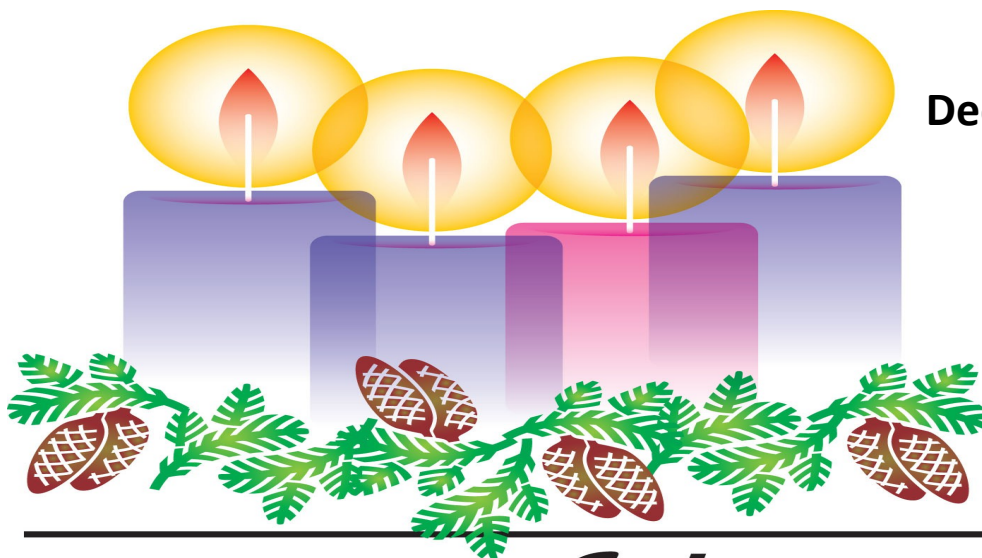




# Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

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December 22, 2024

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

### **Lord's Day Masses**

Saturday: 4:00 PM

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

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday—Friday 9:00 AM

(No Mass Thursday)

### **Adoration & Recitation of the Rosary**

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM (Excluding Thursday)

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday 3:00—3:30 PM or by appointment

### **Parish Prayer Line**

[mmohprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:mmohprayerline@gmail.com)

### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Office Closed Thursdays

### **Parish Staff**

Fr. Michael Wood, Pastor

Deacon John Miller

Deacon Bill Toller

Cheryl Rivers, Parish Secretary

413 739-0456 / [office@mmohspringfield.org](mailto:office@mmohspringfield.org)

Cathleen Senecal, DRE / Parish Advocate

413-736-1622

[faithformation@mmohspringfield.org](mailto:faithformation@mmohspringfield.org)

### **Ministry with the Deaf**

Kay Woods Pastoral Minister with the Deaf

TTY 413 391-7340 VP 413 241-3193

### *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."



No matter what your status in the Catholic Church. No matter what your family or marital situation. No matter what your history, age, background, race culture, language. You are welcomed and respected here at Mary, Mother of Hope! We welcome your presence, talents, & insights. Please email comments or suggestions to: [mmohpastoralcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mmohpastoralcouncil@gmail.com)

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 21

4:00 PM George H. Smith Sr. (27<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) req. by the Family

### Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

08:00 AM Lorraine Sherry (7th Anniv.) req. by her daughter Laurie

10:00 AM Rahilly & Wisniowski Families req. by the Family

### Monday, December 23

9:00 AM Lillian Messier (16th Anniv.) req. by Teresa Connor

### Tuesday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00 AM No Mass

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

### Wednesday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM For the People of Mary, Mother of Hope

### Thursday, December 26

9:00 AM No Mass

### Friday, December 27

9:00 AM No Mass

### Saturday, December 28

4:00 PM Fred Krampits & Hilda & Walter Harscheid req. by Jean & Rick

### Sunday, December 29,

08:00 AM John Canavan (Birthday Remembrance) req. by the Family

10:00 AM For the People of Mary, Mother of Hope

**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 stands lit next to His Mother & our Patron.

### THE MARY MOTHER OF HOPE CANDLE

will burn from 12/22/24 to 12/28/24:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SUSAN ZEROOIAN  
LOVE, HER SISTER ALICE

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn from 12/14/24 to 12/27/24  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ALL OUR LOVED ONES  
FROM MIKE & JACKIE RAHILLY



Our Parish enthusiastically welcomes families to fully celebrate with us. The presence of babies and young children are a gift to our Church. "Busy Baskets" with age appropriate materials to help keep children engaged during Mass are available at the entrances to the Church.



## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES!!

Sunday December 22nd

Students in grades K-1,2,3-4 = 8:45-9:45 AM

Students in grades 5-9 = 11:00 AM—12:00 PM

**No Classes 12-29 Christmas Vacation**

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>,**  
**4:00 PM MASS (Children's Liturgy)**  
**CHRISTMAS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>,**  
**10:00 AM (Interpreted Mass for the Deaf)**

*Please join us as we celebrate*

*The birth of the Lord Jesus!*



## THANK YOU !!

Dear Parishioners, thank you for all your Christmas greetings, prayers, and many kindness shown to me during this Advent season.

May God Bless you and your families. Have a Happy, Healthy New Year.  
*Father Michael*

## MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE PARISH PANTRY

A special **THANK YOU** to those who generously give to the **FOOD PANTRY** by mailing in or dropping off gift certificates to the local supermarkets. This has been an ongoing act of kindness since the Covid 19 Pandemic. Your generosity has helped **SO many** of our parish families that are having financial difficulties. The need is ever present now more than ever and your response has been **HEARTWARMING AND OVERWHELMING, THANK YOU!!** We are truly a Parish Family who cares about each other. God Bless you all and may you have a Happy Healthy New Year!!



## MADELEINE CARPENTER'S MEMORIAL FUND

"The family of Madeleine Carpenter would like to honor their mother during the holiday season as her faith, dedication, and spirit of giving was evident till her final days. In recognition of their mother, the family donated a sum of \$500 that has been distributed among families of need in the church during this Christmas Season."

## THE SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRY

**NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND AT 11:00 AM.** If you would like to help, come and join in and make our Church beautiful!!



WEEKLY REPORT 12/15/24  
REGULAR DONATIONS \$4747.00  
MAINTENANCE \$250



**ADVENT SERIES** We will be offering a new four session adult faith formation program-  
“DISPEL THE DARKNESS: LOVE, LIGHT AND THE BIRTH OF JESUS” on the following four nights:



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>-6:30PM-8PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>-6:30PM-8PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>-6:30- 8PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>-6:30-8PM

Please contact Deacon Bill (413-478-5201) or Jane Virgilio (413- 636-3901) to sign up or if you have questions

**SPONSORED BY THE SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRY**

#### Altar servers:

Mary, Mother of Hope is looking for volunteers to be an altar server. Scheduling is done at your convenience on Saturdays at 4:00, and/or Sundays at 8:00, and 10:00. Training will be provided. The altar server ministry is open to children and adults who have received their first communion. Forms are available in the lobby by the TV. If you have any questions, please email: [mmohaltarservers@gmail.com](mailto:mmohaltarservers@gmail.com) or call Kate: (413) 374-0871



We at Mary, Mother of Hope are excited to welcome a new child of God.

We use the program “Starting Point” from Dynamic Catholic for our Baptismal Preparation sessions.

This program is completely different than any other program that we have used in the past. Through discussions and 3 short videos, we will focus on the hopes and dreams that you have for your child’s future. Parents will also be given a unique description of each part of the Baptism Ceremony.

For more information, contact Kate  
[mmohbaptisms@gmail.com](mailto:mmohbaptisms@gmail.com) or call or text 413) 374-0871



#### Bereavement Ministry Support Group

meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Pope John the 23rd Room. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**WINTER PARKING ADVISORY :** If you park in the spaces on the side of the church near the rectory, please be aware that there are no snow guards on our roof. If there is snow, the snow could come down & it could cause damage to your cars. The Church can not be responsible. *Thank You.*



**JUBILEE YEAR** Bishop William Byrne will formally inaugurate the Jubilee Year with a special liturgy on Sunday, December 29, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral. Parishioners from parishes across the diocese are welcomed to attend



**Digital Newsletter:** Mary, Mother of Hope's Pastoral Council would like to implement a digital newsletter which would be sent via email. The newsletter would be in addition to our social media accounts and weekly bulletins. Our vision is that parishioners who sign up to receive the newsletter would get information such as: ministry contacts, programs, and events within the Mary, Mother of Hope. We are looking for volunteers with the skillset to create and manage our digital newsletter. If you are interested or would like more information, please email: [mmohpastoralcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mmohpastoralcouncil@gmail.com) or call Kate: (413) 374-0871



**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. Adoration & the Rosary.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:** Mary, Mother of Hope **PARISH PRAYER LINE** If you have a prayer intention that you would like the parishioners to remember in their prayers, you can email **Deacon Gerry**. All requests will be kept confidential unless you specifically ask to be prayed for by name. **The email address is**  
[mmohprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:mmohprayerline@gmail.com).

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, GRANBY, RAFFLE PATRIOTS VS BILLS \$20.00 A TICKET GAME SUNDAY JAN 5<sup>TH</sup> 1PM , TWO 50 YARD LINE SEATS WITH FREE ACCESS TO GP ATRIUM AND FREE FOOD AND FREE NON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS (BEFORE DURING AND AFTER THE GAME) DRAWING DECEMBER 23, TO BUY TICKETS CALL THE RECTORY AT 467-9821 ALL PROFITS WILL BE USED TO HELP, PAY OUR-CHURCH OIL AND SNOW REMOVAL BILLS THIS WINTER**





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



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