

First Sunday of Advent:
December 3, 2023

Masses for the Week

Sunday, December 3, 9:00 AM

+ John Myers (Birthday Memorial)
+ Margaret Myers

Tuesday, December 5, 8:00 AM

+ Jack Troutman
+ Dominic & Leona Vottero

Thursday, December 7, 8:00 AM

+ Patsy Timpko

Thursday, December 7, 6:00 PM
(Vigil of Immaculate Conception)

+ Anthony (Doc) Siecklicki (Birthday Memorial)
+ Robert Sager (Birthday Memorial)

Sunday, December 10, 9:00 AM

+ Mary Ann Zablosky
+ Dec. of Joseph & Josephine Konyar Family
+ Lee Morgan (5th Anniversary)



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

Ministry Schedule

Thursday, December 7, 6:00 PM (Vigil)

Lector: Anna Troutman

Extraordinary Ministers: Sandy Derck,
Bert Lagerman, Bill Long

Servers: Jaden & Landen Myers

Sunday, December 10, 9:00 AM

Lector: Melissa Sitlinger

Extraordinary Ministers: Patrick Myers,
Mike Mazer, Anita Lagerman

Servers: Landen Myers, Bill Long,
Xavier Sitlinger

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

A **St. Joseph Candle** burns in loving memory of **Anthony (Doc) Siecklicki (Birthday Memorial)** from wife, Mary Ann.

A **Sanctuary Candle** burns in loving memory of **Eleanor Koproski** from godson, David.

A **Sanctuary Candle** burns in loving memory of **Mary Ann Zablosky (8th Anniversary)** from Konyar Brothers & Sisters.



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9:00 AM Liturgy

9:45 – 10:45 AM Religious Education Classes

Pick-up of Wreath & Cross Fundraiser
after Mass.

TITHING REPORT

Collection: 11/26/2023: \$1643.00

Matthew 25 Offering, \$5.00

Maintenance Fund, \$140.00

November Pierogie Profit, \$2778.64

Diocesan Annual Campaign

Pledges for the 2023 Campaign must be met by December 31. Please honor your pledge if you haven't already done so.

Announcements

Office Hours – Week of December 4

Monday & Tuesday.....Office will be closed
Wednesday & Thursday....10 AM to 2 PM

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 7 – 6:00 PM, Vigil Mass at
St. Patrick
Friday, December 8 – 12 Noon. Holyday Mass
at Our Lady of Hope



Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 10 at 10:00 AM

Adults : \$8.00 Children: \$5.00

**Call the Parish Office to sign up for breakfast
Breakfast includes: Pancakes, Sausage Links,
Orange Juice, Coffee, Hot Chocolate**

**Advent Penance Service at St. Patrick will be on
Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 PM.**

OLOH Christmas Cookie Sale

Friday, December 15 from 3 to 6 PM

Saturday, December 16 from 11 AM to 2 PM

Pizzelles, Russian tea cakes, ricotta cookies, iced
buttermilk sugar cookies, genettes, chocolate
snowballs, Belgian spice cookies will be available.
Pre-order by calling the OLOH Parish Office at 570-
648-4432. In-person selection on the days of the
sale will be limited.

**Christmas Flower Envelopes.... may be placed
in the collection basket any time during the
month of December.**

NO GREATER LOVE

Deadline to register has been extended to
Thursday, January 4, 2024. Call OLOH or St.
Patrick Office to register.

Deacon's Corner

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Friday, December 8. This solemnity. A holy day of obligation, is very special to us because Our Blessed Mother is the patroness of our country, the United States. On this day, we commemorate the fact that the Virgin Mary was born free from Original Sin. It was God's plan of love for Mary to become the Mother of God for the redemption of humanity. God wanted Mary to be "the new Eve" to bring Jesus into the world for eternal salvation. As God had a beautiful plan for Mary, He has a plan for each one of us. In our second reading on this day, St. Paul tells us that "before the foundation of the world, God the Father destined us to be His children through Jesus Christ."

Through the Holy Spirit's help, we too need to become aware of God's unique plan for each one of us. What does God want us to do? We need Our Lord's help and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother to discern and trust in His beautiful plan for our lives.

On this Solemnity, let us pray for God's grace to increase our love for Our Blessed Mother who is Our Mother and to follow her example in our daily lives.

Live Nativity Pageant

The Franciscan parishes of the Coal Region invite you to join us for Our Live Nativity Pageant on Saturday, December 23 at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Hope Church, 813 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township. There will be actors, live animals and a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. A children's petting zoo will be held after the Living Nativity, with refreshments to follow the event.

Thank you to our dedicated Pierogie Makers who work diligently all year long to make this Fundraiser a huge success.