special note of appreciation is extended to all those married couples who shared a little of their marriage story during our vocation awareness month. Each article seems to emphasize the importance of seeing marriage as a lifelong commitment and a covenant made with one another and with God. Each writer put so much thought into what was shared and gave all of us something to ponder. Again, thank you to each person who contributed to the marriage focus. May God continue to bless you!

We Share Our Stories...Focus on the Married Life...One More Story

Our marriage is built on trust. My husband and I were friends for a while before we were girlfriend and boyfriend. Although he would be the first to tell you that he had enough friends, and wanted to be more, I also knew that when I met him, he was the one. I tried to put that off our relationship as long as I could because I wasn't ready to get married.

In my wisdom now, I think, how foolish. That was my resistance to trust God completely. I think we are all a little afraid at times and want to control our lives, but if we just let God steer us, and trust in Him completely, everything really does work out. People have said to us, your children are beautiful. We have humbly thanked them, but it's a reflection of being blessed for trusting in a Lord.

God does reward those who love Him. There will always be ups and downs. Someone said to me once, give it to God. I reflected on that for a LONG time. I really didn't understand it. Now I say that to you. If you are not sure what it means, reflect on it, pray on it, and let God transform you. My husband and I are still best friends.

You Are Invited

Holy Rosary parish is invited to attend Grace Episcopal Church in Elkins, on Sunday, December 2 at 3:30 pm for an Advent Lessons and Carols service. Jalna Jones will be the organist for this. (our regular organist passed away suddenly.) In addition, there will be two harps, flute, and French horn. The service consists of Scriptural lessons followed by carols. A light supper will follow. A wonderful way to begin your Advent waiting and watching. Please join us.



Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$1,735
 Loose: \$121
 Attendance: Sat. 48 Sun. 94
 December special collections:
 Retirement Fund for Religious and Catholic Charities of West Virginia

Forever Fit	
Every Tuesday - 11 am - Free for all Ages	
Marist Hall	
December 5	Silver Sneakers
December 12	Soul Core
December 19	Silver Sneakers
December 26	Walking

Our Sympathies

Our sympathies are extended to David Lewellyn and his family on the death of Dave's father, Anthony Wayne Lewellyn, who passed away on Saturday, November 16. May Anthony's soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Important Lector Training

We invite all lectors to stay after one of the following masses for a brief training session:

Sunday, 12/3/23 or Saturday, 12/9/23

An Invitation to an Advent Day

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Stonewood invites you to attend an Advent Day of Reflection entitled: "How to Live and Be a Eucharistic People." This day is presented by Daniel A. Maul, Director of the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Mark your calendars for December 9, from 10 am to 4:30 pm where lunch and snacks will be provided.

Please remember in your prayers:

Jalen Welcome, Tori Odom, Dolores Reynoso, ChristineKate Deasy, Linus Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Pat Dagneault, David Daignault, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Ellie McCarthy, Barbara Bengle, Frances Beckes, Daphne Johnston, Josephine Baxa, Tony Derico, Helen Kee, Kay Sienkiewicz, Shanna Ericsson, Vonda Allman, Louise Hawkinberry, Dennis Cortes, Mary Kriner, Jeanne Madigan, Jane Baxter, P.T.Garton, Joseph Moore, Colleen Hoover, Alina Vernarsky, Eleanor Betler, Stephen Tilson, Anthony Lewellyn, Carolyn Collins Heater, Cindy Raffety, Bruce Maine, Angie Murphy.

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, William McLea, Barbara Hillberry, Donnie Cox, Rose DeProspero, Linda Coyner, Jerry Stankus, Jean Lantz, Janine Robinson, Barbara Elmore, Helena Bessinger, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simms.

Community Christmas Events

All are invited to the Parish House Christmas Concert fundraiser featuring Key to Adam and Elkins First UMC "Heart of Worship" Praise Band. The event is Tuesday (Dec. 5) at Wesleyan's Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm with the performance starting at 7:00 pm. There's also a [Facebook event page](#) to RSVP. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church Cantata

You are cordially invited to the Chapel Hill Cantata Choir's presentation of "O Holy Light: A Cantata for Christmas" on Sunday, December 3rd at 7 pm. Immerse yourself in the anticipation of Advent and the Christmas season. It is a time to focus our hearts and minds on Jesus and to remember that it is a season of hope, peace, joy, and love. We hope you can come and share in the miracle of Jesus' birth through song.

Back Pack Thanks

Forty-five students. Week-end snacks. Simple?— YES! With your generous return of WDES Backpack Program envelopes \$3066.00 was raised to extend the purchase of nutritional snacks! Thank you! God is good. Thank you for sharing His love for us Holy Rosary Parishioners with the Students of WDES and the Buckhannon Christian Academy 🙏. You all are awesome witnesses of God's ever presence ❤️

Will Baxa IV December 5

Charlie Malcolm December 7

Tracy Murphy December 9

Anthony Murphy December 13

Harrison Walker December 15

Andrea Ellis December 27

Grant Murphy December 27

Mike Wilson December 28

Mike Ellis December 31

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Golden Anniversary to Mariann and David Jack who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in December! They were married at Holy Rosary Church by Fr. Michael Kerwick on December 29, 1973.

Congratulations to the Lewellyn Family! Baby Clara Ann was born to Chase & Abigail Lewellyn on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 5:38 pm and weighing 7 lbs 10 oz. The happy grandparents are Dave and Krista Lewellyn! Congratulations!