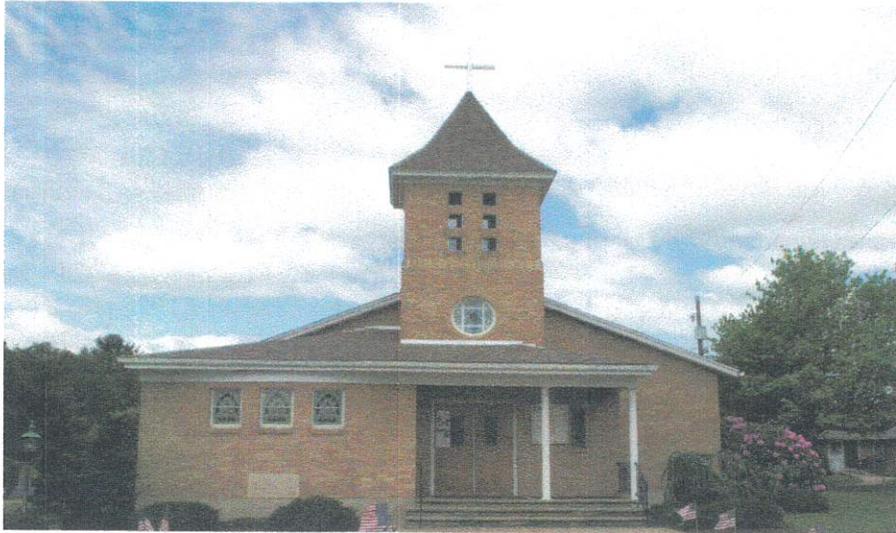


OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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

Feb 9

Mon. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Donald Smith - Mary Ellen & Joe Knecht

SM 8:00 AM

Ronald Raduta - Mother, Helen Raduta

SJ 5:30-7:00 PM

Confessions in church

Feb 10 *Saint Scholastica*

Tue. **SJ 7:00 AM**

In Thanksgiving - The Hollands Family

SM 8:00 AM

Joan Davenport - Mendofik Family

Feb 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

Wed. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Katherine Webb - Steve & Joanne Babinchak

Feb 12

Thu. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Irma Coniglio - Joann Gilmore

SM 8:00 AM

Jennie Jacobs - John & Robin Jacobs & Family

SJ 6:30 PM

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Feb 13

Fri. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Bill & Winnie Radtke - Jim & Carmen Radtke

Feb 14 *SS Cyril & Methodius*

Sat. **SJ 4:00 PM**

Philip Jones - Saint Mary's Class of 1965

SM 5:30 PM

Marianne Binkowski and Family - Steve

Feb 15 *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sun. **SJ 8:30 AM**

George Bellas - Bob & Mary Ann Metzger

SM 9:00 AM

Joseph & Regina Harcharik - Family

SJ 11:00 AM

Debbie Torres—Helene & Jerry Skrocki

The Sanctuary Lamp
is lit in Honor of

Our Second Grade Students

***Hailey Domyan, Matthew Gernhart,
Kobe Holtz, Keith Lanning,
Aubriella Miller, Sadie Peters, and
Addeline Vosik Pekala***

***Congratulations of receiving
Your First Penance***

by Religious Education Students

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026

Saint Mary's Website: stmarydorrance.org

Facebook Pages: Saint Mary's of Dorrance

Facebook Group: Saint Mary's of Dorrance Parishioners

Email: stmarysdorrance@gmail.com

Phone: 570-868-5855

****The Parish Office will be closed****

Monday, February 9.

In case of emergency during off hours

call 570-474-6315,

and follow the prompts for emergency.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-6 Grades: Next Sunday, February 15, there are no classes due to the holiday.

Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale: We are selling Gertrude Hawk candy to support our Religious Education Families. Envelopes containing the booklet and order information can be found on the table in front of the Cherub Room. Pre-paid orders are due by Wednesday, February 11. Thank you!

FAITH & FAMILY CLASS: All families are invited to a Family Class on Sunday, March 8, immediately following Mass in the social hall. This invitation includes parochial school families and families with younger children who haven't yet started religious education classes. Breakfast will be served at the end of class. RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: The ladies will meet on Monday, February 16, at 7:00 PM, in the rectory dining room. All ladies of the parish are invited to join this wonderful organization.

SAINT THERESA'S GUILD: The ladies will meet on Tuesday, February 10, at 7:00 PM, in the dining room. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. The Guild supports the children of our parish.

VALENTINE'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. Please RSVP by this Sunday, February 8. Cost is \$25.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday, March 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 this year is open. Please schedule milestone anniversaries early.

SANCTUARY LAMP: We are also accepting Sanctuary Lamp intentions, in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The donation is \$10 for both intentions.

Wilkes-Barre Deanery

- Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Hanover Township
- Our Lady, Help of Christians, Dorrance
- Our Lady of Hope, Wilkes-Barre
- Saint Andrew, Wilkes-Barre
- Saint Elizabeth, Bear Creek
- Saint Jude, Mountain Top
- Saint Leo the Great, Ashley
- Saint Nicholas-Saint Mary, Wilkes-Barre
- Saint Rita, Gouldsboro
- Saint Robert Bellarmine, Wilkes-Barre
- Saints Peter and Paul, Plains

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PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Number of Households	526	515	507	544	556
Number of Parishioners	1311	1285	1336	1345	1449
Total Number of Weekend Masses	2	2	2	2	2
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	279	253	244	219	209

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Baptisms	6	5	3	7	4
First Holy Communions	0	5	7	8	0
Confirmations	7	6	5	8	0
OCIA/Baptism	0	0	0	0	0
OCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages	2	3	2	1	0
Funerals	11	12	14	13	9

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Religious Education K-8	45	44	43	51	50
Religious Education 9-12	10	22	14	12	24
Catholic School Students	16	20	19	18	10
Adult Faith Formation	25	12	0	10	17

*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2025 data is from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.



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LENT

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting.

To help with reading Sacred Scripture, which often seems a challenge, we have included a Lenten Bible Reading Plan in the bulletin. Our website will have a link that will take you directly to the readings. Please call the parish office if you would prefer to read this Gospel from the bible, but you do not have one. We have copies available.

The Gospel of Mark, the shortest of all New Testament Gospels, is likely the first to have been written, yet it often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail than either Matthew or Luke. It recounts what Jesus did in a vivid style, where one incident follows directly upon another.

BZAAR 2026

June 27~ 4:00-10:00 PM & June 28 ~ 2:00-9:00 PM

We are in in full Bazaar Mode! We will continue our Raffles due to their continued success. They include Cash, Truckload of Groceries, and Blackstone Grills. Our second collection dates to support the Truckload Raffle and the Gift Card Stand are below.

SECOND COLLECTION DATES:

February 14/15 – Truckload of Groceries

March 7/8 – Gift Card Stand

March 28/29 – Truckload of Groceries

NITE@RACES: Saturday, February 28

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

The excitement has already started! The informational letter and horse sale sheet should have arrived in your mailbox this past week. We hope to have the baskets on display after Mass and on social media by next weekend.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE:

Place a business card ad in the program for \$25 or enjoy a full-page ad for only \$50. You can also highlight your business with a 18x24" sign for all to see.

PARISH SOUP SALE: Watch for information next weekend!

PIZZA SALE: The Altar and Rosary Society is having a sale featuring the delicious Pizza made by the famous Sanitary Bakery of Nanticoke. Each box includes 12 Thick Square Cuts. Great to eat Hot or Cold. Call Rita 570-678-7520, with any questions. Price per box is \$13. Pre-paid orders are due by February 22. Pickup is March 6, after 3:00 PM, in the meeting room. Bonus: pizza may be frozen, so buy a couple extra boxes for a quick Lenten Meal!

Pizza Sale

Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Boxes @ \$13. Total \$ _____

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

You may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick whenever you are ill or hospitalized. Do not wait until the last minute to request this sacrament as a priest is not always immediately available.



Mass for Persons with Disabilities

Sunday, February 8 ~ 12:15 PM

World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass

Wednesday, February 11 ~ 12:10 PM

Mass will feature the Liturgy of the Anointing

Both Masses will be celebrated at the

Cathedral of Saint Peter

315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton

Faith & Fitness

exercise your body and spirit

Faith led discussion followed by a

30-minute Zumba class

First Tuesday of the Month

6:00-7:00 PM ~ Saint Jude School Cafeteria

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Saint Mary Parish Goal: \$21,228

Pledged to Date: \$19,645.27 (92.54%)

Parishioner Participation: 17.75%

Parish Collections

February 1, 2026

Offering:	\$3,160.00
Loose:	\$273.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$121.00
First Offering:	\$20.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$5.00
Holy Day:	\$10.00
Online Giving:	\$650.00
Total:	\$ 4,239.00

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.

Lenten Bible Reading Plan

Gospel of Mark

Mark 1:1-20

Mark 1:21-39

Mark 1:40-2:12

Mark 2:13-28

Mark 3:1-19

Mark 3:20-35

Mark 4:1-20

Mark 4:21-34

Mark 4:35-5:20

Mark 5:21-34

Mark 5:35-6:6

Mark 6:7-29

Mark 6:30-44

Mark 6:45-56

Mark 7:1-23

Mark 7:24-37

Mark 8:1-21

Mark 8:22-33

Mark 8:34-9:13

Mark 9:14-29

Mark 9:30-37

Mark 9:38-50

Mark 10:1-16

Mark 10:17-31

Mark 10:32-45

Mark 11:1-25

Mark 11:27-12:12

Mark 12:13-34

Mark 12:35-44

Mark 13:1-20

Mark 13:21-37

Mark 14:1-26

Mark 14:27-42

Mark 14:43-65

Mark 14:66-15:15

Mark 15:16-39

Mark 15:40-47

Mark 16:1-8

Mark 16:9-14

Mark 16:15-20





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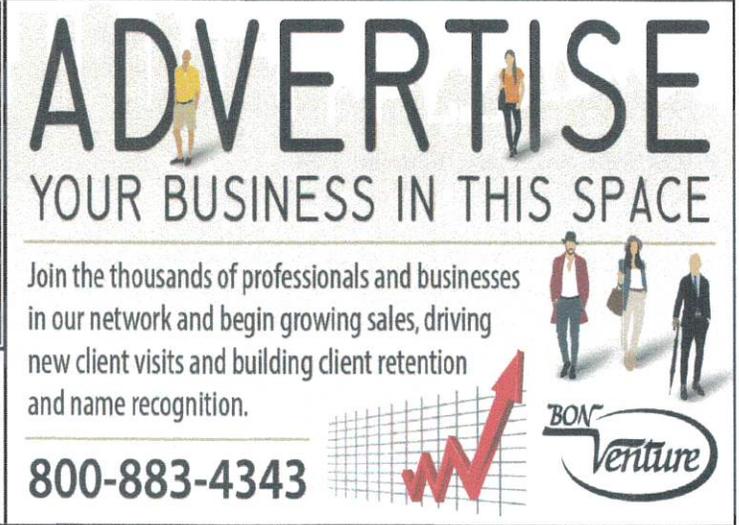
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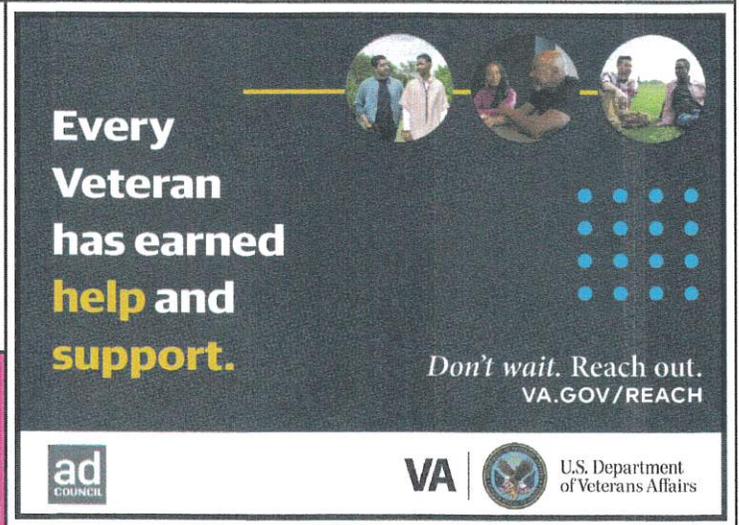
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