



OUR LADY OF HOPE

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH COMMUNITY

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Pastor..... Rev. Felix Nyambe, OMI
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Secretary..... Cheryl Walters
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Letters of Recommendation: Are given to registered parishioners who attend Mass and support the parish.

Penance (Confession): 1/2 hour before all weekend Masses and by appointment, call 716-885-2469.

Baptism: Please see Mr. Ron to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: If you would like to be anointed, or receive communion, please call the office 716-885-2469.

Marriages: Engaged couples should contact their church 6 months prior to the wedding.

Pre-Marriage Requirements: All couples are required to attend a pre-cana program. Contact the Diocese of Buffalo at 716-847-2203 for more information.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2023



Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:00 p.m. Donald Angrisano (A) by Wife & Family

Sunday, December 17, 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Erin M. Murphy (B) By Her Cousin Crew
11:00 a.m. Patricia Gross by Deacon Roberto

Monday, December 18, 2023

11:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Novena to OLOH—Jim Powers (B) by Family

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

11:30 a.m. Convent

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

11:30 a.m. Convent Jim Powers (A) by Family

Thursday, December 21, 2023

11:30 a.m. Convent Intentions of the Benefactors of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

Friday, December 22, 2023

11:30 a.m. Convent

Saturday, December 23, 2023

4:00 p.m. Serafino Buscaglia (B) by Estate

Sunday, December 24, 2023—4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Brendan Cody by Mom & Dad

CHRISTMAS EVE

6:30 p.m. Louise Tomasello Miller (A) by Robin & Joseph Tomasello

The Sanctuary Light for the week of
 December 24—December 30th
 Is Burning
 In Loving Memory of Brendan Cody
 By Mom Dad

ADVENT SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be available this weekend following each of the masses, 4:00 PM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Priests will be available immediately following the mass. Also by appointment at 716-885-2469.



OUR LADY OF HOPE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23rd—4:00 PM
Sunday, December 24th—10:00 AM ONLY
Sunday, December 24th—Christmas Eve 6:30 PM
Monday, December 25th—Christmas Day 11:00 AM
Saturday, December 30th—Holy Family 4:00 PM
Sunday, December 31st—9:00 and 11:00 AM
Monday, January 1st, 2024 is Not a day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday

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Stewardship, our partnership with God
December 3, 2023

Regular Sunday Collection	\$2,766.00
Insurance	421.00
Immaculate Conception . .	100.00
Christmas Flowers	196.00
Total	\$ 3,483.00

December 10, 2023

Regular Sunday Collection	\$2,286.00
Insurance	416.00
Monthly Fuel	207.00
Christmas Flowers	294.00
Religious Retirement	460.00
Total	\$ 3,663.00

Stewardship Is Our Partnership with God— Your prayer, financial support and time given to various projects enable your church Community to continue its mission. Thank you for your continued generosity.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS You will remember how beautifully decorated our Church is for the Christmas Season. You can help us by using the Christmas Flower envelope in your packet to honor a deceased loved one or on behalf of you and your family. Just put the persons name on the back of the envelope (please print carefully so we can get the correct spelling) and we will print a list in the bulletin after Christmas.

OUR PARISH LUNCHEON today following the 11:00 Mass.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Our women and men religious express their gratitude. One sister shared, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would be able to make it without them." Special thanks to all who gave to the Retirement Fund last weekend. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUES NEXT Saturday, December 23rd at 10:00 a.m. over in O'Brien Hall. Religion classes will resume on Saturday, January 12th at 10:00 AM.

THE NEXT CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2024, within the 11:00 Mass. Those wishing to schedule a baptism should speak with Mr. Ron. A class and practice for parents and godparents will take place on Saturday, January 20th at 11:00 AM in the church.

Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our special prayers: Sue Dugarm, Rosa Maria Santos, Marie Amatrano, Peter Green, Margaret Treanor Frey, Thalya Onelien, Tony Mascellino, Florence Bonvisutto, Phyllis Regensdorfer, Ann Licata, Cornelia Ndimariki, Agnes Myar, Dolly Mascellino, Darrell Covert, Ida Rine, Joe Tomasello, Saw Pwe Doh, Marian Rodriguez, Poe Meh, Robin Tomasello, Toni Vaccaro.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: God is doing great things for us.
Family Question: John tried to help people prepare their lives for the coming of the Messiah. What do you need to change about your life to be ready for Jesus' coming?
First Reading: [Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11](#)
Second Reading: [1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#)
Gospel Reading: [John 1:6-8, 19-28](#)



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - On this Third Sunday of Advent, the Church reminds us to be joyful at what God has done for us. We rejoice because our celebration of Jesus' birth is simultaneously a celebration of all that God has promised and will accomplish through his Son. St. Paul urges us to rejoice always and give thanks. Think of the times when your heart overflowed with joy. Give thanks for such moments. Pray today and in the coming week for all those who have lost hope and are filled with sorrow such as those who have fled their homeland due to war or who have been unjustly imprisoned. When John The Baptist urged the people to put their hope in Jesus, he directed attention away from himself. This week as we draw closer to Christmas perhaps it might be good to thank someone in your community who works quietly and diligently to help others without seeking attention or recognition. It will help you get into the spirit of what Christmas is all about.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES KINSHIP CAREGIVER PROGRAM is a resource for non-parents who may need support in stepping out of the relative role and into that of a parent. The program operates in Cattaraugus and Allegany counties and can help families locate resources in the community and offer personal assistance including case management, family counseling and parenting education. Catholic Charities also offers support groups for caregivers and for children, YMCA family memberships for those who participate in the group activities regularly, and youth groups/family fun nights. There is no cost to participate in the program. For more information and eligibility requirements, call 716-372-0101 or visit www.ccnny.org.

CATHOLIC HEALTH is looking for compassionate, active volunteers 18+ at all hospital sites and skilled nursing facilities. We need friendly visitors, greeters and much more! Catholic Health LIFE Center is seeking senior companions. Information, contact Lisa Carey 716-862-1106, website <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>.

Please remember that the 7-Day Sanctuary Light can be reserved in honor or in memory of a loved one or for whatever intentions you would like. It is \$10 for the week and you can reserve it by calling the rectory. The Offering for the 5-Day candle is \$3.00

COLLECTION TEAM (A) IS ON THIS WEEK

REMINDER The Mass book for 2024 is open. Masses can be scheduled at weekday or weekend liturgies to remember deceased loved ones, intentions of the sick or homebound and in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries or other events that mark the lives of our family or loved ones. Please call Cheryl our secretary to schedule. Stipends (Offerings) for announced masses are \$15.00.