

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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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 5 Saint John Neumann

Mon. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Edyta Sudol—Aneta Ursula Puzio & Family
SM 8:00 AM

Peggy Matusick—John Welgosh Family
SJ 5:30-7:00 PM

Confessions in Church

Jan 6 Saint André Bessette

Tue. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Thomas Black—The Glynn Family
SM 8:00 AM

Sister Donna Marie ~ Happy 90th Birthday—
Gerry & Mary Spencer

Jan 7 Saint Raymond of Penyafort

Wed. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Special Intention—Rachel Ramirez-Behm

Jan 8

Thu. **SJ 7:00 AM**

J. Patrick Plastow—The Family

SM 8:00 AM

Matthew Wascavage—Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dzurisin

SJ 6:30 PM

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Jan 9

Fri. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Nancy Miller—Patty & Marty Ritsick

Jan 10

Sat. **SJ 4:00 PM**

Shirley Keefe—Kate Button

SM 5:30 PM

Lillian Powis—Family

Jan 11 The Baptism of the Lord

Sun. **SJ 8:30 AM**

Ed Ruisz—Kathy & Adrian Dormans

SM 9:00 AM

Corrine Devine—

Brother, Joseph & Josephine Baratta

SJ 11:00 AM

George Bellas—Dave & Joyce Connell

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in loving memory of

Thomas Joseph Edwards

by Paul & Molly Mendofik and Family

DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$21,228 Parishioner Participation: 17.55%
Pledged: \$19,540 Percentage of Goal: 92.05%

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge. We are very close to our goal. Please consider contributing if you have not already done so.

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

Saint Mary's Website: stmarydorrance.org

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In case of emergency during off hours

call 570-474-6315,

and follow the prompts for emergency.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes resume this Sunday, January 4. Please gather in the church.

SAINT THERESA'S GUILD: The ladies will meet on Tuesday, January 13, at 7:00 PM, in the dining room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus will meet this Wednesday, January 7, 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: We will be taking down the Christmas decorations next Sunday, January 11, immediately following Mass. Help is needed. Coffee and Danish will be available in the social hall kitchen. The more hands the lighter the load.

Parish Collections

December 28, 2025

Offering:	\$4,674.00
Loose:	\$254.45
Christmas:	\$1,040.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$235.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$35.00
First Offering:	\$20.00
Holy Day:	\$45.00
Online Giving:	\$1,000.00
Total:	\$ 7,303.45

Thank You for your continued generosity!!

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS

In Memory of

By:

Mrs. Rhee
John & Alice Adamski
Betty Ambrose
Betty Ambrose
Gerald & Rose Baron
Joe & Ronnie Zielinski
John & Brenda Welgosh
John & Brenda Welgosh
John & Brenda Welgosh
John & Brenda Welgosh
David & Carol Chiverella
David & Carol Chiverella
David & Carol Chiverella
Carl & Mary Beth Markowski
Hanko Family
Hanko Family
Bill & Kathy Magnotta
Ron & Cheryl Jeckell
John & Brenda Welgosh
Ron & Cheryl Jeckell
John & Brenda Welgosh
John & Anne Wallace
John & Anne Wallace
Brian & Jenna Mackowski
John & Anne Wallace
Norbert & Joanne Dotzel
Thomas & Marianne Gibbons
Bernadine Herold
Maureen McClean
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mylet
Edward & Andrea Patrick
John & Elaine Polak
Mary Ann Sobolewski
Gerald & Mary Spencer
Paul Peters, Jr.
Vosik Pekala Family
Tom & Patty Lavan
Leonard & Dolores Valaitis
Fetterman – Swerdon Family
Family
John & Pattie Flanagan
John & Pattie Flanagan
Rich & Janice Frank
Sue
Daniel & Marie Mantush

In Memory of:

Margaret Gavel	Daniel & Marie Mantush
Dorothy Gluc	Stanley & Judith Gluc
Mary Ann Gluc	Stanley & Judith Gluc
Emma Gommer	Joseph & Sandra Konschnik
Grablesky Family	Adele Khol
Trieste Grodzicki	Joseph & Sandra Konschnik
Tom & Gert Gush	Tom & Theresa Gushaulis
Andy "Hank" Hanko	Hanko Family
Mr. & Mrs. Emil Hanko	Hanko Family
Mehgan Mary Hanko	Hanko Family
Edward & Joan Hoffman	Norbert & Joanne Dotzel
Catherine J. Hogan	William & Mary Jo Hogan
Catherine J. Hogan	John & Anne Wallace
Cathleen Hogan	William & Mary Jo Hogan
Joseph Hogan	William & Mary Jo Hogan
Patrick J. Hogan	William & Mary Jo Hogan
Patrick J. Hogan	John & Anne Wallace
Patrick J. Hogan, Jr.	William & Mary Jo Hogan
Joe Jacobs	Joe & Ronnie Zielinski
John & Jennie Jacobs	Bill & Patricia Heller
Alice Katsock	John & Alice Adamski
Aunt Donna Katzor	Johnny Wengrzynek
Uncle Ronnie Katzor	Johnny Wengrzynek
William Katzor	John & Sandrajean Wengrzynek
Caroline Katzor	John & Sandrajean Wengrzynek
Louise C. Keil	John & Terry K. Miller
Ben & Martha Kemsel	Rose Kemsel
Ben & Martha Kemsel	Dorothy Wengrzynek
Bernard Kemsel	Rose Kemsel
Bernard Kemsel	Dorothy Wengrzynek
Charles Kohl	Peter & Jina Kohl
Margaret Konschnik	Joseph & Sandra Konschnik
Matt Kosko	Sons, Gavin & Ryan
Mike & Helen Kubasek	Joe & Ronnie Zielinski
Michael Kutzmonich	Paul & Dorothy Peters
Mike Kutzmonich	Paul & Dorothy Peters
Rose Marie Kutzmonich	Paul & Dorothy Peters
Karen Lavan	Tom & Patty Lavan
Marilyn Lavan	Tom & Patty Lavan
Thomas Lavan	Tom & Patty Lavan
Frank Lehnowsky	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Lehnowsky
Helen Lehnowsky	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Lehnowsky
Stan Levendoski	Karen Levendoski
Angelique Lewis	A Friend
Angelique Lewis	Antoinette Lewis
Lee Lewis	Antoinette Lewis

By:

Daniel & Marie Mantush
Stanley & Judith Gluc
Stanley & Judith Gluc
Joseph & Sandra Konschnik
Adele Khol
Joseph & Sandra Konschnik
Tom & Theresa Gushaulis
Hanko Family
Hanko Family
Hanko Family
Norbert & Joanne Dotzel
William & Mary Jo Hogan
John & Anne Wallace
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William & Mary Jo Hogan
Joe & Ronnie Zielinski
Bill & Patricia Heller
John & Alice Adamski
Johnny Wengrzynek
Johnny Wengrzynek
John & Sandrajean Wengrzynek
John & Sandrajean Wengrzynek
John & Terry K. Miller
Rose Kemsel
Dorothy Wengrzynek
Rose Kemsel
Dorothy Wengrzynek
Peter & Jina Kohl
Joseph & Sandra Konschnik
Sons, Gavin & Ryan
Joe & Ronnie Zielinski
Paul & Dorothy Peters
Paul & Dorothy Peters
Paul & Dorothy Peters
Tom & Patty Lavan
Tom & Patty Lavan
Tom & Patty Lavan
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Lehnowsky
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Lehnowsky
Karen Levendoski
A Friend
Antoinette Lewis
Antoinette Lewis

In Memory of:	By:	In Memory of:	By:
Lukashewski Family	Frank & Beverly Lukashewski	Alex Pawlowski	Leonard & Dolores Valaitis
Bill Lukashewski	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Lehnowsky	Lillian Pawlowski	Leonard & Dolores Valaitis
Bill Lukashewski	Helen Lukashewski	Frank & Agnes Peters	Paul & Dorothy Peters
Bill Lukashewski	Pat Lukashewski	Bill & Stella Polny	Pauline Rinehimer
Bill Lukashewski	Henry Novicki, Jr. Family	Rhee Family	Mrs. Rhee
Bill Lukashewski	Amy & Jason Rooks	Lew & Louise Rinehimer	Pauline Rinehimer
Bill Lukashewski	Jillian, Nick, & Genevieve	Rother Family	Paul & Molly Mendofik
Edward Lukashewski	Codie Lukashewski Family	Francis Rudolph	Michael & Judy Rudolph
Margaret Lukashewski	Codie Lukashewski Family	Mary Rudolph	Michael & Judy Rudolph
Joseph Lukashewski	Helen Lukashewski	Eileen Schmidt	John & Mary Lenahan
Joseph Lukashewski	Pat Lukashewski & Family	Harold Schmidt	John & Mary Lenahan
Mary Lukashewski	Helen Lukashewski	Thomas Schmidt	John & Mary Lenahan
Mary Lukashewski	Pat Lukashewski & Family	Mary Schwenk	John & Terry K. Miller
Magnotta Family	Bill & Kathy Magnotta	Ellen Seamon	John & Anne Wallace
George Mantush	Daniel & Marie Mantush	Katrina Seferyn	Joseph & Sandra Konschnik
Margaret Mantush	Daniel & Marie Mantush	Margaret Sheahan	Adam & Erica Weaver
Marino Family	Catherine Wilkinson	Peter Sheahan	Adam & Erica Weaver
Michael Martin	Joe & Donna Kostrzewski	Anna Shek	Rose Kemsel
Tomas & Lorraine Martin	Joe & Donna Kostrzewski	Nicholas Shek	Rose Kemsel
Becca McCallick	Mommy, Tom, & Claire	Joseph Shemonis	Tom & Ona Smith
McCormick Family	Fetterman – Swerdon Family	Bill & Betty Sherksnas	Betty Ambrose
Eileen McGowan	William & Mary Jo Hogan	Michael & Eva Slavik	Carl & Mary Beth Markowski
Mendofik Family	Paul & Molly Mendofik	Smith Family	Frank & Beverly Lukashewski
Kathryn Miliszakas	Carl & Mary Beth Markowski	Alfred & Cecelia Smith	Tom & Ona Smith
Marty Moore	Brian & Jenna Mackowski	Barry Spaide	Wife, Susan Spaide
Doris Moughan	Stanley & Judith Gluc	Chester Stec	Kevin & Lindalee Kaleta
Mary Ann Musselman	Hanko Family	Chet Stec	Marie Straub
Helen Mylet	Ron & Cheryl Jeckell	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Stec	Kevin & Lindalee Kaleta
Patsy Mylet	Hanko Family	Louis & Helen Stec	Marie Straub
Philip R. Mylet	Ron & Cheryl Jeckell	James Stegonshek	Paul & Karen Petiak
Philip & Marie Mylet	Ron & Cheryl Jeckell	Edward Straub, Sr.	Kevin & Lindalee Kaleta
Philip & Theresa Mylet	Ron & Cheryl Jeckell	Edward Straub, Sr.	Marie Straub
Philip & Theresa Mylet	John & Brenda Welgosh	Grace Suda	Rich & Janice Frank
Dorothy Novicki	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Lehnowsky	Veronica Swatch	David & Carol Chiverella
Dorothy Novicki	Henry Novicki, Jr. Family	Mary Schwenk	John & Terry K. Miller
Henry Novicki, Sr.	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Lehnowsky	Leonard & Jane Valaitis	Leonard & Dolores Valaitis
Henry Novicki, Sr.	Henry Novicki, Jr. Family	Vital Family	Ronald Vital
Leonard & Irene Olzinski	Daughter, Susan Spaide	Della Vital	Joseph & Sandra Konschnik
O'Malley-McAfee Family	Paul & Molly Mendofik	James Walsh	John & Pattie Flanagan
Andrew Ostraszewski	Bill & Joanna Erwine	Joe Walsh	John & Pattie Flanagan
Leona Ostraszewski	Bill & Joanna Erwine	Margaret Walsh	John & Pattie Flanagan
Stan & Marie Pajka	Tom & Theresa Gushaulis	Timmy Walsh	John & Pattie Flanagan
Park Family	Mrs. Rhee	Mike Wanyo	Betty Ambrose
John Pavlick	Johanna Pavlick	Randy Wark	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Lehnowsky
Pavlishin Family	Fetterman – Swerdon Family	Randy Wark	Pat Lukashewski & Family
Alex Pawlowski	Tom & Ona Smith	Randy Wark	Henry Novicki, Jr. Family
Lillian Pawlowski	Tom & Ona Smith	Tara Wark	Pat Lukashewski & Family

In Memory of:

Leona Weisgerber
John E. Wengrzynek
John E. Wengrzynek
Stephen F. Witinski
Stephen Witinski, Sr.
Lydia Yarema
Walter Yarema
Mary Youkoski
Thomas Youkoski
Chester & Rosa Zabinski
Frank Zielinski
Joe & Sophie Zielinski
Lottie Zielinski
Zugarek Family

By:

Paul & Karen Petiak
Dorothy Wengrzynek
John & Sandrajean Wengrzynek
Family
Family
Michael & Judy Rudolph
Michael & Judy Rudolph
James & Isolde Youkoski
James & Isolde Youkoski
James & Isolde Youkoski
Gerald & Rose Baron
Joe & Ronnie Zielinski
Gerald & Rose Baron
Ronald Zugarek

In Honor of:

Blaise Anderson
Rebekah Anderson
Roman Anderson
Eden Family
Adele Kohl
Peter & Jina Kohl Family
Melissa Marie
Austen Moreillon
Xavier Moreillon
Theresa Mursick Myer
John & Dolores Sedeski
Karly Welgosh
Dorothy Wengrzynek
Family's Good Health

By:

John & Brenda Welgosh
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John & Dolores Sedeski
Peter & Jina Kohl
Adele Kohl
Mommy
John & Brenda Welgosh
John & Brenda Welgosh
Brian & Jenna Mackowski
The Eden Family
John & Brenda Welgosh
Bill & Carol Wengrzynek
Florence Lenahan

Christmas Tree Intentions

Rosie Carberry

by Tony Carberry

Norbert, Sr., Miriam, Andy, & Chris Dotzel

Edward & Joan Hoffman, Sr.

by Norbert & Joanne Dotzel

Austin Herron & Deborah Herron Locante

by Family

Windowsill Candle Intentions**In Honor of:**

Dorothy Wengrzynek
by Son, Bill and Family

In Memory of:

Robert & Antoinette Carberry
by Son, Tony Carberry

Bernard Kemsel
by Sister, Dorothy Wengrzynek

Jack Herold
by Family

Manfred Koch
by Wife, Dianna & Children

Matt Kosko
by Sons, Gavin & Ryan

Mike & Rose Marie Kutzmonich
by Daughter, Dorothy & Paul Peters

Michael Kutzmonich
by Sister, Dorothy & Paul Peters

Edward & Margaret Lukashewski
by Ray & Sue

Joseph & Mary Lukashewski
by Daughter, Helen

Frank & Agnes Peters
by Son, Paul & Dorothy Peters

Spaide & Olzinski Families
by Susan Spaide

John E. Wengrzynek
by Wife, Dorothy Wengrzynek

Stephen Witinski, Sr. and Stephen Witinski, Jr.
by Family



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES WHO HELPED
MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON SO NICE!!
MORE PHOTOS TO FOLLOW



WELCOME 2026!

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!

Cleaning out after the holidays? We'll take that glassware that is mismatched or just taking up space.

NITE@RACES: There will be a planning meeting for our Annual Nite@Races this Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30 PM, in the dining room. All are invited to come be part of this fun committee. Thank you!

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.

RESTAURANT CARDS: We are looking to add restaurant cards as well. Have something specific you would like? Call and let us know.



St. Jude Knights of Columbus
Council #6440

Free Throw Championship

Faith in Action

Sunday, January 18
Noon to 2:30 PM
St. Jude School Gym

Open to Boys and Girls
Ages 9 to 14

A basketball is shown going through a hoop.

Journey with the Three Wise Kings

When I was doing campus ministry at Marywood University, one student would tell the following story on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord:

In my hometown parish, our priest would always use the Epiphany celebration as an opportunity to mix things up at Sunday Mass - quite literally mix things up. Since the Wise Men had to travel a great distance to visit Jesus, it was our turn to do a little traveling as well. He would instruct everyone in the congregation to stand up, and physically move themselves from the spot they had chosen in the church to a spot as far away as possible. This was a great way to get people out of their usual location and on to someplace new, just as our faith sometimes takes us to uncharted territory.

Our faith calls us to make the effort of an inward journey. We have a tendency to focus on the negatives in our lives. Epiphany reminds us that "the glory of the Lord shines upon us." Jesus is present in the quiet corners of our heart! The Wise Men had to go across their known world to find the King of Israel. Are we willing to search the expanse of ourselves for our Savior?

God bless,

Fr. Joe



Happy New Year • Happy New Year • Happy New Year

A Stewardship Prayer for The New Year

Good and gracious God, a new year of grace is upon us, giving us impressions of crisp beginnings, new goals, a fresh sense of hope. Though we cling to our own expectations for the year ahead, we know you alone are the sovereign of our future, Lord of our lives, and the source of whatever good we may do. We thank you, O Lord, for the gift of the days and weeks you have entrusted to us. Teach us to be good stewards of our time ahead, that we go about our days keeping you at the center of our lives. In the midst of our daily pursuits and activities, focus our eyes on the needs of others. Help us respond with compassion to the poor and open our hearts to a suffering world. We ask for a year of peace, a year that brings an end to hatred and strife, and a year where we find a deeper joy that can only be found in you. We ask this through Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.



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who is good, whose love
endures forever.
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