

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Rev. Joseph J. Evanko, Pastor  
Rev. Philbert Takyi-Nketiah, 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.

## ***Contact Information***

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Facebook: Saint Mary's of Dorrance &  
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

### Mar 11

Mon. **SJ** 7:00 AM  
 Karen Bedrin—Charlie & Janet Purcell  
**SM** 8:00 AM  
 Joseph Schmid—Bill & Patti Heller  
**SJ** 5:30—7:00 PM  
 No Confessions

### Mar 12

Tue. **SJ** 7:00 AM  
 Mark Snyder—John Mushock  
**SM** 8:00 AM  
 Evelyn McGeehan—Sieminski Family

### Mar 13

Wed. **SJ** 7:00 AM  
 Ann M. Kelly—Mike & Paula Mohutsky  
**SJ** 1:30 PM *Saint Jude School Mass*  
 Jill Garrahan—Elaine & Sandra

### Mar 14

Thu. **SJ** 7:00 AM  
 Terry Hack—The Foust Family  
**SM** 8:00 AM  
 Anthony Ungvarsky—Robert & Tanya Ungvarsky  
**SJ** 6:00 PM  
 Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

### Mar 15

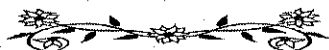
Fri. **SJ** 7:00 AM  
 Norbert Kosin—Family  
**SJ** 1:30 PM  
 Stations of the Cross with Saint Jude School  
**SJ** 6:00 PM  
 Stations of the Cross  
**SM** 7:00 PM  
 Stations of the Cross

### Mar 16

Sat. **SJ** 4:00 PM  
 Robert J. Novak, Jr.—Nadine & John Schmidt  
**SM** 5:30 PM  
 John Wengrzynek—Bill & Carol Wengrzynek

### Mar 17 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Sun. **SJ** 8:30 AM  
 Patricia Gruscavage—Husband & Family  
**SM** 9:00 AM  
 Marise Chiverella—Family  
**SJ** 11:00 AM  
 Maria Ruta—Niece, Anna



The Sanctuary Candle is lit in loving  
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2024

Saint Mary's Website: [stmarydorrance.org](http://stmarydorrance.org)

Email: [stmarysdorrance@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysdorrance@gmail.com)

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### SAINT MARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30AM -4:30PM,  
 or by appointment.

**In Case of Emergency:** Please call 570-474-6315 and follow the prompts for emergency.

**RELIGIOUS ED 2023-24:** Sundays 9:45-11:00 AM  
 Classes are held on Sundays. Please gather in the Church.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING:** All students in seventh grade and older are invited to join us Friday, March 22, 5-8 PM, in the hall. We will stuffing eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, attend Stations of the Cross, and eat. Help is needed.

**BAZAAR:** Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Truckload of Groceries Raffle. This is a great prize. In the past most people have preferred making a monetary donation rather than brining in items. Thank you in advance.

**YOGA:** classes are held on Thursdays at 6:30 PM, in the social hall. This class is for all levels and is donation based. Please text Lisa if you will be attending 570-899-6314

**2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass:** His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2024, to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 23. The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a reception. The registration deadline for this event is May 26, 2024. To register, go to [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org), contact Bridget at 207-2213 x 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).

**DORRANCE TWP VOL FIRE CO BIG COUNTRY BREAKFAST BUFFER ~ Sunday, April 21, 8AM-12PM.**  
 Cost: \$10 Adults \$5 Children (6-12 years) 5 & younger NC  
 Menu includes Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, French Toast, Ham, Home Fries, Coffee, Tea, & Juice

### March 3, 2024 Parish Collection

Offering:	\$4,998.80
Operation & Maintenance:	\$95.00
Easter Flowers:	\$255.00
Easter:	\$75.00
Christmas:	\$100.00
First Offering:	\$30.00
Online Giving:	\$855.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 6,408.80</b>

Thank You!!

For online giving please go to our  
 Website: [stmarydorrance.org](http://stmarydorrance.org) and click on "We Share"  
 then follow the prompts. Please call the parish office  
 if you require assistance.

### Holy Week Schedule

Triduum Masses will be held at Saint Jude

#### Holy Thursday ~ March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~7:00 PM

#### Good Friday ~ March 29

Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord ~3:00 PM

Living Stations 7:00 PM

#### Easter Vigil ~ 8:00 PM

#### Easter Sunday Masses

Saint Mary ~ 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Saint Jude ~ 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation Opportunities

Every Monday during Lent at St. Jude 5:30-7:00 PM

(Except March 11)

Every Saturday at St. Mary's 4:30-5:15 PM

Monday, March 11, 5:00 PM at St. Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre (all deanery priests will be there)

Mondays, March 18 & 25 Fr. Alco will be available with Fr. Joe and Fr. Philbert at St. Jude 5:30-7:00 PM

Thursday, March 21 at St. Mary's 6:00 PM

Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.

### Pastor's Corner

#### Are We Moving from Darkness to Light?

*This is the question we are called to consider as we enter the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

It is good for us to identify and reflect on the parts of our lives that remain in darkness. God brings us healing and forgiveness so the light pierces the darkness. There are many ways to be open to Christ who is the only one who can light our path to new life. Lent into Easter is the path we are all called to follow. Pray the Stations of the Cross, experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and reflect on the beauty that comes through winter into spring! Christ is Our Light! Always move toward the Light!

God bless,

Fr. Joe

#### Blessing of Easter Baskets ~ Saturday, March 30

Saint Mary's Hall at 10:00 AM

Saint Jude Church at 1:30 PM

The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter is a blessed Catholic Tradition. Typical items included in the basket are Butter, Bread, Horseradish, Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Bacon, Salt, Cheese, Candles, Ribbons and Greenery, Wine, & Linen Cloth. There are sheets on the table in front of the Cherub room explaining the significance of each item. Each family is invited to take a sheet home.

## RETREAT & CONCERT + feat. JOE MELENDREZ

Retreat open to grades 7-12 • Concert open to all ages.

Retreat: Noon-4

Mass: 4pm

Dinner after Mass

Concert at 7pm

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**Palm Crosses:** The Altar & Rosary Society will be selling Palm Crosses the weekends of March 16/17 and 23/24. Crosses are \$11 a piece. Pre-orders are strongly suggested. Please use the slip below, or call Rita to place your order or if you have any questions 570-678-7520.

### Palm Crosses

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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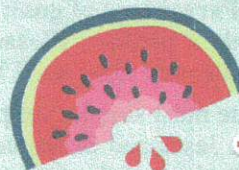
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