



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

# The 1st Sunday of Advent

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## MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:30PM VIGIL  
SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 6:00PM

## WEEK DAY MASS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00AM AND 9:00AM  
MONDAY: 6:30PM ROSARY  
7:00PM MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA  
SATURDAY: 9:00AM MASS

## MISA EN ESPAÑOL (ST. JUDE CHURCH)

SÁBADO: 6:00PM  
DOMINGO: 9:30AM

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

EVE OF HOLY DAY: 7:00PM  
HOLY DAY: 8:00AM, 9:00AM, 12:10PM, 7:00PM

## CONFESSIONS

MONDAY: 7:30PM  
SATURDAY: 9:30AM - 10:00AM AND  
3:30PM - 4:15PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

## STEWARDS READINESS

*"THEREFORE, STAY AWAKE! FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW ON WHICH DAY YOUR LORD WILL COME." MATTHEW 24:42*

STEWARDS WHO HAVE HAD HEALTH ISSUES OR NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES GENERALLY HAVE A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR EACH DAY BEING A GIFT FROM GOD. THE REST OF US USUALLY TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT WE WILL BE AROUND TOMORROW. BUT WHEN YOU START TO LOOK AT EACH DAY AS A GIFT, YOU REALIZE ALL THE LITTLE MIRACLES THAT HAPPEN DAILY AND YOU BEGIN TO SEE GOD'S ACTIVE PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE. YOU GROW IN GRATITUDE, EACH DAY, FOR ALL THAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

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WEBSITE

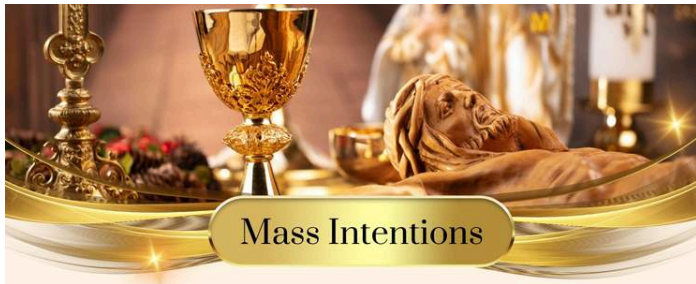


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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 29th

4:30 pm † Dina Garofalo by Maria and Philip Imbesi

### Sunday, November 30th

7:30 am † Anthony Passio by Brad and Kathy Allen

9:30 am † Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 9193

11:30 am † Vincent Russo, Jr. by his Mom, Dad and Sisters

6:00 pm † Monsignor Joseph V. DiMauro by Dr. Christine Kimler

### Monday, December 1st

8:00 am People of the Parish

9:00 am † Dorothy Habina by The Habina, McGlinchey and Monteith Families

### Tuesday, December 2nd

8:00 am † Michael and Jo-Ann Libucki by their Mom and Dad

9:00 am † Henry Moorhouse, Jr. by his wife

### Wednesday, December 3rd

8:00 am † Dr. Ligia Caino-Torres by The Knopka Family

9:00 am † Susan Whelan by her Mom and Dad

### Thursday, December 4th

8:00 am † Juana Encarnado by Deacon Andy Encarnado and Family

9:00 am † Michael McCloskey, Marion and Peter Gattinella by Marilyn

### Friday, December 5th

8:00 am † Norman Sees by his family

9:00 am † Stephen C. Marciana by his family

### Saturday, December 6th

9:00 am † Henry Uban by John Paul A. Uban

† Eleanor Clancy by Margaret Ott

† Luciana Maugeri by Anthony and Phil Cioe

† Andrew Michael Arceo by Allan, Elsie and Nicholas Louie

† Theodore Brown by The Louie Family

† Mary Cuffari-Vesper by Anna Rodillosso and Julie

† Raphael Joseph Avallone by Tom Costa and Family

† Sheila M. Fitzgerald by Lisa Mascieri

Intentions of Father John DeDuca by Lisa Mascieri

† Theresa DiSeveria by George Badame

4:30 pm † Allison Bonafiglia by Joanne Bonafiglia

### Sunday, December 7th

7:30 am † Frank, Helen and Nancy Zarzecki by their family

9:30 am † The Shay Family by The Long Family

11:30 am † Joe Martino by his daughters

6:00 pm Concepcion Constantino by Gary Kasprack




Trish B., Gary Burgin, Lucille Cifuni, Debbie Columella, Jim Coolen, Justin Cowgill, Florence D'Arcangelo, Fr John DeDuca, Tara Duffy, Norm Glen, Gia and Baby, P. Guida, Jack H., Jonny Hoffman, Edith Joan Horan, The Horan Family, David K., Stephanie Kaufmann Remley, Kathlyn Khaye Caday, Rich Krumin, Peter Lutz, Margaret M., Steve Marchesani, Peggy Mattia, Jeanette McCoy, Sheri Merlino, Ed Michalak, Julianna Minitti, Eunice Minnaugh, The Minniti Family, Sister Janice Novak, Diane O'Mara, Loida Ortaney, Michael P., Joe Petrongolo, Frank Raneiro, Karin Ravnigk, Helen Reebenaker, George Rein, Dolores Rendeau, The Renz Family, Jacob Rivera, Jaxon Rivera, Irene Scola, Jim Sweeney, Lauren Thomas, Adam David Zayas.

### Added this Week:

Names remain on the prayer list for 6 weeks.  
Please notify the office if names should be removed earlier or remain on longer.

**The Church Sanctuary Candle this week burns in loving memory of:**  
**FRANK AND DOROTHY SCHOTTLE,**  
**FRANK, HELEN AND ANTHONY D'AMICO**  
**at the request of**  
**FRANK AND MARY ANN D'AMICO**



**The Chapel Sanctuary Candle this week burns in in Thanksgiving to:**  
**ST JUDE FOR FAVORS RECEIVED**  
**at the request of**  
**L.C.**




**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURN IN THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONE, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR IN THEIR MEMORY, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 856-228-4331.**




**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

**Frank Raneiro**

**Carmen Panichelli**



## *A Message from our Pastor, Rev. Joseph T. Szolack*



Dear Friends in Christ,

We come to the First Sunday of Advent, a season of penance and preparation. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said in 1943, "A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes...and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent." We are now embarking on another Advent, a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. At various times in our lives, we may feel trapped, trapped in our habits, our sins, or our weaknesses. There seems to be such little hope around us. Whether it be the world stage, division in our country or confusion in our Church, our cell becomes more confining on our souls. Now, we begin a new year in the Church filled with new opportunities. We can have new opportunities to connect to God, to find Him deep within ourselves and to discover him in our neighbor in His distressing disguise in the poor. A baby always brings new hope, new possibilities to a family. Well, it is the longing for a King who came among us as the humblest, most vulnerable of people: a baby. This Super Baby comes to save us from sin and death. He alone brings eternal life. The cell doors of our soul might be flung open and only Jesus has the key to our hearts. Let us prepare for our visitation from Jesus. We need to read the Bible, pray to the Lord daily, speak to Our Lady, go to confession and be faithful to weekly attendance at Mass. Yes, Advent helps us to realize that there is an answer to all our problems. He is a baby born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth and conquered the world with His love one person at a time. The title of Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski's autobiography was Freedom Within. These are his memoirs while imprisoned by the Communists. No cell could contain his soul and so it is with us. Jesus is coming to us...do we really want the cell doors of our soul opened? Do we really want to celebrate Christmas? Jesus opens our door so that we are free to live...really live. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! Set us free!

God bless you,  
Father Szolack



Pray for our Military men and women: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in all lands. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen. Please include these requests from our Parishioners in your prayers:

F Co. Unit and Lt. Cpl. Jacques Revoir; PFC Joseph DiJulio; Spec. Michael Sermarina, Iraq; Josh Treusch; PFC Zachary Krytzer; Sarah Turse, Afghanistan; Major Kristina Levins Himmelirch- USAF; Lt. Evan Cleaver, Afghanistan; Kevin Higgins; CSSN Nicholas Anthony Ferro - US Navy Submarine USSF Dallas Groton CT.; John Roberto - Military Police Afghanistan; Ssgt. Damian Bates, USMC; Private John Andrew McWilliams Afghanistan; Michael Mortka SSG, US Army; Sean Cyphert - USMC; Michael N Ekimoglou, USMC; Lt. Eric W. Courtois, US Air Force; DC1 Russell Estes, USN; Lt. Cpl. Andrew McWilliam Afghanistan; Justin Alberico, US Air Force; SSgt Joseph Hodson, Lt. Tom Gaffney; SPC Madgey, Bernard, PFC DiGennaro, Zacharo, Cpl Dzierzynski, Derrick, US Army, Private Matthew Zaleski - USMC, E8 Sgt Major Kevin Kirkpatrick - US National Guard; Major Sean Hunt, United States Marine Corp, Tara Feltwell - United States Navy, SR Kevin Wolf - U.S. Navy; Sgt. Steven Charyszyn— USMC; Lt. Robert W. McKenna, US Coast Guard; Capt. Robert E. McKenna, United States Coast Guard; 1st LT Matthew DiGiacomo - US Air Force; Spec. Michael Whelan US Army, 2nd Lt Megan Capobianco - US Army; RCT George Stuart - USMC; Arron Brown, SSGT - Army Reserve; LT J.G Joseph L Andricola, USN; SPC Michael D'Intino - US Army. , Sgt. James Buckingham - US Army; John Flynn - USN; Christopher Foschini - E4 Army; Cpl. Christopher Duddy - USMC; AOAR Melanie Charyszyn, Capt. Joseph F. Donnelly - USMC; A1C Matthew Urban of the US Air Force; PFC Justin Wellik, Cpl. John T. McCormick- USMC; Cpl. Jake S. McCormick- USMC; PFC Jarrett J. McCormick-USMC; PFC Patrick Mahon-USMC.; Capt. Julie Ford, US Air Force ; Alexis Brown - US Army; Vincent Lauro Pilla, US Navy; Lt JG Nicholas DeFeo - US Navy; Sgt Anthony Vespa - US Army; Sgt. Maj. Joseph Kern - US Army; SPC Feery - US Army; Ens. Jack McKenna - US Coast Guard; Sgt Ronald Louis Bizon - US Army; 2nd Lt Jacob Gandolfo - US Army; Sgt. Max Belko - US Army; LCpl. Leonard Tuggi - USMC



**NEEDED: CANNED TUNA, CANNED FRUIT, MAC and CHEESE**

PLEASE NOTE that our pantry will be **CLOSED** next Saturday, Nov. 29.

“GIFT CARDS FOR KIDS” is in full swing. These will be distributed to clients with children on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be any amount (preferably \$5, \$10, \$25) and we suggest stores such as Walmart or Target. (No ShopRite cards please). Please write the amount the card is worth if it isn't defined on the card. They can be handed to an usher, placed in the box in the gathering space at any Mass, dropped off at the parish center on Saturday mornings between 8:30 and 11:00 am or dropped at the main Parish Office. We must have your donation PRIOR TO THE DISTRIBUTION DATES – DEADLINE 12/13).

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**THE COLLECTION TOTAL**

November 15/16

Collection: \$16,023

E-Giving: \$ 4,553

TOTAL: \$20,576



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**December 01<sup>st</sup> TO December 07<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, December 01<sup>st</sup>**

Isaiah 4:2-6

Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 02<sup>nd</sup>**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday, December 03<sup>rd</sup>**

Isaiah 25:6-10

Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 04<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 26:1-6

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 05<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 29:17-24

Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday, December 06<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

**Sunday, December 07<sup>th</sup>**

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7:00pm**

**Ticket includes:**  
10 games (3 cards per game),  
coffee, tea, water & desserts

**\$35 per person**  
Reserve a table by purchasing  
8 tickets

Tickets available  
at the Parish Office  
or online



SCAN ME

Our Lady of Hope Parish  
**DESIGNER BAG  
BINGO**  
50/50 & BASKET RAFFLE

BYO event so feel free to bring snacks & drinks

Feast of  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
Celebration

**December 12**

**5:30pm:** Novena & Rosary  
St. Jude Church


**6:30pm:** Procession to  
St. Agnes Church

**7:15pm:** Story of the "Apparition" of  
Our Lady of Guadalupe to  
San Juan Diego

**7:50pm:** Cultural Dance

**8:30pm:** Mass  
St. Agnes Church

*Fellowship* After Mass in the  
Parish Center Hall



OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH'S MONTHLY  
**PRIZE RAFFLE**



MEN'S (SIZE L) PHILADELPHIA EAGLES SAQUON  
BARKLEY NIKE MIDNIGHT GREEN GAME PLAYER JERSEY

Available at the Parish Office + **\$10** per ticket + Scan here to purchase tickets 

Drawing will be pulled on  
December 14 after the 11:30am Mass  
Winner does not need to be present.



Join us for the  
4th Annual  
*Feast of Our Lady of Hope*  
Celebration

Saturday, December 13, 2025

The celebration begins after 4:30 Mass with a Christmas Tree lighting followed by time of thanksgiving to God for all blessings on our parish and Dinner at 6:30pm in the parish center. The evening will end with caroling.

**RSVP IS REQUIRED**  
by December 08th!

Beginning November 10th, the RSVP form will be available on our website at [www.ourladyofhopenj.org](http://www.ourladyofhopenj.org) or call the Parish Office to RSVP 856-228-4331.

**CHECK YOUR NUMBERS!!**

**Week 12**

will be published in next week's  
bulletin



If you are experiencing a difficult time in your life and need someone to provide emotional and spiritual support, you are not alone. Our Stephen Ministers provide Christ-centered care just for you in your time of need. No one should walk alone through the difficulties of life.

**Do you or someone you know need a  
Stephen Minister? Contact:**  
**Patti Infanti 609-471-2153 • Suzanne Carlucci  
856-782-7395 • Howard Morell 609-221-0970**

**Christmas Prayer Ornaments**

Purchase Prayer Ornaments for our Parish Tree after all Masses November 08th through November 29th

*Options from \$5 - \$25*

Petitions can be painted on the outside of ornament or placed inside.

Ornaments can be picked up after Christmas or donated.

Some ornaments can be ordered to take home!

## Christmas Schedule

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

9:30am - 10:00am	Saturday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>
3:30pm - 4:15pm	Saturday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>
7:30pm	Monday, December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES</b>
4:00pm St. Agnes Church	7:30am St. Agnes Church
6:00pm St. Agnes Church	9:30am St. Agnes Church
8:00pm St. Agnes Church	11:30am St. Agnes Church
11:30pm (Choir Prelude)	(No Evening Mass)
12:00am St. Agnes Church	

<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES</b>
7:00pm St. Agnes Church	8:00am St. Agnes Church
	9:00am St. Agnes Church
	12:10Pm St. Agnes Church
	(No Evening Mass)

Our Lady of Hope Parish is proud to once again offer

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MART**  
November 17th - December 19th

Donations to the following Charitable Organizations can be made at the Parish Office.

<i>Catholic Charities USA</i>	<i>Heart of Camden</i>
<i>Catholic Relief Services</i>	<i>Heifer International</i>
<i>Covenant House</i>	<i>People for the Poor</i>
<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	

**FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
St. Agnes Church Friday 12/19/25  
Downbeat at 7:30 pm Please Arrive by 7:15 pm

**BONSAL BLUES**  
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## Breakfast in Bethlehem Pageant

**All Parishioners are invited**

December 21, 2025 following the 9:30 Mass in the Parish Center

**Sign-up for Children**

Children are encouraged to participate in the pageant by playing the role of shepherds and angels!! For more information, or to sign-up please call or email the Faith Formation Office.

(856)227-0555  
dmeans@ourladyofhope.org

## DONUT SUNDAY

8AM - 11AM

Parish Hall

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 07th**

Nursing Ministry available for Blood Pressure checks

## Blessing & Prayers for Advent Wreath

Prepare for the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ.

An Advent wreath is a wreath of laurel, spruce or similar foliage with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolize the light that the birth of Christ brought into the world. Traditionally three of the candles are purple, the color of kings and of penance. A rose-colored candle is used to mark the Third Sunday of Advent as a time to rejoice over the closeness of Christmas and the coming of Christ.

Each day your family should gather around the Advent wreath, generally before the evening meal. The proper number of candles are then lighted and a prayer is said.

### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*It starts at the evening meal on the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent with the blessing of the wreath. (The head of the household is the one designated to say the prayers, following which various members of the family light the candles. The following prayer can be used.*

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Leader:** O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*The wreath would then be sprinkled with water. Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the first week in Advent.*

**FIRST WEEK** The following prayer should be repeated each day during the first week. After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first purple candle. (Family members can also take turns lighting and blowing out the candles on each night.)

**Leader:** O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, That by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.



## St. Vincent DePaul Our Lady of Hope Parish Annual Christmas Event





Once again we will be distributing GIFT CARDS to families with children to purchase Christmas gifts.


Please get your cards to us **ASAP** so that we can assess our needs (preferably by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>) as they will be **distributed** on **Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

We suggest stores such as **Walmart, Target Kohls, etc.** (no ShopRite or fast food cards please) *Any amount you choose to spend is truly appreciated, but it would be helpful if you purchase the cards in smaller denominations (\$5 to \$25) so that we can distribute the cards more evenly per child in each family. Also, please write the value on the card if it isn't already imprinted.*

Cards should be handed to an usher, placed in the bin marked "Gift Cards," or dropped off...

-  at the Parish Center on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 am **or...**
-  at the Main Parish Office

## GIFT CARDS ONLY




### Our Lady of Hope Electronic Giving

Enhancing Stewardship through  
Electronic Funds Transfer

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLY CRUSADERS COUNCIL

**WELCOMES ALL TO**

**'THE VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES'**

This interactive prayerful experience recreates an actual visit to Lourdes with:

- LOURDES WATER
- RECEIVE A EUCHARISTIC BLESSING  
CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION
- TOUCH THE GROTTO ROCK



**THURSDAY  
MARCH 05, 2026  
6:30 PM**

THE MISSION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITALITY NORTH AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS:  
TO EXTEND THE INVITATION OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AS GIVEN TO BERNADETTE IN THE GROTTO AT LOURDES; TO SERVE THE SICK AND SUFFERING AT LOURDES; AND AT HOME FOLLOWING THE LOVING EXAMPLE OF ST. BERNADETTE IN SIMPLICITY, HUMILITY, AND OBEDIENCE.

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# YOUTH Our Lady of Hope MINISTRY

Save the Date


OUR LADY OF HOPE YOUTH MINISTRY SPONSORS  
A PARISH BUS TRIP TO THE MOUNT LAUREL

## LIVING NATIVITY

AT FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH

**DECEMBER 21ST**  
BUS DEPARTS AT 7:15  
OR FOLLOW BEING IN YOUR OWN CAR

SCAN  
CODE TO  
RSVP

Transportation, hot chocolate, and snacks provided by OLOH Youth Ministry. Experience a Living Nativity as you never have before. Travel back in time as you walk through 12 scenes showing the full story of Jesus from Creation through Ascension depicted by 200+ cast & crew members. Enjoy light refreshments from FCC in their gym before boarding the bus to return back to Our Lady of Hope.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

# PIZZA & PRAYER



**JOIN US EVERY MONTH  
ON THE  
FIRST SUNDAY**

IN THE MEETING ROOM AFTER THE 6PM MASS

MASS  
**6 PM**  
FOLLOWED BY PIZZA  
& ADORATION UNTIL  
**8<sup>30</sup> PM**

RSVP IS NOT REQUIRED BUT APPRECIATED. PLEASE EMAIL ANY DAILY RESTRICTIONS BEFORE 6:00PM ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. THANK YOU!!

D S C A F I D I @ O U R L A D Y O F H O P E N J . O R G



## 1st Sunday of Advent

Hope - Reflecting on the hope of Christ's coming, past and future, and God's promises of redemption.

Grades 8-12

# HOPE Young

## 2025-2026 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 28 KICK OFF PARTY 7:00 PM PARISH HALL	OCTOBER 5 PIZZA & PRAYER 7:00 PM CHAPEL	OCTOBER 26 GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM PARISH HALL	NOVEMBER 2 PIZZA & PRAYER 7:00 PM CHAPEL
NOVEMBER 16 THANKSGIVING 7:00 PM PARISH HALL	<b>DECEMBER 7</b> <b>PIZZA &amp; PRAYER</b> 7:00 PM CHAPEL	DECEMBER 21 LIVING NATIVITY 7:00 PM BUS TRIP	JANUARY 4 PIZZA & PRAYER 7:00 PM CHAPEL
JANUARY 25 GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM PARISH HALL	FEBRUARY 1 PIZZA & PRAYER 7:00 PM CHAPEL	FEBRUARY 8 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING AFTER EACH MASS	FEBRUARY 22 GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM PARISH HALL
MARCH 1 PIZZA & PRAYER 7:00 PM CHAPEL	MARCH 15 GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM PARISH HALL	APRIL 2 EGG HUNT PREP 4:00 PM PARISH HALL	APRIL 19 GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM PARISH HALL
MAY 3 PIZZA & PRAYER 7:00 PM CHAPEL	MAY 17 GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM PARISH HALL	JUNE 7 PIZZA & PRAYER 7:00 PM CHAPEL	JUNE 14 EODY BOWLING 7:00 WESTBROOK LANES

Grades 5-8

# HOPE Rising

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<b>DECEMBER 21</b> <b>LIVING NATIVITY</b> 7:00 PM BUS TRIP	JANUARY 9 MOVIE NIGHT 6:00 PM PARISH HALL	FEBRUARY 8 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING AFTER EACH MASS
MARCH 22 TRIVIA NIGHT 4:00 PM PARISH HALL	APRIL 2 EGG HUNT PREP 4:00 PM PARISH HALL	APRIL 12 FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS 4:00 PM PARISH HALL
MAY 17 CANDY BINGO 4:00   PARISH HALL	JUNE 7 PIZZA & PRAYER 7:00   CHAPEL	JUNE 14 END OF YEAR BOWLING 7:00   WESTBROOK LANES



# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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**ADVENT is a season consisting of four weeks where Catholics prepare and wait with anticipation for the coming of Christ. Advent is Latin for "coming." We focus on the birth of Jesus Christ and the anticipation of his Second Coming. Our Catholic Traditions include using Advent calendars, wreaths with candles. Each week celebrates the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, with the first candle lit on Advent Sunday, the fourth Sunday before Christmas.**

## FAITH FORMATION CALENDER

December/January

12/01 5:00 to 6:00 Faith Formation Classes

12/08 No Classes  
Immaculate Conception of Mary

12/17 Wednesday, final call for Angels and Shepherds.

12/19 Friday, Pageant Rehearsal  
5:00 in the Parish Center.

12/21 Breakfast in Bethlehem  
after 9:30 Mass in Parish Ctr.

1/1/2026 Solemnity of Mary  
Call church for Masses

1/12 5:00 to 6:00 Faith Formation Classes.

1/14 6:30 to 7:30 Penance Retreat - St. Agnes Church

## NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Calling ALL CHILDREN. Come be an Angel or Shepherd!**

*'Breakfast in Bethlehem Christmas Pageant!'*



**Rest easy, there are no speaking parts! Children are encouraged to attend the 9:30 Mass dressed in their costumes. Then the event immediately follows the Mass in the Parish Center.**

### **'Breakfast in Bethlehem'**

**will follow the 9:30 Mass on Sunday December 21st,**

**All are invited to reflect as we share:**

**Luke's Birth Narrative & Children's Pageant with Shepherds, Angels and the Holy Family.**

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