

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 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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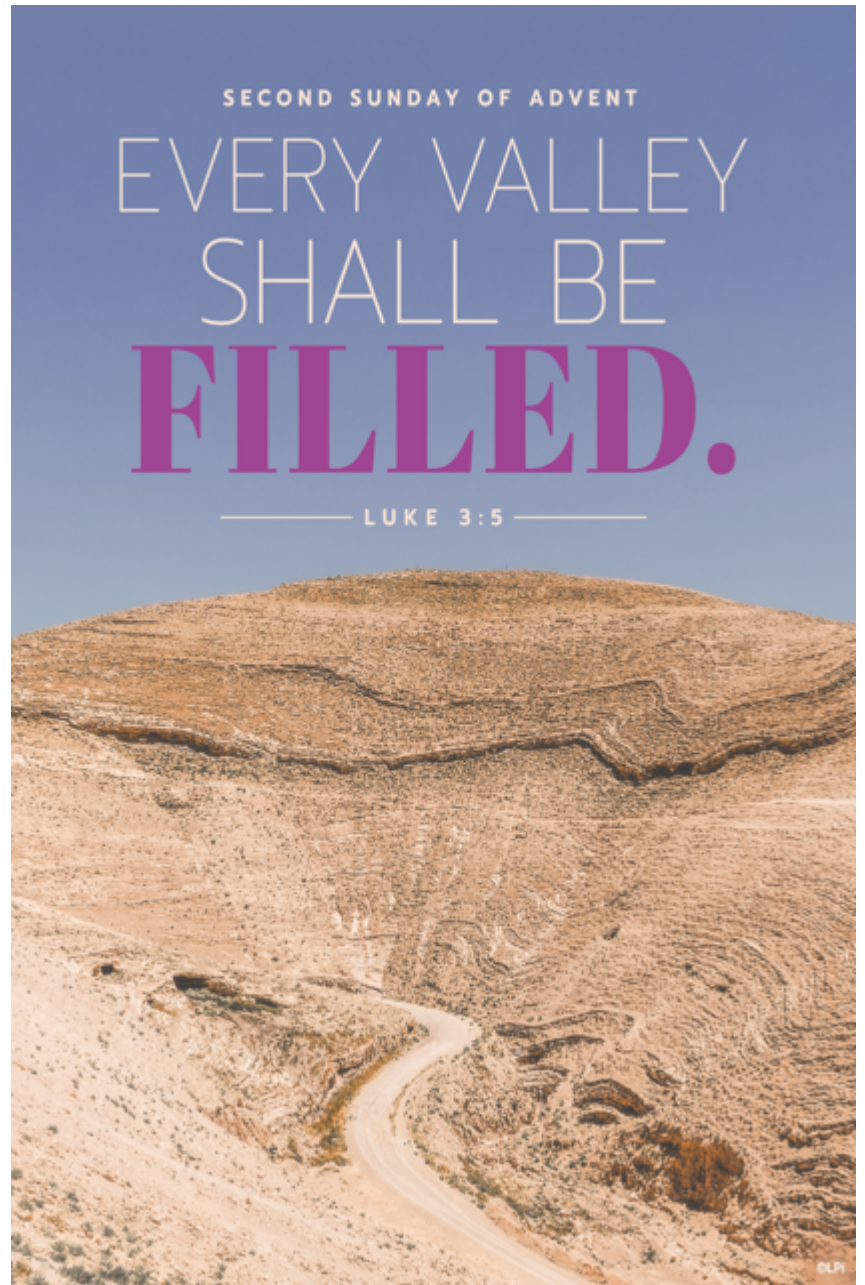
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Sacraments

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

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

"The Lord has done great things for us we are filled with joy!"

2nd Sunday of Advent

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **“the word of God came to John the Baptist:”** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge:

Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: “Come, Lord Jesus. Come.”

— *Father John Muir*. ©LPi

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!

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.

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.



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!

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.

Advent Retreat via Zoom

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Our ministry promotes spiritual life through silence, prayer, retreats, education, spiritual direction, and inter-faith dialogue. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

WVIS 2024 Advent Retreat via Zoom

Saturday, December 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Our retreat theme is “Giving Birth to God.” The incarnation offers us a blueprint that invites imitation, not admiration. Mary is the model of faith. What she did, each of us is also called upon to do, namely, give birth to God in our lives. As

St. Francis of Assisi wrote long ago, "We are all mothers of Christ." Christmas is for marveling at what once took place when the Word of God became a human baby, but it's also for remembering the Gospel call to become Christ, remembering that Christians are to continue to give God flesh in the world. You can visit our website to learn more at

<https://www.wvis.org/retreats/advent-retreat-2024>

Donation: Suggested donation for this program is \$50.

Scholarships are available by emailing the WVIS Executive Director at exec.director@wvis.org.

Register: Visit our website at www.wvis.org/register or call 304.345.0926. Questions: email Associate Spiritual Director, Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU. at cheryl.clemons@maplemount.org

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/ 8– classes 10:15-11:15

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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.

December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

A Vocation View: John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Promote the gospel in our community.

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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.



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: \$1,520

Loose: \$154

Attendance: 11/30 – 42

12/1 – 74



Ministers	Sat. Dec. 7	Sun. Dec. 8	Sat. Dec. 14	Sun. Dec. 15
Lectors	Rosanne W. Cheryl M.	Andrea E. Linda H.	John W. Rachel W.	Joe B. Sue S.
Greeters	Nancy & Tony	Mary H.	Marianne G.	Charlie M.
Musicians	Lena Rose Jalna	Sarah Z. Diane P.	Ed P. Diane P.	Elaine A. Shirley L.
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike G. Rue T.	Amy W. Renee L. Rue T.	John W. Rue T.	Brenda A. Rue T. Mary S.

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 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 \$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 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

The last Forever Fit class for 2024 will be on Tuesday, December 10 in Marist Hall, beginning at 11 am. All are welcome to join us for walking. 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.

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.

Date	Intentions	Place	Time
Sat. Dec. 7	Leannah Lafferre+	Holy Rosary	7 pm
Sun. Dec. 8	Parishioners	Holy Rosary	9 am
Mon. Dec. 9	Katherine Jack+ Parishioners	Holy Rosary Holy Rosary	12:05 pm 7 pm
Tues. Dec. 10	Joseph Lanham+	Holy Rosary	
Wed. Dec. 11	Holy Hour		
	We pray inmates and their families.	Holy Rosary	6 pm
Wed. Dec. 11	Jim Hawkinberry+	Holy Rosary	7 pm
	mass		
Thurs. Dec. 12	Katherine & Ronnie Heatherly (Anniversary)	Holy Rosary	7:30 am
Fri., Dec. 13	Nico Carmona Intentions	Hospital	7:30 am
Sat. Dec. 14	Parishioners	Holy Rosary	7 pm
Sunday, Dec. 15	Charles Sandreth+	Holy Rosary	9 am

KEEP YOUR MEMORIES!!
 OLD FILM (8 mm./SUPER 8 mm., 16mm),
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<p><i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i> Monday, Dec. 9 Mass – 12:05 pm Mass – 7 pm All masses in the church</p>	<p><i>Penance Service</i> Monday, December 16 7 pm in the church Tuesday, Dec. 17 at St. Brendan’s in Elkins – 6:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Advent Retreat</i> Saturday, Dec. 14 9 am-noon A Silent Retreat in the church – Confessions available</p>
<p><i>Children’s Christmas play</i> Join our School of Religion students on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 10:15 am in the church</p>	<p><i>Christmas Liturgies</i> Tuesday, Dec. 24 Carols at 6:45 and mass at 7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 25 Mass at 9 am</p>	<p><i>New Year’s Day Feast of Mary, Mother of God</i> Mass at 9 am in the church</p>

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 in last week’s edition of 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 this weekend 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.



Prayer for Giving

Gracious God, I seek Your guidance in managing my finances with a spirit of generosity. Help me to use my resources wisely and to contribute to causes that promote justice and kindness. Let me be a steward of Your blessings, giving with a heart of gratitude and a desire to make a positive impact. May my financial contributions be a reflection of Your love and provision. Amen.

Luke 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”