

Purple Advent Candle, Hope

The first candle lit on the first week of Advent is a purple candle, this candle represents hope. In the first week of Advent, we recall the Prophet Isaiah, who anticipated the birth of Jesus. This first candle also represents the anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah.



OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH
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December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

The Week Ahead

Saturday, December 2

4:00 PM - Mass +Fran Butkey

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM - Mass +Mary Ann Strembo

11:00 AM - Mass +Raymond & +Louise Bednar

Wednesday, December 6

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

Friday, December 8

12:00 PM - Mass +Florence Hojnacki

Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM - Mass +Edward, +Catherine & +Earl Dietzler

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM - Mass +Dolly Yocum

11:00 AM - Mass +Vincent Buckwash

Members of Our Lady of Hope and St. Patrick Parishes

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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Bonnie Bailey.....Custodian
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

Friday, December 8

12:00 PM

Lector: **NEEDED**

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Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM

Lector: T Golumbfskie

E Minister: D Golumbfskie, J Meyer

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM

Lector: S Hoffman

E Minister: D Hoffman, P Sosnoskie

11:00 AM

Lector: B Leonhardt

Minister: Deacon

E Minister: R Witt, S Nicola



Holy Hour

Wednesdays

12:00 Noon

Holy Spirit Chapel

In the Parish Office Building

863 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township



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.

God's Plan for Giving

	11/19/23	11/26/23
Offertory Collection	4503.00	4004.00
Candles	94.00	77.00
Matthew 25		608.00
Maintenance		1432.00

Upcoming Second Collections

December 10 - Retirement Fund for Religious



Blessed Mother Candle

In Loving Memory

+Loretta Sock

By Margaret Forbes



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.



In Loving Memory

+Anna Marie McBride

By Gerald & Rita Criniti



Sacred Heart Candle

In Loving Memory

Leo Forbes

By Margaret Forbes

DEACON'S CORNER

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – December 8

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 our 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.



Potato Pierogie Pick up

\$12.00/dozen

December 4 - 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM

December 5 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

BLESSING OF THE MANGER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 beginning at 7:15PM. Knight's of Columbus, Mt. Carmel. Fellowship, caroling, holiday food & snacks. Sponsored by the Christopher Club.

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 Voeckler, Kathy Lenig, Debbie Christian, Gary Snyder, Linda Venn, Christine Nestico, Bob Searls, Vincent Makowski, Steve Tehansky, Courtney Shirmer, Thomas Purcell, Joyce Koczur, Lottie Reiprish and Frank Jerome.

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 Cookie Sale

Our Lady of Hope Church will hold a Christmas Cookie Sale on **Friday, December 15 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm** and **Saturday, December 16 from 11 am to 2 pm** in the parish hall, 863 W. Chestnut St. There will be a variety of freshly baked cookies: pizzelles, Russian tea cakes, ricotta cookies, iced buttermilk sugar cookies, genettes, chocolate snowballs, Belgian spice cookies and other assorted cookies/baked goods. Cookie prices: \$10 a dozen; \$20 for a 2-dozen cookie tray (2 lbs.); pizzelles \$8 a dozen, and assorted baked goods as marked. Pre-orders are encouraged by calling the parish office at 570-648-4432 (Monday - Thursday 9 am to 3 pm). In-person selection on the days of the sale will also be available with a variety of cookies available for purchase.



We are requesting that our bakers in the parish come forward and make their delicious cookies or desserts again. There will be a signup sheet in the vestibule to register. These delicious items should be dropped off in the hall on Thursday, December 14 from 9 am until 2 pm so they can be packaged/priced. If you are unable to bake, a monetary donation will be accepted to defray the cost of baking supplies that will be used to supplement the donated items. This donation can be placed in an envelope marked "Donation to Cookie Sale" and dropped off in the collection basket or at the parish office. Your continued support to the parish is deeply appreciated.

Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 10

Mother Cabrini Church, Shamokin - 1:00 PM

St. Patrick, Trevorton - 3:00 PM

Monday, December 11

Holy Angels, Kulpmont - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 13

Holy Rosary, Elysburg - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 19



Breakfast with Santa

St. Patrick Church will be holding a Breakfast with Santa on December 10 in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Kids \$5.00 Adults \$8.00

Please call the Office at 570-797-8251 to sign up

Pancake Breakfast includes:

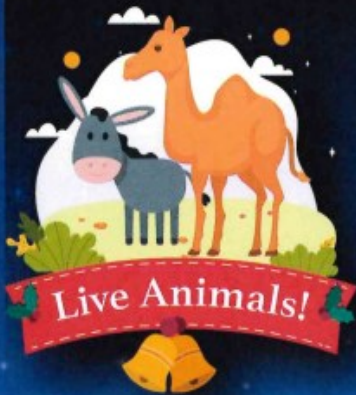
Pancakes, sausage links, Orange Juice, Coffee and Hot Chocolate

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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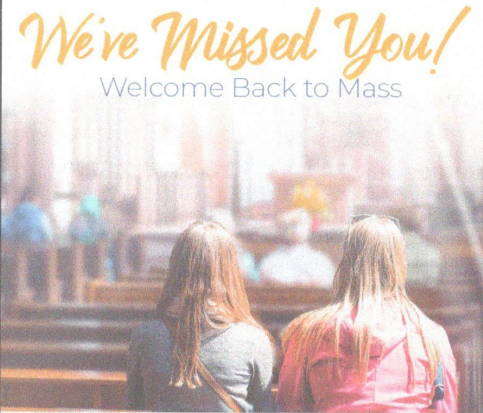


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