



**OUR LADY OF HOPE  
CHURCH**  
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**Office Hours**  
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December 15, 2024  
Third Sunday of Advent

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 4:00 PM      Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
Monday through Friday 8:00 AM @ Mother Cabrini  
Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM @ St. Patrick  
**HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
Vigil: 6:00 PM - St. Patrick's Church  
Holy Day: 12:00 PM - OLOH Church  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday 3:15PM to 3:45 PM  
**SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE**  
Call the parish Office

*The Week Ahead*

**Saturday, December 14**  
4:00 PM - Mass +Edward, +Catherine & +Earl Dietzler

**Sunday, December 15**  
8:00 AM - Mass +Beth Ann Snyder  
Members of Our Lady of Hope and St. Patrick Parishes  
11:00 AM - Mass +Ann Backes  
6:00 PM - Mass +Alice Broscius

**Wednesday, December 18**  
12:00 PM - Holy Hour in Our Lady of Hope Chapel

**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

**Our Lady of Hope Staff**  
Friar Nicholas Spano, OFM Conv.....Pastor of Our Lady of Hope  
Friar Timothy Geiger, OFM Conv.....Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Bob Wislock.....Pastoral Associate  
Lori Collins-Keefer.....Office Manager  
Rose Zawalick.....Director of Religious Education  
Sam Nicola.....Religious Education  
Mary Gillam.....Religious Education  
Brady Collins.....Custodian  
Bonnie Bailey.....Custodian  
Tom Golumbskie.....Custodian  
Daniel Thomas.....Music Director

*Third Sunday of Advent*



## Ministers Schedule

**Saturday, December 21**

**4:00 PM**

Lector: C Kruskie

Minister: Deacon

**Sunday, December 22**

**8:00 AM**

Lector: S Hoffman

E Minister: D Hoffman

**11:00 AM**

Lector: K Wislock

Minister: Deacon

## God's Plan for Giving

**12/01/2024**

Offertory Collection \$3564.00

Matthew 25 125.00

11/25/24/ - 12/01/24 Online Giving - \$944.95

\$4807 is needed each week to meet our \$250,000 Offertory budget for the year. Our Offertory collection for 12/01/24 was \$298.05 under budget.

## Advent Penance Service

**Monday December 16**

Holy Angels 7:00 PM

## Live Nativity Pageant

Our Lady of Hope Parish invites you to join us for Our Live Nativity Pageant on Saturday, December 21 at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Hope Church, 801 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township. There will be actors, live animals and a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. A petting zoo and refreshments to follow after the event.



Suggested donation \$5.00

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If you would like to have a part in the live Nativity Pageant, please sign up in the vestibule of the church, or call the office at 570-648-4432 Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Adults and children are encouraged to participate

### Rehearsal dates

Tuesday, December 17

Thursday, December 19

6:30 PM in church

## 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, Jenn W, 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.



## Holy Hour

Wednesdays

12:00 Noon

### Holy Spirit Chapel

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



## St. Jude Candle

In Loving Memory

+Alfie Nezerski

By Joanie & Don



## 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

## Holiday Mass Schedule

### Our Lady of Hope

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

Wednesday, December 25 - 10:30 AM

### St. Patrick Church

Tuesday, December 24 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25 - 9:00 AM

## Deacon's Corner Third Week of Advent

The Third Week of Advent begins this Sunday, which is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word Gaudete means "rejoice" which is the first word in the Mass's Entrance Antiphon. The rose vestments worn by the priest symbolizes the joy that we experience as our Savior's birth approaches. The pink candle, the third candle of the Advent wreath, is called the Shepherd's Candle. It represents the joy we feel at the birth of Christ as well as the joy we have in anticipation of His return.

In the Gospel of St. Luke (3:10-18) this Sunday, the people ask St. John the Baptist what they should do to welcome the Messiah. He advises the people and each one of us to be honest, kind, and charitable with our sisters and brothers. He also encourages us to be just with people in our daily interactions and to serve as an example of faith in our lives so we can help to lead others to Our Savior.

During this week, may we pray, "Lord, may we look forward to the birth of Christ with joy and celebrate this feast with love and thanksgiving. Amen." Let us also pray and reflect about an important spiritual question, "How is Jesus inviting you to experience greater joy this Advent?"

### 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.

### Diocesan Annual Campaign



As of November 30, 2024, the amount collected toward our assessment of \$29,373.58 for 2024 is \$24,492.34. Our next collection is December 15.

**Thank you** for your continued generosity.



## Choir Practice

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

All are welcome!



Please join us for an All You Can Eat Holiday Breakfast featuring Santa and the Grinch, on Sunday, December 15, 2024 from 9AM – 12 PM at the West End Fire Association, Kulpmont. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children, and free for children under 3. Breakfast includes eggs, pancakes, waffles, sausage, hashbrowns, & beverage. A 50/50 will be held in conjunction with the Breakfast. A Basket Raffle will also be held on the following dates: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 9AM – 5 PM, and December 16-18<sup>th</sup> from 5PM - 8PM. All proceeds from these events will benefit 10 month old Noah Fletcher in his brave fight against acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). We appreciate your support!



### 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.



### Toys for Tots

A big **SHOUT OUT** to our Religious Education Students who donated \$154.00 to the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program this year. Thank you to all the students who donated to this Christmas giving program.

### Counseling Ministry

Heart of Mercy Counseling Ministry (Sisters of the Good Shepherd), in the Danville area has two licensed therapists available to serve adults for individual or couples counseling. In-person or virtual counseling options.

Please contact either one of them to schedule an appointment if you are seeking faith-based counseling:

Sr. Mary Frances Altavilla, Licensed Clinical Social Worker 410-245-0870 [faltavilla@hotmail.com](mailto:faltavilla@hotmail.com)

OR:

Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor **352-328-8145** [guadalupe531@aol.com](mailto:guadalupe531@aol.com) (in Coal Township on Mondays)



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