

Pink Advent Candle, Joy

The next and third candle to be lit is the pink candle, which represents Joy. This candle reminds us that Jesus coming is near as we reach the middle point of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday, which symbolizes the nearness of Christ's coming.



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December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

The Week Ahead

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM - Mass +Mary & +Sam Varano

11:00 AM - Mass +Eleanor O'Brian

Members of Our Lady of Hope and St. Patrick Parishes

Wednesday, December 20

12:00 PM - Holy Hour in Our Lady of Hope Chapel

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM - Mass +Walter Joseph Czech

6:30 PM - Live Nativity

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM - Mass +Beth Ann Snyder

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve Mass

4:00 PM - Mass +Mary Lou Sherupski

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

Our Lady of Hope Staff

Friar Nicholas Spano, OFM Conv.....Pastor of Our Lady of Hope
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Tom Golumbfskie.....Custodian
Daniel Thomas.....Music Director



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



Ministers Schedule

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM

Lector: T Golumbfskie

E Minister: D Golumbfskie, J Meyer

Sunday, December 24

10:30 AM

Lector: NEEDED

E Minister: NEEDED



Holy Hour

Wednesdays

12:00 Noon

Holy Spirit Chapel

In the Parish Office Building

863 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township

God's Plan for Giving

12/03/23

Offertory Collection \$4219.00

Candles \$ 39.00

\$5423 is needed each week to meet our \$280,000 Offertory budget for the year. Our collection for 12/03/23 was \$1204.00 under budget.

NO GREATER LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION

Beginning on Tuesday, February 6, we will be offering a **five-session program** that will help you to learn about and experience Christ's Passion and Death. In **No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk-Through Christ's Passion**, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from His Agony in the Garden to His Crucifixion on Calvary. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, **No Greater Love** is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Dr. Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

Program Dates: Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, and March 5. **Snow dates:** March 12 and 19 if needed.

Place: Our Lady of Hope Parish Hall, 863 West Chestnut St., Coal Township

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Deacon Bob Wislock

Cost: \$15 per participant – Each person will receive a book and a workbook.

Register: To register for program, please visit Our Lady of Hope or St. Patrick Parish Offices Monday through Thursday From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Deadline to register is Friday, December 29**

Note: Participants will prepare for each session by reading excerpts from the *No Greater Love* book and completing workbook discussion questions.

Holiday Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Hope

Saturday, December 23 - 4:00 PM Sunday Obligation

Sunday, December 24 - 10:30 AM Sunday Obligation

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve 4:00 PM

Monday, Christmas Day 10:30 AM

Saturday, December 30 - 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 31 - 10:30 AM

No Mass on Monday, January 1

St. Patrick Church

Sunday, December 24 - 9:00 AM Sunday Obligation

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve 6:00 PM

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day 9:00 AM

Sunday, December 31 - 9:00 AM

No Mass on Monday, January 1

Choir Practice

Come join us at 7:00 PM every Wednesday for practice.



Christmas Office Hours

Our Parish Office will close at 3:00 PM Thursday, December 21, 2023 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM for the Christmas Holiday.

Advent Penance Services

Tuesday, December 19

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church - 6:30 PM

Upcoming Second Collections

December 25 - Christmas

DEACON'S CORNER

Third Week of Advent

As a community of living faith, we begin the Third Week of Advent. This Sunday is "Gaudete Sunday." The theme of this Advent week is "one of joy" for the first word in this Sunday's liturgy is "rejoice." As Catholics, we rejoice because Jesus Christ, our Savior, comes to live among us and be one of us. "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Jesus tells us that He comes into our world, "because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1). In today's world, suffering, isolation, and poverty still exist among our sisters and brothers. Our Lord comes to free all of this existence and to bring light into our lives.

There are our sisters and brothers who are broken hearted, lonely, and unwanted. They await this same light of Christ so they too can experience joy in their lives. The joy of Christmas will be ours as we follow Christ by bringing His love into others' lives – the true meaning of Christmas. In this season of joy, let us be forgiving, kind, and grateful; welcoming of others; and charitable through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Pray for the Sick

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

Connie Yucha, Paul Pachuski, Gene Snyder, McKenzie Navaara, Natalie Broskley, Mary Ann Brass, Bill Danisevich, Joe Mazzatesta, Christine Noll, Mike Noll, Holly Madden, Chris Zalewski, Jake Ozga, Jimmy Lenig, Terry Venefskie, Tiffany Marie, Francis Koczur, Kim Plasters, Jane Klembara, Victor Sassani Jr., William T. Dietzler, Shelly Little, Andrew Wislock, Rosemary Rogowsky, Sam Bressi, Ramona Cambria, Dave Moore, Barb Gotaskie, Patti (Hoffman) Pantalone, Brian Shaffer, Jack Dougherty, Sue Zarski, Don Blessing, Lorretta Buggy, Joan Fatool, Shawn Minnier, Mike Orleski, Cassie Bennett, Jay McAndrew, Bill Bordell, Marie Kosmer, Nicole Voekler, Kathy Lenig, Debbie Christian, Gary Snyder, Linda Venn, Christine Nestico, Bob Searls, Vincent Makowski, Steve Tehansky, Courtney Shirmer, Thomas Purcell, Joyce Koczur, Lottie Reiprish, Frank Jerome, Margaret Forbes, Jake Temple and Panunat Shontz.

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@hbgsdiocese.org.

Pierogies



Our pierogie volunteers are taking a much needed break for the month of January. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to make this fund raiser a huge success. Enjoy your time off for the Holidays!



PICKLEBALL

Our Lady of Hope is looking to start a "Pickleball" Team. If you are interested in joining, or would like information, please email Tony Leeman at aj.leeman@netzero.com.

Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Dinner

The Shamokin Knights of Columbus will be serving a FREE traditional holiday meal on

Monday December 25, 2023 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.

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! God Bless!!

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 after the event.



For those taking part in the Pageant, a rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 17 after the 11:00 Mass.

Religious Education

Religious Education Class will not be held on Sunday, December 24, 2023 or Sunday December 31, 2023. Class will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 9:45 AM. Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our Religious Education classes recently held a competition "Race in November" to donate money to support Toys for Tots. The total donated was \$104.27, with the 1st. & 2nd grade class being the top contributors with \$44.71!

Congratulations to all the classes and their parents for supporting this collection.

Living Nativity

December 23, 2023 | 6:30 PM

Our Lady of Hope Church
813 West Chestnut Street, Coaltownship, PA 17866

800 years ago, St. Francis of Assisi, prepared the first Living Nativity in Greccio, Italy. This year, The Franciscan Parishes of the Coal Region invite you to experience the wonder of this ancient tradition for yourself. There will be actors, live animals and a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome!



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