

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 12

Mon. **SJ** 7:00 AM
 Florence Mary Prociak—The Tunkhannock Team
SM 8:00 AM
 Helen Taney—Mendofik Family
SJ 5:30-7:00 PM
Confessions in Church

Jan 13 *Saint Hilary*

Tue. **SJ** 7:00 AM
 Mary Ellen Audi—Patty & Gary Brown
SM 8:00 AM
 Cathy Webb—Mrs. Rhee

Jan 14

Wed. **SJ** 7:00 AM
 Joseph Kaminski—Florence Bly

Jan 15

Thu. **SJ** 7:00 AM
 Dena Lombardozzi—Carlee Strish
SM 8:00 AM
 Bernie Kemsel—Bill & Carol Wengrzynek
SJ 6:30 PM
 Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Jan 16

Fri. **SJ** 7:00 AM
 Special Intention—Diane Pelczar

Jan 17 *Saint Anthony*

Sat. **SJ** 4:00 PM
 Elaine Marie Diccicco—Mr. & Mrs. James Evans
SM 5:30 PM
 Ann Rother—Carolyn Zabinski

Jan 18 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sun. **SJ** 8:30 AM
 Dora C. Gonzalez—Sean
SM 9:00 AM
 Henry & Dorothy Novicki—
 Joe & Michelle Lukashewski & Family
SJ 11:00 AM
 Fred Polisky—Michelle Iorio & Family



Please remember in your prayers

Theresa Gabriele

Who passed from this life to eternal life
 On Sunday, December 21. May Theresa rest in the
 peace of Christ and may God grant comfort and
 strength to her family and loved ones.

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in loving memory of

Theresa Gabriele

by Paul & Molly Mendofik and Family

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

Saint Mary's Website: stmarydorrance.org
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Facebook Group: Saint Mary's of Dorrance Parishioners
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Phone: 570-868-5855

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-6th Grade: Classes are held from 9:45 – 11:00 AM. Please gather in the church.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: The ladies will meet on Monday, January 19, at 7:00 PM, in the dining room.

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

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: We will be taking down the Christmas decorations this Sunday, January 11, immediately following Mass. Help is needed. Food and beverages will be available in the social hall kitchen.

Parish Collections

January 4, 2026

Offering:	\$2,920.00
Loose:	\$443.00
Christmas:	\$200.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$90.00
First Offering:	\$688.00
Holy Day:	\$816.00
Online Giving:	\$320.00
Total:	\$ 5,477.00

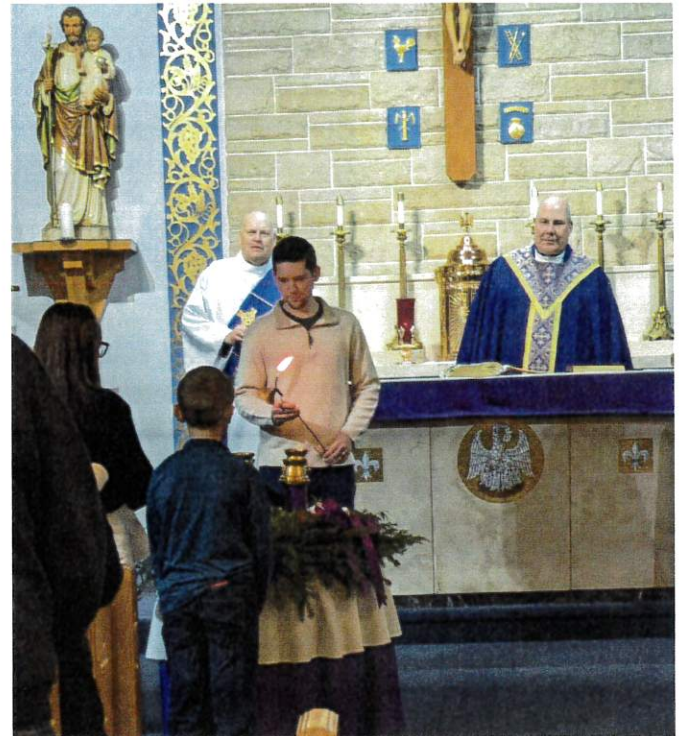
Thank You for your continued generosity!!

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.



2025 MEMORIES

More Memories
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NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

Swing Dance

Feb 7th

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 **Women's Retreat**

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Inspired by the teachings of St. Hildegard of Bingen

January 30, 2026 - February 1, 2026

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton PA



All adult women, 18 and older, are welcome to attend. Registration closes January 16, 2026.

Please visit dioceseofscranton.com/parish-life for more information on cost and to register, or call 570-207-2213.

Thank You to All!

As this New Year begins, I want to take a moment to thank all who worked so hard to make the liturgies of Christmas beautiful and prayerful.

Thank you to:

- † Staff and Volunteers who worked tirelessly to clean, prepare, and execute the art and environment of our worship places.
- † All Liturgical Ministers
- † The Music Ministry
- † All of you who helped in any way.
- † Also, on behalf of Fr. Bill and myself, thank you to those who dropped off all kinds of Christmas goodies and great food.

We appreciate all your gifts, cards, and well wishes. Please know you are in our prayers for health and happiness throughout the New Year.

God bless,

Fr. Joe

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 will take that glassware that is mismatched or just taking up space.

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

2025 TAX STATEMENTS

This week you should receive your tax statements in the mail. 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.

Ordinary Time

Next week the Church begins Ordinary Time. It is called "ordinary" from "ordinal," meaning counted or numbered weeks, not mundane, and it is the longest season, dedicated to growing in faith and understanding Christ's ministry through scripture readings. During this time flowers are permitted in Church.

Symbolism of Flowers in Ordinary Time

- **Life & Growth:** Green, the color of Ordinary Time, signifies life, hope, and spiritual growth, reflected in lush plants and fresh flowers.
- **Creation:** Flowers remind us of God's beautiful creation and our role in it, linking the natural world to the spiritual life.
- **Virtue & Holiness:** They can symbolize the virtues that should adorn the soul, drawing us closer to Christ, the "Sun of Justice".
- **Offering:** Fresh, cut flowers represent a fleeting beauty, symbolizing sacrifice, like Christ's, and serve as a real offering to God, which is why artificial flowers are discouraged.

We welcome donations of floral designs at Saint Mary. Floral contributions in loving memory of the deceased or in honor of loved ones, weddings, and sacramental celebrations are welcomed as a pious act of charity. Your generous contribution toward altar flowers glorifies God, enhances Masses at our parish and is a continuing act of evangelization to all who visit our beautiful church.

Please call ahead to ensure no other person/family has already reserved a weekend. Flowers are welcome in the sanctuary and for the Blessed Mother.

Flowers are not permitted during Advent and Lent. Individual flower donations are not accepted during Christmas and Easter Times as we have parish wide intentions during those times.



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endures forever.

Ps 118: 1



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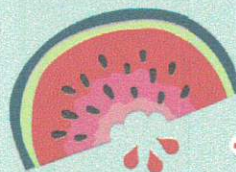
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