

First Sunday of Advent: December 1, 2024

Masses for the Week

Sunday, December 1, 9:00 AM

+ John Myers (Birthday Memorial)

+ Margaret Myers (Birthday Memorial)

Tuesday, December 3, 8:00 AM

+ Jim Ross

Thursday, December 5, 8:00 AM

+ Joan Zawisza

Sunday, December 8, 9:00 AM

+ Eleanor Koproski (9th Anniversary)

In Honor of Florence Clifford (100th Birthday)



The Parish Office is open
Monday – Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 8, 9:00 AM

Lector: Joseph Savidge

Extraordinary Ministers: Anita Lagerman,

Linda Young, Patrick Myers

Altar Servers: Landen Myers, Bill Long

TITHING REPORT

Collection: 11/24/2024: \$1814.00

Maintenance Fund, \$40.00

Nov. Lottery Calendar Profit: \$1435.00

Memorial Fund: \$5.00

Matthew 25 Offering, \$257.00

*\$1923.00 is needed each week in our
regular Sunday Offering to meet our budget
for the year. Our collection was \$109.00
under budget this week.*

A Blessed Mother Candle burns in loving
memory of **John Myers (Birthday Memorial)**
from sons & daughters.

A Blessed Mother Candle burns in loving
memory of **Margaret Myers (Birthday Memorial)**
from sons & daughters.

The **St. Joseph Candles** burn in loving memory
of **Jim Ross** from wife, Diane.



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9:00 AM Liturgy

No Religious Education Today –
Thanksgiving Break

Disciple Maker Index Survey

The online survey is now closed. Paper surveys
are still available in the vestibule of the church
and must be returned by Tuesday, December 3.

Immaculate Conception

Because the Immaculate Conception falls on a
Sunday this year, it is not a Holy Day of
Obligation (although it is still considered a Holy
Day). There will be no mass at St. Patrick.
There will be a 12 Noon Mass at Our Lady of
Hope on Monday, December 9.

**The Advent Tree of Giving....
is in the back of the church to accept your
donation of warm mittens, gloves, socks, hats,
scarves, etc.**

Announcements

Congratulations.....

to the winners of our Annual Turkey Raffle:
Anita Lagerman, Joe Savidge, Connor Litwin,
Louise Fontaine and Linda DeFacis.

November Calendar Update

**We sold 452 of the 500 calendars. After
payouts of \$825, we will realize a profit of
\$1435.00.**

Santa is Coming!

Sunday, December 1 at 6:00 PM
Trevorton Community Park Bandstand
Refreshments and activities will be in the
community room.
Special gift from Santa!
Sponsored by Zerbe Township Recreation
Committee

Our Lady of Hope Christmas Cookie Sale

December 13.....3 – 6 PM

December 14.....11 AM – 2 PM

**Order sheets for Cookie platters and Pizelles
are available in the vestibule of the church.
Deadline to order is December 9.
There will be a limited selection of assorted
cookies the day of the sale.**

Join Us!

There will be a Parish Gathering for coffee and
donuts in the rectory on Sunday, December 15
following the 9:00 AM Mass.
All are invited for Parish Fellowship!

2024 Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 8

1:00 PM: Mother Cabrini

3:00 PM: St. Patrick

Tuesday, December 10

6:30 PM: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 PM: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary **Monday,**

December 16

7:00 PM: Holy Angels

Deacon's Corner

On this first Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year, as we transition from year B to year C.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus", which means "a coming or an arrival." Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus' birth. On Sunday, in the first reading, we reflect about the prophecy in the Old Testament and the fulfillment of God's promise in Jesus, who is our hope and salvation (Jeremiah 33:14-16). The first candle that we light at Mass focuses on hope in the coming Messiah.

This season is also a call for personal conversion. The liturgical color purple that the priest will wear reminds us of the royalty of our Messiah. It also calls us to repent and change. By acknowledging our mistakes, we allow God's grace to transform our hearts and prepare ourselves to receive the gift of Our Newborn Savior. Prayer, fasting and charitable works allow us to "prepare, quiet and discipline our hearts for the full joy of Christmas" (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops). An important spiritual question this first week is "What do we specifically wish to achieve this Advent season?"

On this day, may we pray, "Jesus, you are the hope in our world. May we listen to your voice, and place our hope and trust in you as we prepare for your holy birth.

Living Nativity

December 21 6:30 PM

Our Lady of Hope Church

LIVE ANIMALS/Children's Petting Zoo

Refreshments following the event.

Christmas Flowers

The price for poinsettia's has increased considerably since last year:

6" - \$5.50

8" - \$14.50

10" \$24.00

from a wholesale greenhouse. Please keep this in mind as you make your Christmas Flower Offering.

The Food Pantry and Clothing Closet will not be open on
Tuesday, December 24, 2024.