

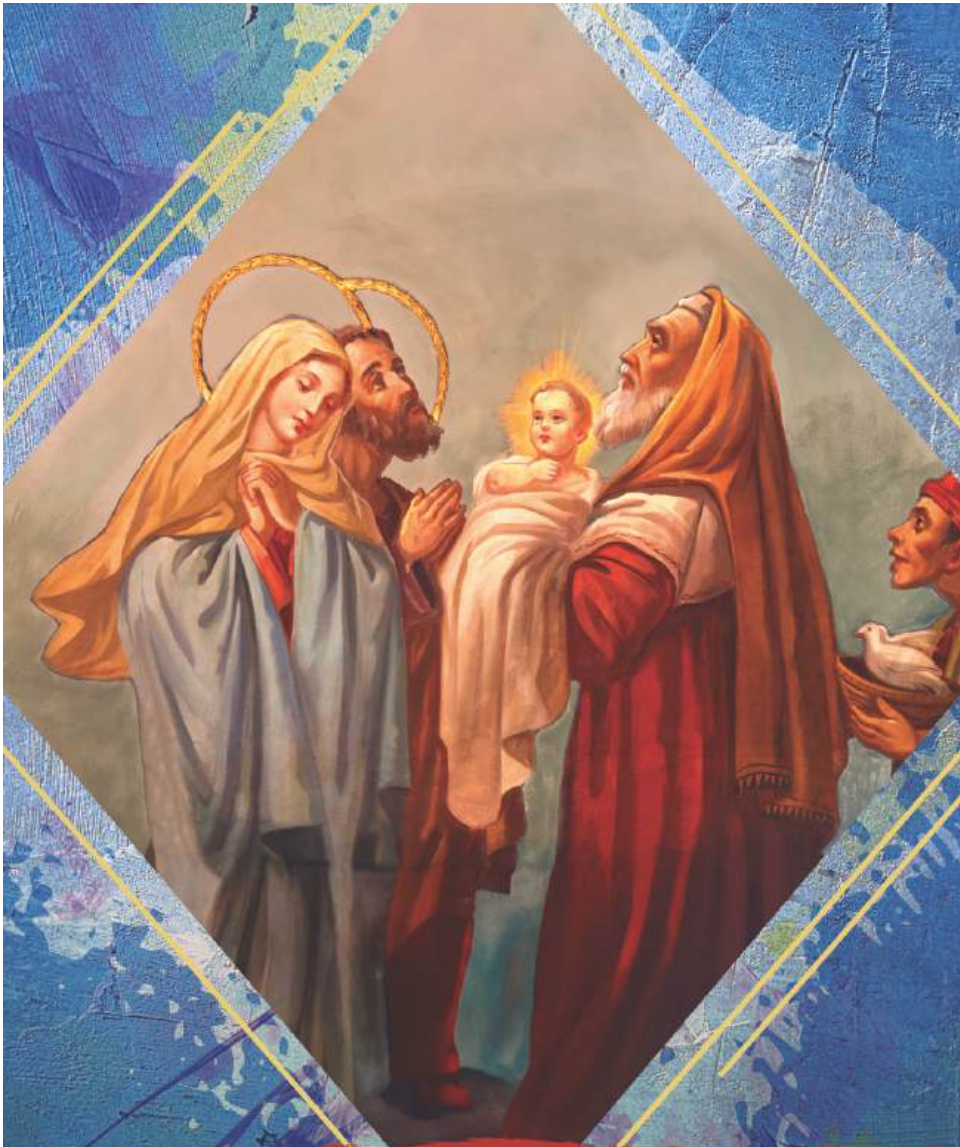
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February 2, 2025
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

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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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.

Presentation of the Lord

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother



helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which **“the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed”** (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty. — Father John Muir ©LPi

First Reconciliation Next Month

Please pray for our 5 children who will be making their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 1.

JC Cummins, Jr. – son of James Cummins and Stepson of Ally Miller Cummins

Roselynn Harper – Daughter of Cassandra Wagner

Kennedy Hinton – Daughter of Rob and Jackie Hinton

Leah Long – Daughter of Derek and Maria Long

Valerie Long – Daughter of Derek and Maria Long



We are collecting good, used winter coats for those in need. Please bring your items to the hall and they will be placed where those in need can access them, at their convenience. We will collect these items through February. Thank you for helping others.

Blessing of Throats After Mass This Weekend

Why do we bless our throats? “One reason for St. Blaise's popularity arose from the fact he was a physician who cured, even performing miraculous cures. Thereby, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession. Eventually the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two crossed candles over the heads of the faithful or touched their throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing. In our present Roman Ritual, the priest prays, “Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” This practice continues in many parishes on St. Blaise's feast day.” (Fr. Bill Saunders, Catholic Research Center) In honor of St. Blaise, we will bless throats this weekend after each liturgy, February 1 and 2. Please come up to the front immediately after the liturgy.

World Day of Marriage – Share Your Wedding Photo With Us!

The observances of National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. World Marriage Day officially began in 1983 in the United States of America. The purpose of World Marriage Day is to emphasize the beauty of marriage and to honor husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices to each other and to their families. At Holy Rosary Parish, we will celebrate all marriages with a special blessing and sharing of a delicious wedding cake surprise after the mass on **February 9**. Please share a wedding picture with us. We will place them in front of the altar for this celebration.

Share your wedding picture with us!

Come to the Spaghetti Dinner

Crosslines will host a Spaghetti Dinner on February 7 from 5 to 7 pm at First United Methodist Church. Come join us for dinner! All monies raised will support the neighbors who come to Crosslines.

PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

If you're a parishioner and haven't already taken the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey, NOW is the time! It's the very important first step in Holy Rosary's growing in our discipleship. We are currently assessing our parish's greatest strengths and opportunities, and need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future - as we strive



to reflect more of Christ's love in our community. For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xdd2tx>

Forever Fit

It's a new year and a new you! Join us every Tuesday for our Forever Fit Program. We will be walking for health and/or taking part in the Silver Sneakers program at 11 am every Tuesday in Marist Hall. Men, women and children are encouraged to join us for this free program and get fit!

February 4 – Walking
February 11 – Silver Sneakers

Second Collection for February

The Second Collection for February is for Church Missions within the United States. This collection combines the collection for Black and Indian/Native American Missions and Catholic Home Missions. Your kind donation will be split between these two causes, unless you specify a *particular intent on your envelope. Thank you for helping the missions in the US.*

Ministers	Sat. Feb. 1	Sun. Feb. 2	Sat. Feb. 8	Sun. Feb. 9
Lectors	Rosanne W. Cheryl M.	Brenda A. Sandy K.	John W. Rachel W.	Sue S. Linda H.
Greeters	Cheryl & Jerry	Tracy M.	Nancy & Tony	Diana T.
Musicians	Gini J. Shirley L.	Lena Rose Shirley L.	Elaine A. Jalna J.	Sarah Z. Diane P.
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February Birthdays and Celebrations

Ken Westfall – Feb. 6
Francis Boyles – Feb. 6
Jerry Moore - Feb. 15
Diana Thompson - Feb. 22



Congratulations to Mike and Linda Hicks who celebrate their 55th anniversary on February 6! Best wishes to you both!

Last Week's Offering

Envelopes: \$2,557
Loose: \$266
Attendance
1/25: 43
1/26: 90

thank you

Reminders:

- *World Day of the Sick is February 11. Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated on Feb. 15 and 16 at both masses.
- *Ash Wednesday on March 5 ~Mass at 12:05 and 7 pm

Adventure Club News

The Adventure Club snow tubing trip at Canaan Valley has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 23. Please sign up no later than February 15. You can contact Lindsay Zirkle at 304-613-3306 to sign up. The club will cover a portion of the cost of tickets!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Prayers, Please: Angela Endrizzi, 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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1

7 pm Deceased members of the Klapach Family.....Holy Rosary Church

Sunday, February 2

9 am HR Parishioners.....Holy Rosary Church
Noon Helen Sneberger+.....Sacred Heart

Monday, February 3

7:30 am Keith Jones.....Hospital Chapel

Tuesday, February 4

7:30 am Those who are sick.....Holy Rosary Church

Wednesday, February 5

Holy Hour: 6 pm. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

7 pm Beth Carson.....Holy Rosary Church

Thursday, February 6

7:30 am Jim Hawkinberry...Holy Rosary Church

Friday, February 7 (FIRST FRIDAY)

6 pm – Adoration – We pray for peace, justice, and love.

7 pm Rebecca Hernandez+.....Holy Rosary Church

Saturday, February 8

9 am Mass Holy Rosary Parishioners.....Holy Rosary Church

Sunday, February 9

9 am Josephine Jack+.....Holy Rosary Church

Catholic Daughters Meeting

Our Catholic Daughters Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6 pm in Marist Hall. All Catholic women are invited to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Ask us for more information.

First Friday is February 7

Please remember that Friday, February 7th 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. Please join us at any time during the day for some quiet time with the Lord.

Choir Practice Resumes

Choir Practice is set for Sunday, February 9, at 7pm in the church. Join us as we prepare for our Lenten and Easter Season! All are welcome!

High School Seniors

The Knights of Columbus Scholarship applications for high school seniors is now available. Look for details in next week's bulletin.



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Psalm Response:
“Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!”

February 2 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Vocation View: “Love never fails.” Trust the love of God and follow your heart.
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