

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

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December 18, 2022



Lord's Day Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 (Interpreted Mass for the Deaf)

Weekday Masses

Mon., Tues., Weds., Fri., Sat.: 9:00 AM

Adoration & Recitation of the Rosary

Monday-Saturday : 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3-3:30 PM or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

For dates and information call the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Rectory as soon as possible, at least one year in advance

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Office Closed Thursdays

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Parish Mission Statement: "We the people of Mary, Mother of Hope Parish are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament. As Christians, in the spirit of faith, service and community, we proclaim the Good News of Christ. We accomplish this by fostering a welcoming environment that supports the faith formation of our parishioners; the nurturing of spiritual life of our community and encouraging active participation in our parish life. It is our purpose within this parish to evangelize with God's Love and Word through example, outreach programs and respect for the diversity, gifts and cultures of others. It is our call to be faithful stewards of this mission."

A WORD OF WELCOME

No Matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your family or marital situation, No matter what your history, background, race, culture, you are invited, welcomed and respected here at Mary, Mother of Hope!

Saturday, December 17

9:00 AM John Lessard req. by the Parish

4:00 PM John & Theresa Mc Elhaney req. by the Family

Sunday, December 18, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mr & Mrs Edward Garvey & Deceased Family members req. by Jim & Kathy Garvey

10:00 AM Adolph & Mary Belmore req. by their daughter Barbara Brownlee

Monday, December 19

09:00 AM Roy Kurtz (2nd Anniv) req. by his Wife & Family

Tuesday, December 20

9:00 AM Deborah Commisso & John Grimaldi req. by David O'Flaherty

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Maciolek & Degree Families req. by the Family

Thursday, December 22,

9:00 AM No Mass

Friday, December 23

9:00 AM Mary Lavigne (41st Anniv) req. by Ray and Cathy Lavigne

Saturday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM For The People of Mary, Mother of Hope

5:30 PM Louise Lederman req. by Jane

Sunday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM Emery Brault req. by Robert & Brenda Spaulding

10:00 AM Ernest Poole (51st Anniv) req. by his Family

Mary Mother of Hope Candle : The Mary Mother of Hope Candle will burn for your intention for a 1 week period. The suggested donation is \$10 for the week. This is a wonderful way to offer your intentions to our Lord as the candle stays lit next to His Mother and our Patron.



THE MARY MOTHER OF HOPE CANDLE
will burn from 12/18/22 to 12/24/22:
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DANNY REEVES
LOVE ANNA MAE

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
will burn from 12/17/22 to 12/30/22
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ADOLPH & MARY BELMORE, AND
ALLEN BROWNLEE LOVE FROM
BARBARA BROWNLEE

FAITH FORMATION

Levels K 1, 2,3, 4 :Sunday, Dec 18 @ 8:45 AM

Levels 5, 6,7,8: Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 11:00 AM

Levels 9, 10, 11: Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 9:45 AM

NATIVITY PAGEANT Saturday., Dec. 24th, 4 PM
EPIPHANY PAGEANT: Sunday, Jan 8th - 10 AM
Children of the parish enrolled in Grades K-6 of parochial, public school or home school are invited to participate. They may be registered for one or both of the pageants listed above. **Registration forms are necessary & are available in the Religious Education Office . Rehearsals for the Christmas Pageant are: Wednesdays, 12/21 at 6PM Epiphany Pageant rehearsal is Wednesday, December 28th at 6PM. So please if you are interested please take a registration form.**

EPIPHANY PARTY The Religious Education Commission will sponsor a party for the children of the parish on Epiphany **Sunday, January 8, 2023. The gathering will be held in the social center immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass and Epiphany Pageant. Gifts will be given for children of the parish age 12 and under.**

The children must be registered to receive a gift. please fill in the form and drop it into the collection basket by Sunday, December 18th

NAME _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ **Boy() Girl ()**

NEW YEAR'S EVE JR'S CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, DEC. 31st 11 AM -12:30 PM
TICKETS ADULTS \$6 CHILDREN UNDER 14
FREE Come welcome the New Year with your friends!! **FOOD, FUN, GAMES**

NEW YEARS EVE ADULT CELEBRATION
DINNER & DANCE 7PM TIL 12:30 AM

DINNER MENU: Pork Loin, Vegetable, Potato, Dessert and Midnight Toast!! Dinner will be served at 7:30-8:30 PM BYOB
Tickets \$20.00 ON SALE NOW.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE SATURDAY DECEMBER 24TH,

4:00 PM MASS (Children's Liturgy)

5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH,

8:00 AM

10:00 AM (Interpreted Mass for the Deaf)

Please join us as we celebrate

The birth of the Lord Jesus!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: There is no 9 AM Mass on Saturday, December 24th and on Monday, December 26th . Thank You.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Christmas Holiday the rectory will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23rd and Monday, December 26th. *Thank You and Merry Christmas to all!*

Our Parish Giving Tree This Advent

Again this year, for each of the four weeks of Advent, we will concentrate on a different group in our community that we can make their Christmas a little brighter. Please place your unwrapped gift under the Giving Tree in the Social Center

4th Week of Advent: December 17/18, Dakin & TJ O'Connor

We ask that this week people of the parish to donate the following items, to help the animals in our community who are in need of adoption and a home
Cats: canned food, dry food, litter, toys
Dogs: freeze dried beef liver, bully sticks

FLORAL DECORATIONS FOR THE CHURCH

We are most grateful for the generosity of parishioners who have made it a custom to remember deceased loved ones with memorial gifts to the flower fund. Envelopes for "Christmas Memorial Decorations" are provided in the support packet. Please write in the names of your loved ones on the envelope. They need to be received by Dec. 24/25.

"Let the children come to me" (Mt. 9:14) "Jesus loves children! He sees something in them that too many of us miss, distracted as we are by their messes, their noises, their needs. Jesus sees their innocence, their purity, their goodness. As we meditate on the Nativity this Advent season, let us recall that Christ is not only God-made-man; he was also God-made-child."

Gina Loher, *The Magnificat Advent Companion*

A JUST CHRISTMAS, SUNDAY, DEC. 18TH MT CARMEL PARISH CENTER AT 1PM
H. S. Students look to Jesus "as a bearer of justice and peace, appealing to Christians to be agents of change for a world in need". They are guided "to become such agents, with the help of the Holy spirit". Listen to Confirmation Students bring insights to eight Christmas Carols, in the light of 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Enjoy refreshments after their presentation.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: If you have a prayer intention that you would like the parishioners to remember in their prayers, you can call or email **Deacon Gerry**. All requests will be kept confidential unless you specifically ask to be prayed for by name. **You can contact Deacon Gerry at (413) 686-1422 or email mmohprayerline@gmail.com.** If you would like to pray for the intentions of your fellow parishioners, email: mmohprayerline@gmail.com & you will be emailed intentions to remember in prayer

Do you have a prayer request? In the candle room you will find a table with some index cards, please write your prayer intentions on the card and slide them into the handle space of the basket. During the upcoming week, you & your intentions will be prayed for before the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration & the Rosary. Prayer requests will not be read, rather be offered up to God as a whole.

COVID 19 FREE CLINIC HERE

Mary Mother of Hope is hosting COVID- 19 and Flu vaccine Clinics in the Gathering Hall every **Wednesday in December (12/21 & 12/28) from 3pm - 6pm.** First doses, second doses, and bivalent COVID-19 boosters will be available.

Receive your Covid- 19 vaccine and get a **free \$75.00 grocery gift card** while supplies last Covid- 19 vaccines available for all 6months and older.

Walk-ins are welcome, no appointment needed; however, appointments are available and may be scheduled online at mass.gov/getboosted and click the link for Mother of Hope clinic follow instructions provided. Covid- 19 vaccines are free. ID & Health Insurance is not required; however, some form of identification is recommended. Flu vaccines are free. Please bring your Health Insurance card for the vaccine

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to HELP WITH THE Covid & Flu Vaccine Clinics

We are looking for help setting up, chairs & tables, and refreshment table starting at 1pm. Welcoming & directing people through the clinic, monitoring the snack table & handing out COVID test kits as people leave. Clean up & take down as required. Questions call John Koski at 374-4416 for more information.

FAITH MINISTRY The Ministry of Faith would like to thank all of those who have signed up to Pray for Priests& Priest Vocations. There are weeks available to sign up to take a few minutes each day for one week to pray for our Priests & Vocations.

The members of the Faith Ministry will finish the decorating of our church for Christmas on Friday, December 23rd after 9:00 AM. Mass. If you would like to help, come and join in and make our Church beautiful!!

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT Film and Discussion led by Deacon John. on Friday afternoons at 2PM, in the St. Pope John XXIII Room on 30th. Free Admission, modest refreshments. Join us to meet & appreciate women in the Gospels and the letters in the New Testament. Learn about Women of Expectant Faith, Women changed by Jesus, Women of Prominence, and Women & Discipleship

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS MARCH 4, 2023

The Eucharistic Congress is coming to Springfield March 4th at the MassMutual Center Discounted tickets are \$40.00 You can go to catholiclifeforum.org to register. You are invited to come learn more about the Eucharist and deepen your love for the gift of Christ's Body, Soul, and Divinity. Reawaken your heart to what is essentially beautiful, good, and true about our faith, and center your life around Christ in the Eucharist. Hear amazing speakers, see a display of Eucharistic miracles, a full convention center of all things Catholic with Catholic ministries and materials, as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Mass with Bishop Byrne. Register by Feb. 1 2023 to have lunch included in your registration

PLEASE NOTE: The **2023** Calendars are available in the Social Center entrance. We would like to thank **St. Pierre-Phaneuf Funeral Home Chapels** for their donation of these beautiful Calendars.

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