



## OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH

863 W Chestnut St  
Coal Township, PA 17866  
570-648-4432

December 22, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Oh come  
let us  
adore  
Him

## The Week Ahead



### Saturday, December 21

4:00 PM - Mass +Geraldine and +Christy Mirack

6:30 PM - Live Nativity

### Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM - Mass +Mary and +Sam Verano

11:00 AM - Mass +Jack Diamond

Members of Our Lady of Hope and  
St. Patrick Parishes

### Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - Mass +Rosella and +James Catino

11:00 PM - Mass +Mary Jean Wolf

### Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:30 AM - Mass - Members of Our Lady of Hope  
and St. Patrick Parishes

### Saturday, December 28

4:00 PM - Mass +Brenda Marie Garber

### Sunday, December 29

10:30 AM - Mass +Paul Metrocavage

+Alma and +Gerard Haile

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St. Patrick Parishes



## Ministers Schedule

### Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM

Lector: K Wislock

Minister: Deacon

E Minister: B Leonhardt

11:00 PM

Lector: **NEEDED**

E Minister: **NEEDED**

### Wednesday, December 25

10:30 AM

Lector: P Sosnoskie

E Minister: R Zawalick, 1 **NEEDED**

### Saturday, December 28

4:00 PM

Lector: L Ferrari

E Minister: C Waugh

### Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM

Lector: S Hoffman

E Minister: D Hoffman

10:30 AM

Lector: G Kovalick

Minister: Deacon

## God's Plan for Giving

12/08/2024

Offertory Collection \$4540.00

Immaculate Conception 679.00

Religious Retirement 537.00

12/02/24/ - 12/08/24 Online Giving - \$671.55

\$4807 is needed each week to meet our \$250,000 Offertory budget for the year. Our Offertory collection for 12/01/24 was \$267.00 over budget.



## In Loving Memory

Sacred Heart Candle +Al Nezerski Sr.

By Joanie & Don Yuricich

Blessed Mother Candle +Frank and +Margaret Rosini

By Family

St. Anthony Candle - Special Intention

Infant of Prague - Special Intention

## Pray for the Sick

Please pray for all who are sick, hospitalized, or undergoing medical tests especially:

Connie Yucha, Gene Snyder, Christine Noll, Mike Noll, Chris Zalewski, Jake Ozga, Francis Koczur, Kim Plasters, Victor Sassani Jr., Shelly Little, Rosemary Rogowsky, Ramona Cambria, Patti (Hoffman) Pantalone, Brian Shaffer, Jack Dougherty, Sue Zarski, Don Blessing, Lorretta Buggy, Shawn Minnier, Mike Orleski, Cassie Bennett, Jay McAndrew, Marie Kosmer, Kathy Lenig, Debbie Christian, Gary Snyder, Vincent Makowski, Courtney Shirmer, Thomas Purcell, Lottie Reiprish, Sharon Eby Johnson, Al Zawalick, Ryker Lenker, Mike Wehr, Joanne Scotko, Patty Bohaczyk, Sue Berger, Linda Venn, Vince Wargo, Randy Taylor, Mike Deptula, Michael Tetkoskie, Kathy Hoffman, Pamela Siren, Lorraine Schenewerk, Debra Heitzman, Peggy Snyder, Darrell, Kenny Arbogast, Eddie Linkus, Raymond Varney, Corey Sosnoskie, Dixie Reed-Kovack, Aubrey Rutkowski, Elizabeth Hudson, Sherry Dampman, Hilda Valenskie, Noah Fletcher, Jake Temple and Dorothy Balchunas.

To submit the name of an individual in need of prayers for the bulletin prayer list, please call Rose at 570-648-4432, or email at rzawalick@hbgdiocese.org.

## Christmas Office Hours

Our Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1 for the Christmas Holiday. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2 at 9:00 am.

## Holiday Mass Schedule

### Our Lady of Hope

Tuesday, December 24 - 4:00 PM & 11:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25 - 10:30 AM

Wednesday, January 1 - 9:00 AM

### St. Patrick Church

Tuesday, December 24 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25 - 9:00 AM

Tuesday, December 31 - 6:00 PM



## Confessions in the Area

Our Lady of Hope - Saturday

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Mother Cabrini - Tuesday & Thursday

7:30 AM - 7:50 AM



## Deacon's Corner Fourth Week of Advent

During this final week of Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord on Wednesday, December 25. In His overflowing love, God the Father sends His Son into our world to free us from sin and death.

In 1293 on Christmas Eve, St Francis of Assisi assembled the first crib in a cave on an Italian hillside in Greccio near the town of Assisi. The crib was ready, hay was brought, and the ox and the donkey were led to the spot. St. Francis wished to make the Christmas story come alive for the people. His idea was to show them how present and close Our Savior was to them.

The friars and the people assembled with candles around the crib. St. Francis spoke to the people, who were mainly farmers and shepherds. He proclaimed that God's Son came among us to teach us that we too are God's children, and we have an eternal destiny. They accepted the message that God has a deep love for all people. At the end of the vigil, they all returned to their homes filled with joy in their hearts, feeling close to Our Lord and to one another.

## A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Through the Mass, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based program, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their significance. This study of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for the Holy Eucharist.

**Program dates:** Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

**Snow date:** April 8 if needed

**Place:** Our Lady of Hope Hall, 863 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township

**Time:** 6 pm to 7:30 pm

**Cost:** \$15 includes textbook and workbook; checks made payable to Our Lady of Hope

**Facilitator:** Deacon Bob Wislock

**Register:** Visit or call Our Lady of Hope (570-648-4432) or St. Patrick (570)797-8251) parish offices Monday – Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm. The deadline to register is Tuesday, January 14.



## Choir Practice

Come join us at 6:30 PM every **Monday**

All are welcome!

## Religious Education

Religious Education Class will not be held on Sunday, December 22, or Sunday, December 28 for the Christmas break. Class will resume on Sunday, January 5 at 9:45 AM. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New



## Farmer Cheese Pierogie's

Farmer cheese pierogie are still available. Please call the office (570)648-4432 if you would like to purchase the frozen pierogie for the holidays!



## Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Dinner



The Shamokin Knights of Columbus will be serving a **FREE** traditional holiday meal on **Wednesday December 25, 2024 from 11:00 - 2:00**. The meal consists of ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, a roll and dessert. Contact the parish office if you would like a meal delivered.



## Holy Hour

Wednesdays  
12:00 Noon

### Holy Spirit Chapel

In the Parish Office Building  
863 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township

*Father Nicholas and the Staff of Our Lady of Hope*

*Wish all of you*

*A Very Merry Christmas and many Blessings in the New Year*



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