

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.

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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 18 *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*

Mon. **SJ** 7:00 AM

Stephanie Bartoli—Marilyn Bartoli

SM 8:00 AM

Albert Broody—

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Laskoski & Family

SJ 5:30–7:00 PM

Confessions in Saint Jude Church

Mar 19 *SAINT JOSEPH,*

SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tue. **SJ** 7:00 AM

Joseph R. Mulligan—Your Buddy

SM 8:00 AM

Phyllis Sitoski—Matusick Family

Mar 20

Wed. **SJ** 7:00 AM

Henry Nork, Jr.—Family

SJ 1:30 PM *Saint Jude School Mass*

George Kaszuba—The Blaum Family

Mar 21

Thu. **SJ** 7:00 AM

William Davis—Sisters of Christian Charity

SM 8:00 AM

Helen Kubasek—

Children, Cathy, Michael, Bernie, & Ronnie

SM 6:00 PM

Confessions in Church

SJ 6:30 PM

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Mar 22

Fri. **SJ** 7:00 AM

Carmella Rovinski—The Costigan 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 23 *Saint Turbius of Mogrovejo*

Sat. **SJ** 4:00 PM

James Love—Susan Love

SM 5:30 PM

Emma Brockway—Family

Mar 24 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

Sun. **SJ** 8:30 AM

Regula Martinez—Bill & Claire Logsdon

SM 9:00 AM

Joseph & Mary Lukashewski—

Daughter, Helen Lukashewski

SJ 11:00 AM

Joseph Salerno—Joseph & Ann Marie Salerno



The Sanctuary Candle is lit in loving
memory of Marise Chiverella
by Family

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2024

Saint Mary's Website: stmarydorrance.org

Email: stmarysdorrance@gmail.com

Phone: 570-868-5855

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.

GERTRUDE HAWK CHOCOLATES: are ready for pick up in the social hall.

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.

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, contact Bridget at 207-2213 x 1133 or 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 10, 2024 Parish Collection

Offering:	\$4,407.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$527.00
Easter Flowers:	\$752.00
Easter:	\$125.00
Christmas:	\$100.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$25.00
First Offering:	\$20.00
Online Giving:	\$100.00
Total:	\$ 6,056.00

Thank You!!

For online giving please go to our
Website: stmarydorrance.org and click on "Donate"
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

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.

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. 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.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, March 29 ~7PM

Saint Jude Church

SAINT JUDE SCHOOL 2ND ANNUAL 5K

Saturday, May 4 ~ 9:00AM

Registration: \$30 by April 19

Kids Fun Fest: \$20 starts at 10:30AM (10 YO and younger)

Same Day Registration \$40

For more information: runsignup.com

Annual Chrism Mass

Cathedral of St. Peter

315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton

Tuesday, March 26 at 4 PM

All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass. During the Mass, Bishop Bambera will bless the sacred oils used for sacramental purposes in parishes throughout the Diocese.

The priests of the Diocese of Scranton will also renew their commitment to the priestly ministry. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support our priests, and to express our unity as the Diocese of Scranton.

Pastor's Corner

Are you Prepared to Participate Next Week?

Make sure you are ready for Holy Week!

It is our time to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. The journey begins with the victorious procession of Palm Sunday and the beauty of the Universal Church in the Chrism Mass on Tuesday in which our Sacred Oils are blessed for our Sacramental Life. Come celebrate God's Redemptive Love. You will find it Here!

The path then leads to Jesus' real presence and the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday. On Good Friday we realize again the impact of our sins and the saving cross of Jesus Christ. On Holy Saturday experience the light of renewal and the waters of commitment. Then the path leads to the empty tomb and fullness of life on Easter Sunday. Please see the schedule in the bulletin. The Paschal Mystery welcomes us.

God bless,

Fr. Joe

Pastoral Council News

VISION 2030 Priority Drivers

3. Clergy Availability

Over the coming decade, the Diocese of Scranton faces a decreasing number of priests.

A fewer number of priests represent a significant challenge. Given the decline in family size, there will be fewer priests. Changes will need to be prompted because of clergy retirement, infirmity or transfer. 16 priests are expected to reach retirement age by 2025. In 2021, there were 97 diocesan priests active in the diocese. In 2030 there are 62 projected active priests in the diocese. The more parishes work together and share ministries the better for all.

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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