

First Sunday of Advent . December 1, 2024



Candle of Hope Prayer

God, Source of all Hope,
We pray that you will continue
to light the candle of Hope
in our hearts everyday,
and that hopefully
one day soon
you'll fulfill all of our hopes
for this world.

As Advent begins, we prepare ourselves through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and we find hope in God's presence in the Eucharist at Mass. Invite a friend back to Mass at Mother of Perpetual Help to renew their relationship with Christ this Advent season.

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Saturday: 4:00 pm (MPH West) **Sunday:** 8:30 am, 10:30 am,

7:00 pm (MPH East)

Weekdays: 8:00 am (MPH East)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and First

Saturdays

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Tuesdays 8:00 am (MPH West)

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The Sacred Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month **In Loving Memory of**

Robert and Arthur Stueck
The Mary Votive Light at
116th St. Site is burning this month

In Loving Memory of Thomas J. Brown The Mary Candles at 106th St. are burning

this month

In Loving Memory of Thomas Kelleher and Mike Kelleher And

In Loving Memory of
Giuseppe and Josephine Orlando

MASS INTENTIONS



First Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

4:00 PM + Robert Breitzman (West Site)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

(East Site)

10:30 AM + C. June Griesell (East Site)

7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members

of our Parish (East Site)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

8:00 AM † Michael Kuchar (East Site)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

8:00 AM † Jim Moscicki (West Site)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

8:00 AM + Mary Shook (East Site)

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024

8:00 AM + Joyce Berger (East Site)

FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

8:00 AM † Phyllis Scattum

4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members

of our Parish (West Site)

Pope's Monthly Intention for 2024

For pilgrims of hope.

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

MPH Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (Tuesday, December 24th)

4:00 pm (Prelude Concert at 3:30 pm)

6:30 pm

Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25th)

9:00 am (Brass Nickel Quintet)



REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

"Be vigilant at all times and pray"

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year C starts a new liturgical year. This year, most of the Gospel readings will come from Luke. The readings this Sunday encourages us to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus' coming. Through hope, love, and vigilance, we grow closer to Him.

In the first reading, Jeremiah speaks about God's promise to bring forth a righteous branch from David's line. This branch represents Jesus, who brings justice and righteousness. This promise shows us that God is faithful and keeps His word. Jeremiah's message is a source of hope. Even in difficult times, we can trust that God is working for our good. His promises give us strength and courage. When we feel uncertain or afraid, we can remember that God has a plan for us, just as He did for the people in Jeremiah's time.

In the second reading, Paul prays for the Thessalonians to increase in love and to live in holiness. This message is important as we begin Advent. We are called to love more and live better lives. Paul's prayer reminds us to focus on our relationships. Increasing in love means caring for others, helping those in need, and showing kindness. These actions reflect God's love in our lives. By loving more, we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming.

The Gospel reminds us to be watchful and prayerful. Being watchful means staying alert and paying attention to how we live, avoiding things that distract us from God, focusing on prayer and good deeds. This makes us ready for His coming. Jesus urges us to pray for strength to face challenges. Prayer helps us stay connected to God and strong in our faith. It reminds us that we need God's help every day. By praying, we grow closer to Him and prepare our hearts for Jesus' return. Let us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by attending Mass, reading scripture, and setting aside holy moments in prayer. May this Advent season bring us closer to God and to one another and ready our hearts for the birth of Christ.

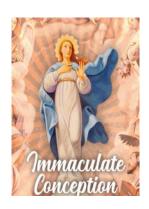
Lord, help us to be watchful and prayerful, to grow in love and holiness, and to trust in Your promises. Guide us through this Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Amen.

Mass Schedule Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9th (106th Street Site) 8:30 AM 12:00 Noon

6:00 PM





Eucharistic Revival

This Advent, through the Eucharist, unite yourself to Jesus.

This Advent, through the Eucharist, share your gifts with others.

This Advent, receive the forgiveness offered by the Eucharist.

May your preparation and waiting this Advent stretch your heart open wide to welcome him into your life!

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern" — Mother Teresa

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

(1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28,

34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,

8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,

12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a,

3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/

Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

ADVENT

During Advent, we prepare ourselves spiritually for the anniversary of Christ's birth.

The four Advent candles are arranged on a circular Advent wreath, with no beginning or end, reminding us of the eternity of God's love and the everlasting love we find in Jesus. Together the Advent candles are a reminder of God's promise to us of salvation through Christ. The wreath is placed in a prominent position in the home - at the front door or on a window sill so that all can see it, and can be a constant reminder of Advent.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Director: Sr. Lincy Augustine, SJT Pastoral@mphwa.org Cell: 414-204-2623

"Rekindle the Bonds: Reconnect with someone this Season!"

Advent, as a season of preparation, offers a wonderful opportunity for us to engage in activities that create a deeper connection to the true meaning of Christmas. This year choose an activity to rekindle the bonds you may have lost with a friend or family so that you can share the Joy of Christmas meaningfully.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Jn: 3:16

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director: Sr. Vita Lobo, SJT 414-595-7052 faith@mphwa.org.



Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made Man.

- Pope Francis

Let's prepare a room for Jesus in our heart and in our families during this Advent.

Join us for 'Breakfast with Jesus' on December 15th.

Dec Classes: Dec 8th, 15th

During this Advent, we will be delighted to visit your families for 10 minutes on a week day evening to pray with you, bless the house and consecrate your family to the Holy Family. Please call me at 414-595-7052 to schedule your visit.

Sr. Vita

Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) this Advent

The sacrament of reconciliation embodies the Advent spirit of preparation, reflection, and renewal. We encourage you to go to confession in our parish or our neighboring parishes.

During Advent you will have 3 opportunities to receive the sacrament:

- 1) MPH Parish Reconciliation on the 1st Saturday, December 7th, 8:30 am onward.
- 2) St. Mary's Hales Corners Communal Reconciliation December 7th at 10:00 am
- 3) MPH Parish after all weekday Masses during Advent.

10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday, December 6th 8:30 am-6:30 pm

"The Word Became Flesh and dwelt among us"

Your presence before the Blessed Sacrament is a powerful act of faith and love. Come to the Eucharistic Lord and find strength for our journey of faith.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, December 1, 2024

9:15 AM Faith Formation Classes - All PC, ND & Gym (106 St.)

MONDAY, December 2, 2024

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.) 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - ND (106 St.) 6:45 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

TUESDAY, December 3, 2024

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl - BH Living Rm (116 St.)

6:30 PM Prayer Group - ND (106 St.)

6:45 PM Evening Prayer & Rosary - Church (106 St.)

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2024

8:45 AM Scripture Study - ND (106 St.)
9:00 AM MPH Helping Hands - BH (116 St.)
9-11 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)
9:00 AM Cookie Baking - Ki/Gym (106 St.)
9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)

6:00 PM Prayer Shawl - BH Living Rm (116 St.)

6:00 PM Dartball - Gym (106 St.)

6:45 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

THURSDAY, December 5, 2024

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.) 6:45 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

FRIDAY, December 6, 2024

8:30 AM 10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)

4:30 PM Fish Fry - MQSCA Hall (116 St.)

6:45 PM Evening Prayer and Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Church (106 St.)

SATURDAY, December 7, 2024

7:00 AM Men's Scripture Study - BH (116 St.)
4 9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

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ANGEL TREES—If you missed getting a tag you can still donate through next weekend:

New Coats for FR. GENE'S Children's 3T-18 Men's & Women's S-3XL and Toys for the CAPUCHIN COMMUNITY

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<u>Use their website</u> to donate through Amazon or Target—gifts go directly to CCS

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Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Cookie Sale

December 14th and 15th After all Masses

December 14th - after 4:00 pm Mass (1212 S.116th St.)

December 15th - after 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses (2322 S. 106th St.)

7:00 pm Mass from 8:00-8:30 pm

All package in 1lb boxes for \$13.00 Any questions call 262-786-9542.



Senior Christmas Party Tuesday, December 17th 12:00 - 3:00 pm Notre Dame Room

All seniors are welcome but you must make a reservation and pay by **December 4th**. Catered by Bunzel's, Entrées are broasted chicken and Swedish meatballs, sides and dessert. Price is \$15.00. Call Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542 for reservations.

Cookie Baking Wednesday, December 4th

Parish Center (106 St. Site) 9:00 am -?
If you would like to help us, bring a batch of your favorite cut out dough and we will roll, cut out, bake and put icing on them. These cookies will be added to the

icing on them. These cookies will be added to the MPH Cookie Sale. Any questions call 262-786-9542. Please bring a bag lunch and have some fun!





Christian Women Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 10th

1:00 pm in the Notre Dame Room Reminder: Please remember to bring your dish to pass and your white elephant item up to \$10.00.



St. Ben's Community Meal

DECEMBER dates:

Serving Monday, Dec. 16, 4pm carpool 106th Sandwich Making/Bagging Thursday the 19th at 8AM at 106th Kitchen

Food Delivery Thursday 8-9:30 AM or 2-3:00 PM to 106th Kitchen

Contact Kathy: to donate/serve

Questions/volunteer:

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