

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Rev. Joseph J. Evanko, Pastor  
Rev. William Asinari, Assistant Pastor



## *Mission Statement*

We are, Saint Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians, a parish committed to our Catholic identity, united to the church hierarchy, and inspired by the Grace of God available to us through the sacraments.

Therefore:

Through the Grace of Baptism, we have been made members of the Body of Christ;

Through the Grace of Reconciliation, we strive to be forgiving and charitable;

Through the Grace of Holy Eucharist, we will strive to sanctify our surroundings;

Through the Grace of Confirmation, we strive to promote and defend our faith;

Through the Grace of Anointing of the Sick, we strive to be healers;

Through the Grace of Matrimony, we embrace fidelity;

Through the Grace of Holy Orders, we strive to increase in Holiness.

We pray that God blesses these, our spiritual efforts, to the benefit of our families, our parish family and our community.

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Facebook: Saint Mary's of Dorrance Parishioners &  
Saint Mary's of Dorrance Youth Group

## *Worship Schedule*

Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8 AM

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturdays: 4:30-5:15 PM

or by Appointment

## **Parish Office**

3529 Saint Marys Road, Wapwallopen, PA 18660

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Jan 19

Mon. **SJ** 7:00 AM  
Kathleen Webb—Bernard & Sandra Petrosky  
**SM** 8:00 AM  
Jack Herold—Family  
**SJ** 5:30-7:00 PM  
**No confessions this evening due to the holiday.**

### Jan 20 SS Fabian & Sebastian

Tue. **SJ** 7:00 AM  
Josephine Dule—Mr. & Mrs. Ray Clark  
**SM** 8:00 AM  
Ray Miller—Wife, Susan & Family

### Jan 21 Saint Agnes

Wed. **SJ** 7:00 AM  
Tom Basar—Mr. & Mrs. Donald Callahan

### Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thu. **SJ** 7:00 AM  
Martin Kutz—Debbie Harenza  
**SM** 8:00 AM  
Norbert Dotzel, Sr.—Don & Carol Stemrich  
**SJ** 6:30 PM  
Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

### Jan 23 SS Vincent & Marianne Cope

Fri. **SJ** 7:00 AM  
Anthony & Pauline Kutz— Scott & Mary Murphy

### Jan 24 Saint Francis de Sales

Sat. **SJ** 4:00 PM  
Deceased Members of the Conwell & Connell  
Families—Dave & Joyce Connell  
**SM** 5:30 PM  
Diane Golden—Family

### Jan 25 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun. **SJ** 8:30 AM  
Regina Rodrigues—Marty & Pattie Ritsick  
**SM** 9:00 AM  
Tom Edwards—Paul & Molly Mendofik and Family  
**SJ** 11:00 AM  
Eileen McKee—Sean



The Sancturary Lamp  
is lit in loving memory of  
**Eric & Geraldine Zielinski**  
by Plesko & Baron Families



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday,  
January 19, in honor of  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
The office will re-open Tuesday, January 20,  
at 8:30 AM.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18, 2026

**Saint Mary's Website:** [stmarydorrance.org](http://stmarydorrance.org)  
**Facebook Pages:** Saint Mary's of Dorrance  
**Facebook Group:** Saint Mary's of Dorrance Parishioners  
**Email:** [stmarysdorrance@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysdorrance@gmail.com)  
**Phone:** 570-868-5855

*In case of emergency during off hours  
call 570-474-6315,  
and follow the prompts for emergency.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** There are no classes this weekend due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Enjoy time with your family!

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:** Please note the the ladies will not meet in January.

**SAINT THERESA'S GUILD:** The ladies will meet on Tuesday, February 10, at 7:00 PM, in the dining room.

**VALETINE'S LUNCHEON:** The ladies will hold their annual Valentine's Luncheon on Sunday, February 15, at 1:00 PM, at the Lookout House in Drums. A limited menu for your selection will be available soon. Cost is \$25.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday, February 4, at 7:30 PM, in the social hall. For information on becoming a Knight please call Tony DellDonna at 570-430-1511.

**WINTER WEATHER:** For everyone's safety, weekday Masses at Saint Mary's will be canceled if Crestwood School District delays or cancels school. Weekend Masses are generally not canceled, but please use discretion and consider the safety of yourself and others before traveling.

**2026 LITURGY BOOK:** Our Liturgy Book for next year is open. Please schedule milestone anniversaries early. We are also accepting Sanctuary Lamp intentions, in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The donation is \$10 for both intentions.

**CHURCH CLEAN UP:** Thank you to everyone who took the time to help clean up the church and grounds. Your efforts are appreciated.

### Parish Collections January 11, 2026

Offering:	\$1,722.00
Loose:	\$272.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$354.00
First Offering:	\$140.00
Online Giving:	\$215.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,703.00</b>

**Thank You for your continued generosity!!**

*For online giving please go to our website, click on "Donate" then follow the prompts. It is easy and worry free. For assistance, please call the parish office.*



2025 MEMORIES  
FAMILY, FUN, & CELEBRATION  
ALL CENTERED IN FAITH



**Parish Financial Report**  
**Our Lady Help of Christians - Wapwallopen TREND**  
**ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Revenue</b>					
Collections	205,958	195,286	177,714	163,317	156,035
Faith Formation Fees	3,296	3,592	2,410	1,474	3,551
Fundraising/Development	70,689	53,930	37,894	17,325	41,656
Other Income	13,602	10,120	10,531	7,244	7,833
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	2,021	-	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	2,426	15,724	2,825	-
Diocesan Special Collections	5,811	7,741	7,987	5,187	4,387
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>301,377</b>	<b>273,095</b>	<b>252,260</b>	<b>197,372</b>	<b>213,462</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	119,362	124,902	110,110	112,035	112,942
Rectory	12,744	13,087	13,555	8,466	115,367
Liturgy	12,283	14,040	14,012	11,214	12,442
Faith Formation	6,110	5,457	4,691	2,166	1,772
Social Justice	264	358	1,175	32	150
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	38,501	31,828	30,084	23,024	20,964
Fixed Expense	15,466	13,860	13,558	13,561	13,907
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	17,101	19,772	33,543	79,888	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-
Catholic School Assessment	33,144	27,456	28,582	31,272	36,837
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	5,644	7,741	7,987	4,225	4,684
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>260,619</b>	<b>258,501</b>	<b>257,297</b>	<b>285,883</b>	<b>319,065</b>
<b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	<b>40,758</b>	<b>14,594</b>	<b>(5,037)</b>	<b>(88,511)</b>	<b>(105,603)</b>
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>1,607</b>	<b>(4,105)</b>	<b>617</b>
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>42,596</b>	<b>19,080</b>	<b>(3,430)</b>	<b>(92,616)</b>	<b>(104,986)</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	27	1,865	6,351	7,958	3,853
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	1,865	6,351	7,958	3,853	4,470
<b>(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>4,486</b>	<b>1,607</b>	<b>(4,105)</b>	<b>617</b>
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor:**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being.

As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, 570-862-7551.

## **BAZAAR: June 27 & 28**

There will be a Bazaar planning meeting on Thursday, January 22, at 7:00 PM, in the social hall. Many people are needed to ensure the success of this fundraiser. Please plan to attend.

**STAND CHAIRS:** Please call the office and advise if you plan to continue chairing your stand. We would like to know your intentions prior to the planning meeting if possible. Thank you!

## **NITE@RACES: Saturday, February 28**

**Doors: 6:00 PM ~ Post Time 7:00 PM**

The excitement has already started! Watch for the informational letter and horse sale sheet to arrive in your mailbox this week. We will also have the baskets with pre-sale information. Please call the office for more information.

**YEARLY RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE:** It's not too late to get your ticket! Tickets are available from the parish office or after Mass. Donation is \$20. Cash prizes range from \$25-\$100. These make great gifts, think Birthday, Valentine's Day. No size or style to worry about!

**WEIS & CARONE'S GIFT CARDS:** Our parish sells grocery gift cards from Weis and Carone markets. Use same as cash. Our parish receives a percentage from each card sold. We all eat so why not support our parish? Call the parish office to place an order or stop in. Cards are sold in denominations of \$20, \$25, \$50, & \$100

### **"Making All Things New"**

#### **Stewardship and New Year's Resolutions**

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year, has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in the following samples:

**Stewardship of Prayer:** Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you. Commit to short, daily prayer times.

**Stewardship of Family:** Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and attend Mass as a family.

**Stewardship of Health:** Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

**Stewardship of the Parish Family:** Resolve to serve your faith community way this year by helping with the liturgy, the parish's outreach, or education and formation efforts.

**Stewardship of Money:** Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reevaluate your financial priorities so that honoring the Lord is considered in how you spend. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

**Stewardship of the Poor:** Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer and commit to helping relieve the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized in the best of your ability.

## **Catholic Schools Open House**

### **Saint Jude School Mountain Top, PA**

Grades Pre-K – 8

January 25 ~ 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Come and take a tour, meet the teachers and current families. For more information, visit [sjspa.org](http://sjspa.org) or call St. Jude School at 570-474-5803.

### **Holy Redeemer High School Wilkes-Barre, PA**

Grades 9 – 12

Registration is underway for the 2026-27 academic year! Go to [holyredeemerhs.org](http://holyredeemerhs.org) and click on the New Family Registration link.

For questions or to set up a Shadow Day, call Holy Redeemer at 570-829-2424.

### **Marian Catholic High Tamaqua, PA**

School Grades 9 – 12

January 25 ~ 1:00 to 2:30 PM

For more information or to RSVP, go to [mariancatholics.org](http://mariancatholics.org) or call 570-467-3335



Kindly RSVP by February 1, to Kathryn Murphy

This Lent group is for parents who have lost a child from pregnancy through adulthood.

#### **FLOCK LEADER:**

**KATHRYN MURPHY**

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## **2025 TAX STATEMENTS**

This week you should receive your tax statements in the mail, if you haven't already. Please call the parish office if you do not receive your letter or if you find a discrepancy. Thank you for all you do to support our beautiful parish.

To defray postage costs, the Nite@Races information will be included in the same envelope.



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Ps 118: 1

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