

Second Sunday of Advent: December 10, 2023

Masses for the Week

Sunday, December 10, 9:00 AM

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

Tuesday, December 12, 8:00 AM

+ Jeanette Johnson

Thursday, December 14, 8:00 AM

+ Elizabeth Rose Sitlinger
(42nd Anniversary)

Sunday, December 17, 9:00 AM

+ Romaine Troutman (1st Anniversary)



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

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 17, 9:00 AM

Lector: Bernadette Morgan

Extraordinary Ministers: Bert Lagerman, Dorothy
Renn, Linda Young

Servers: Landen Myers, Ray Bednar,
Xavier Sitlinger

TITHING REPORT

Collection: 12/3/2023: \$1584.00

Matthew 25 Offering, \$20.00

Maintenance Fund, \$225.00

Donation for Heating Expenses, \$1000.00

Defray Heating Costs, \$20.00

Turkey Raffle Profit, \$367.51 Memorial Fund, \$72.00

September & October Candles, \$85.00

Christmas Flowers, \$490.00

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.

A **Blessed Mother Candle** burns in loving honor of
Florence Clifford (99th Birthday)
from daughters.

A **Blessed Mother Candle** burns in loving memory of
**Deceased Members of the Joseph & Josephine
Konyar Family** from Konyar Children .



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9:00 AM Liturgy

The Second Collection Today is
the Retirement Fund for the Religious.

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

9:45 – 10:45 AM Religious Education Classes

3:00 PM Advent Penance Service at St. Patrick

Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 10

Mother Cabrini Church, Shamokin – 1 PM

St. Patrick Church, Trevorton – 3 PM

Monday, December 11

Holy Angels Church, Kulpmont – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 13

Holy Rosary, Elysburg – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 19

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church – 6:30 PM

NO GREATER LOVE

A five-session biblical study program in which we will
walk step by step with Jesus on His journey from His
Agony in the Garden to His Crucifixion on Calvary.

Tuesdays – February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 5 at Our
Lady of Hope Parish Hall from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. The cost
is \$15 and each person will receive a book and workbook.

To register, call Our Lady of Hope Parish office at 570-
648-4432 no later than Thursday, January 4.

Announcements

Tuesday, December 12

4 – 6 PM Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

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.



The Advent Tree of Giving.....

awaits your donations of warm mittens, gloves, socks, hats, etc.



Christmas Schedule

Living Nativity – Saturday, December 23

Our Lady of Hope – 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

Our Lady of Hope – 4:00 PM

St. Patrick – 6:00 PM

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

St. Patrick - 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Hope – 10:30 AM

Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Dinner

The Shamokin K of C will be serving a **FREE** traditional holiday meal (ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, a roll and dessert) on Monday, December 25 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If anyone would like to help to financially support this Christmas tradition a \$5.00 donation feeds two people and for \$20.00 you can feed a family of four.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

If you would like a meal delivered contact the parish office.

Deacon's Corner

On Tuesday, December 12, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast recalls Our Blessed Mother's appearance on the Hill of Tepeyac in Mexico City in 1531. She appeared to Juan Diego, a peasant, and asked him to go to the local bishop to encourage him to build a shrine dedicated to her on the site.

The bishop requested that Juan Diego bring him a sign of the apparition. He returned to the site and the Blessed Mother again appeared to him. She told him to gather a bouquet of flowers on the hill even though it was winter. He returned to the bishop and showed him the Castilian roses and the image of Our Lady on his cloak.

During these appearances, Our Lady proclaimed to Juan Diego and to us, "Am I not here, I, who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and shelter? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms?"

Our Lady of Guadalupe is our loving mother who shows us that we are the beloved daughters and sons of God. She leads us to Our Lord. On this day, may we pray, "Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, *and* help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus."

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.

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